Leader Appoints CSDS Director and Deputy Chief of General Staff of the Armed Forces for Inspection Affairs - 26 /Sep/ 2005

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The Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Ayatollah Sayyid Ali Khamenei, in a decree issued on September 26, 2005 appointed Rear Admiral Ali Shamkhani director of the Center for Strategic and Defense Studies (CSDS). The Leader made the appointment based on a suggestion by chief of general staff of the armed forces. The text of the Leader's decree is as follows:...

In the Name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Rear Admiral Ali Shamkhani,

Considering your valuable scientific background and your bright military record, especially in the Sacred Defense era, I hereby appoint you director of the Center for Strategic and Defense Studies based on a suggestion by chief of general staff of the armed forces.

You are expected to increase the scientific and technical capabilities of the center and try to focus its activities on raising the country's defensive power by utilizing elite and erudite personnel and establishing relations with other scientific and research centers within the framework of the center's approved constitution and adopted policies.

I pray to Almighty Allah for your increased success in performing your responsibilities.

Sayyid Ali Khamenei

Mehr 4, 1384

Also, in a separate decree, the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces appointed Brigadier General Abdol'ali Pourshasb deputy chief of general staff of the armed forces for inspection affairs. The Leader made the appointment based on a suggestion by chief of general staff of the armed forces. The text of the Leader's decree is as follows:

In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Brigadier General Abdol'ali Pourshasb,

Considering that Major General Ata'ollah Salehi has been appointed chief commander of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Army, and in view of your bright record of military service in various positions, I hereby appoint you deputy chief of general staff of the armed forces for inspection affairs based on a suggestion by chief of general staff of the armed forces.

I express my appreciation for the sincere service rendered by Major General Ata'ollah Salehi while he was holding

this position.

I pray to Almighty Allah for your increased success in performing your responsibilities.

Sayyid Ali Khamenei

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Ayatollah Khamenei also appointed Brigadier General Mohammad-Reza Qaraee-Ashtiyani acting chief commander of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Army, Brigadier General Sayyid Abdorrahim Mousavi chief of joint staff of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Army, Brigadier General Mohammad-Hossein Dadres commander of the Ground Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Army and Rear Admiral Sajjad Koucheki-Badelani commander of the Naval Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Army based on a suggestion by the chief commander of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Army.