

## (Video) Iran: Devastating Floods Ravage 28 Provinces, at least 11 Die

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- Mrs. [Maryam Rajavi](#): Calls on the Youth to Directly Rush to the Aid of the Flood-stricken Victims.

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Following the recent rains, flash floods have stricken most areas of the country, including West Azerbaijan, Ardabil, Isfahan, Bushehr, Qazvin, Fars, Kerman, Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad, Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari, Zanjan, Sistan and Baluchestan, Khuzestan, South Khorasan, Lorestan, Mazandaran, Hormozgan And Yazd provinces.

Floods have run over and extensively destroyed large parts of these provinces, especially villages demolishing homes, farms, agricultural products, and livestock. Many

compatriots, including women and young children, especially in Fars, Sistan and Baluchestan,

and Kerman, have died and more are missing or injured. In some areas, such as Konarak, large groups of people are surrounded by water. Due to the lack of government support in most flooded areas, the fate of many people is unknown, which will undoubtedly increase the number of victims.

Storms and floods have damaged several bridges in Kerman and Hormozgan, and electricity has been cut off in many cities and regions. Rains and landslides have blocked the Yasuj- Isfahan highway. The situation in Chabahar is critical, and all educational centers, offices, and executive bodies have been closed due to rain and floods.

Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, the President-elect of [the National Council of Resistance of Iran \(NCRI\)](#), extended her sincere sympathies to the flood victims across the country and offered her condolences to the families of the victims especially in Fars, Kerman and Sistan, and Baluchestan. Wishing the injured a speedy recovery, Mrs. Rajavi called on the public, especially the youth to rush to the aid of the victims and the homeless and provide assistance to them.

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At least 11 people had died in the floods and several others have been injured or have gone missing. In some areas such as Konarak, thousands of homes have been flooded and more than 10,000 people are homeless and stranded as water levels are rising. Power lines are cut off, streets are filled with muck, and the government response has been virtually non-present.



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Some 30 provinces are faced with water shortages, and in six provinces, the situation is critical. Instead of responding to protests, regime officials blame nature and lack of precipitation for water shortages. But the recurring flash floods happening every year since 2019 show that there's no shortage of precipitation in Iran and if managed properly, damages could be mitigated and water sources could be provided to needy regions.

In fact, the disruption of Iran's ecosystem is the result of the ruling mullahs' decades of mismanagement and destructive policies. The destruction of Iran's natural resources by the Revolutionary Guards and other regime organs has resulted in disasters such as drought, floods, dust storms, and other problems.

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The reason behind the "contradictory situation" is not a secret. The examination of floods since the spring of 2019—even by the regime's own experts—clearly shows that it is the mullahs' regime that is responsible for the situation.

For example, the destruction of forests in Iran has made different regions much less resistant to



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seasonal floods. At the same time, the unscientific and mismanaged building of dams on different rivers and extracting underground water has changed the balance of water distribution, causing drought in different areas, creating a major subsidence problem, and drying up marshes in different regions.

According to different studies, every acre of forest can preserve 2,000 cubic meters of water. Due to deforestation, mainly done by companies and organizations linked to the Revolutionary Guards, rainfall quickly turns into a flood.

Moreover, since 2019, the national weather organization has predicted and warned about floods in advance. But the regime has taken no preventive measures to reduce the damage.

On the other hand, after the floods strike, the regime has had no crisis management plan and do nothing to help stranded people and provide them shelter. At the same time, while the regime has given a massive boost to the budget of the Revolutionary Guards and its propaganda apparatus, it has done nothing to bolster the bodies that are supposed to maintain the environment and respond to environmental disasters.

In recent years, the share of the budget for construction and crisis response has continuously declined. In 2013, the share of the budget for such purposes was 30 percent. But in 2022, that share has fallen to 11 percent. According to the Sharq newspaper, even this meager budget has not been fulfilled and 60-80 percent of it has not been absorbed or allocated to suitable projects.

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regime is replaced with a democratic government that has given priority to the people and country's interests.

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