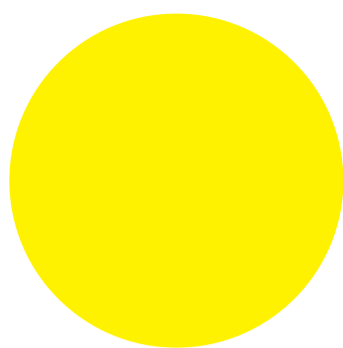


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Iran's unbreakable spirit; unity forged in fires of assault

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### OPINION

In the days when the skies over our cities turned smoky and reports of attacks echoed from every corner, what unfolded on the streets may have upended the most meticulous calculations of the strategists hunched over desks far away. They had assumed that a society grappling for years with diverse slogans and economic discontent would collapse rather than unite in the face of an external onslaught. But the invaders encountered a bitter reality: with every explosion, with every report of destruction, the bonds among Iranians—and to this ancient soil—only tightened.

This was a fundamental strategic blunder. The mindset, shaped from beyond the borders and based on sanitized intelligence reports, has never grasped the profound sense of belonging that every Iranian feels toward this land, regardless of political leanings. That sense is rooted in a history that has repeatedly humbled foreign aggressors. They forgot that even the middle class—those who might one day pound their heads against the wall in frustration over living conditions—transforms into an unwavering defender of the nation's integrity when hospitals, universities, and the very roads their children use to reach school face ruin.

The attackers believed that striking infrastructure would turn the people against their government. Instead, this brutal devastation inadvertently amplified national symbols. The Iranian flag was no longer just hoisted over official buildings; it waved in the hands of women, men, and children, on house windows, and atop damaged smokestacks. It ceased to be merely a state emblem and became a defiant sign of "We are here." A "We" that, for the moment, set aside all internal differences.

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