

Iran War Games begin in Southeastern region

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Blow of Zolfaqar' wargames begin in southeastern Iran

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The Iranian armed forces began their first stage of massive wargames code-named `Blow of Zolfaqar' along border areas of this southeastern province Saturday morning.

Zolfaqar, the sword of Imam Ali (AS), the first Imam of the Household of the Holy Prophet (S), is a symbol of power and courage for Shi'ite Muslims.

Various units of air-support Army chinook helicopters, unmanned planes, parachutists, electronic war units and special forces are participating in the maneuver.

"Army commandos, parachutists, mobile shoulder-firing units, electronic war forces and rapid reaction units enjoying high combat capability will demonstrate their readiness during the wargames," spokesman of the maneuver Brigadier General Kiumars Heidari told IRNA earlier on Friday.

He added that the wargames are aimed at improving and updating the Army's tactics.

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