

(Video) Iranian Teachers Protest in 30 Provinces

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In addition to Tehran, the gathering of teachers and educators were held in the cities of Tabriz, Jolfa, Urmia, Bukan, Sardasht, Miandoab, Isfahan, Homayun-shahr, Shahreza, Kashan, Najafabad, Semirom, Ardabil, Karaj, Ilam, Abdanan, Ganaveh, Shahrekord, Lordegan, Boroujen, Mashhad, Neyshabur, Kashmar, Bojnurd, Shirvan, Ahvaz, Izeh, Andimeshk, Khorramshahr, Omidiyeh, Behbahan, Shooshtar, Jayezan, Mahshahr, Masjed Soleyman, Zanjan, Abhar, Khodabandeh, Semnan, Shiraz, Arsenjan, Lamerd, Zarindasht, Qazvin, Buin Zahra, Qom, Sanandaj, Saqez, Bijar, Marivan, Dehgolan, Baneh, Kamyaran, Marivan, Qorveh, Kerman, Sirjan, Sharbabak, Kermanshah, Islamabad-e-Gharb, Harsin, Yasuj, Gachsaran, Gorgan, Rasht, Lahijan, Rezvanshahr, Langerud, Khorramabad, Borujerd, Delfan, Pol Dokhtar, Dorud, Romeshgan, Aligudarz, Sari,

Neka, Chalus, Nowshahr, Babol, Arak, Bandar Abbas, Hamedan, Nahavand, Malayer, and Yazd.

Demonstrators chanted slogans such as: “Imprisoned teachers must be released,” “Teachers, stand up to end discrimination,” “We have heard too many promises, we have not seen justice,” “The government is betraying, the parliament is supporting,” “Teacher, shout your demands,” “Teachers die, but they will not accept humiliation,” “Neither surrender nor compromise,” “Teachers are imprisoned, looters are free,” “Every teacher’s slogan is against oppression,” and “Free education is the right of Iran’s children.”



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Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, the President-elect of [the National Council of Resistance of Iran \(NCRI\)](#), praised the protesting

teachers and educators, adding that the teachers of Iran stepped up their protests by chants of “Teachers, rise up to eliminate discrimination” and “Free all imprisoned teachers.”

By persisting in their rights, they are teaching the lesson of resistance against oppression and oppressors. Mrs. Rajavi underscored that so long as the criminal mullahs rule Iran, discrimination, poverty, unemployment, inflation, and corruption persist. They do not care the least for people’s welfare and health but only think of preserving their evil rule. The only solution for the crises in Iran is to end religious fascism and establish democracy and the people’s national sovereignty. Repression is never stronger than the solidarity among all Iranians in rising up for freedom, she added.

Background

The Iranian regime is a theocratic state based on the velayat-e faqih principle (absolute clerical rule). Iran's authoritarian rulers violently clamp down on popular demands, including calls for greater personal freedoms and equality.

Since early 1980, Iranians have demonstrated against the violations of their fundamental rights and demanded freedom and democracy.

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The slogans of the protests included "death to the dictator" and "death to Rouhani," in reference to the regime's supreme leader and the so-called reformist president, respectively.

Another major uprising was in November 2019, when the regime's announcement of gasoline price hikes sparked renewed outrage among Iranian people who had already been driven into deep and widespread poverty.

Viewing the announcement as a clear sign of the regime's self-interest and disregard for its people's essential needs, citizens of nearly 200 cities and towns took to the streets to once again call for the removal of the existing government in its entirety.

The November 2019 uprising lasted for several days before its participants scattered in the face of incessant gunfire from security forces and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC).

Amnesty International issued a report in the wake of the unrest that confirmed that the IRGC had been shooting to kill. A later report noted that months of torture had awaited many of the



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The same findings revealed that at least 12,000 arrests were carried out during the uprising, making it all but certain that the death toll would grow as activists were subjected to torture, denied medical treatment, and tried for vaguely defined capital offenses

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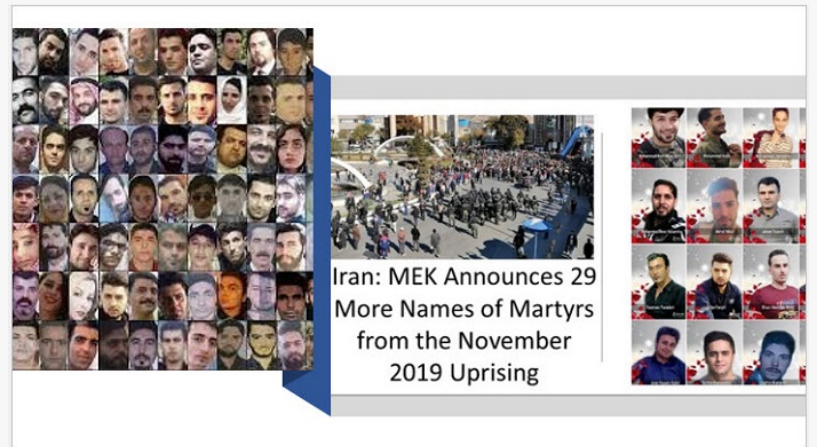
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