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**Title: Iran from point of view of an Iranian architect**

**Speakers and panel members: Mr. D.Khatibitabar**

Mr. D. Khatibitabar began his speech talking about the quarter where he spent his childhood. The area was in the center of old Tehran and considered one of the most important ones, because many political, artistic and social events happened in this area. Mr. Khatibitabar presented his point of view as a multi act scenario , that we present as follows:

First act: I was just four years old when I heard a voice: Iran...where are you? Prepare my tea and hookah. This was the first time that I heard the name of Iran. That was the name of our neighbor, a woman who prepared dried vegetable and sold it to the rich people.

Second act: I was in the yard when I heard Mrs. Turan's husband that was a bank employee telling that we transformed Iran saving the country , when we were serving in the Cosac forces. This was the second time that I heard the name of Iran and what meant transform or save Iran.

Third act: I was in second class at the school when they taught us that we were the children of Iran. I thought that that our neighbor had just a son and how it was possible that we were her children too? So my problems became two. My teacher explained me that Iran was our mother country and showed me the map telling that we all lived in that country, meanwhile in my opinion in that piece of paper just one person could live. It was easier when the teacher explained me that Iran had the form of a cat.

Fourth act: I was in the fourth class , playing in the street when I heard people chanting oh Iran, our precious country. My elder friend explained me that there were different groups, like the communist party keepers and others that kept for the Shah's regime, that came in the streets to demonstrate for their parties. These were events that happened in 1953.

Fifth act: I was studying in high school and an eminent person had to pay us visit. He told us that we were Aryans. I asked to my literature professor if we were really Aryans? He said most probably yes and not. He said that the Aryans that during the glacial era came down from the Caspian sea area. They were three races, the Parts that occupied the central and eastern parts of Iran, some of them went to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kurdistan, Khouzistan and Lorestan. He explained that there were

different races like the Turks, Assirians and Jews that lived in Iran. At that time Iran included an area from China to the Mediterranean sea.

Sixth act: The geography teacher asked where was Iran and he explained that Iran was a territory included between the Elburz and Zagros mountains chains. We were studying in the fifth class of high school. We decided to join a party called Arya founded by S. Bakhtiar and A. Saleh. We were arrested and transferred to the Ghezel Galeh jail.

Seventh act: After the jail we felt like heroes. I had a friend called Gholi. He told me that Iran was in danger and we had to take hostage the American ambassador, to free the imprisoned people. We went to Takhte Djamshid street where the American embassy was located. My friend attacked the embassy's car, but the glass was hard and the hammer that he used harmed him and I took him to the hospital.

Eighth act: We were studying in the university, it was the 16th of Azar and the students were chanting the Iranian hymn. The precedent year many people had been arrested and I had not saw people protest. There we decided to throw down the statue of Shah, I participated too to the demonstrations. General Hakimi called us and there I expressed my regret, to be pardoned and continue to study in the university.

Ninth act: I began to work in a workshop when I heard the people chanting Iran, Iran, Iran and then the gun fires. One of my friends that had communist ideas told me that the religious crowd had to make a revolution destroying the regime. The same crowd pushed out the communists and the Marxists acting in Iran.

Tenth act: I was married when I heard that Iraq attacked Iran and the chief of the Iraqi shias told they had to kill the Iranians. We were touched and decided to participate to the war. After the war I had to be operated for the injuries during the war. I knew every time that I heard the name of Iran, something unpleasant had to happen.

Ending his speech Mr. Khatibitabar told that Iran was place for the rest of Aryans. My geography teacher explained that Iran was an area included in the Elburz and Zagros mountains plateau near Afghanistan and in the western side near the eastern Roman empire and Iran. From the 10th century we know that this area is called Iran; before it was Achemenian, Sassanid ...empire.