

(Video) Iran – Teachers Stage Nationwide Rally in 24 Provinces, Demand Their Rights

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- The [People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran \(PMOI / MEK\)](#) reported that teachers across Iran held demonstrations on Thursday, protesting government policies and poor living conditions. The rallies were held in front of the offices of the education ministry in at least a dozen cities.

The teachers are protesting the regime's delays and obstructions in implementing the "ranking bill" and the systemic repression of teacher activists in Iran.

In a statement, the teachers stressed that despite several rounds of protests, the regime refuses to adjust their employment and salaries.

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Last month, the Majlis passed the "Teachers Ranking" bill, which is supposed to address many of the problems the teachers have faced in recent years.

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While the regime has boasted about the bill and its achievements, Iranian teachers are calling out the regime for not addressing their needs.



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The teachers are demanding the resignation of the education minister, who has shown no competence in reforming the education system and improving the conditions of teachers and students.

The teachers are also demanding free education for children and are warning that the absence of free education is leading to an increase in child labor. According to the regime's own official statistics, thousands of children in Tehran alone are working because their families can't afford to send them to school.

In their statement, the teachers also protest the systemic repression of their protests and movements. The teachers refer to "a new round of repressive measures" against teachers, including long prison sentences for teacher activists.

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"The street is ours, and until all our demands are met, repression and jail and false dossiers will not force the teachers' movement to back down a single step," the statement reads.

The regime has tried to intimidate the teachers by describing their rallies as a "security threat" and paving the way for their repression.



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On December 15, the state-run Keyhan newspaper warned that the rallies are being carried away and controlled by the “enemies of the state.”

Meanwhile, the Javan newspaper, affiliated with the [Revolutionary Guards \(IRGC\)](#), tried to downplay the teacher’s demands and complained that 72 percent of the education budget increase has been allocated to the teachers.

“Instead of allocating our credit to expand the education system and increase the quality of education, we are spending it on salaries,” the newspaper wrote.

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The Iranian is maintaining teachers’ salaries at a low level. Many teachers have to work several shifts and jobs just to make ends meet. Their salaries are under half the poverty line, which is reported to be 120-140 million rials per month.

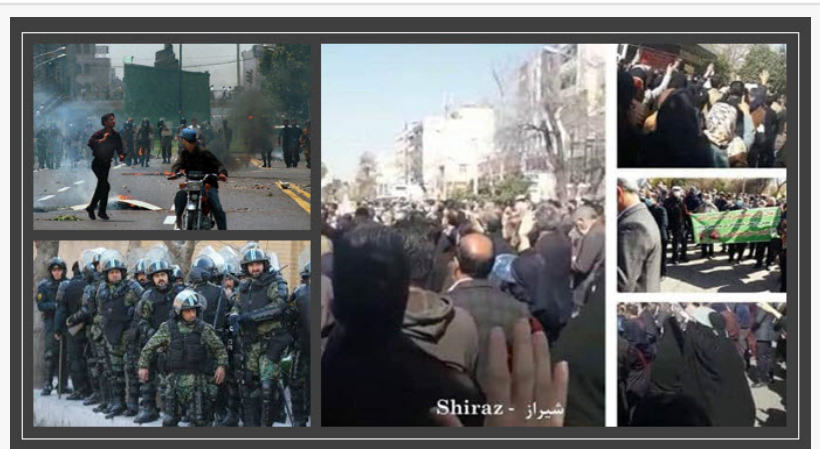
In recent years, as the economy has continued to decline under the corrupt rule of the mullahs, many teachers have committed suicide due to poverty and not being able to provide for their basic needs.

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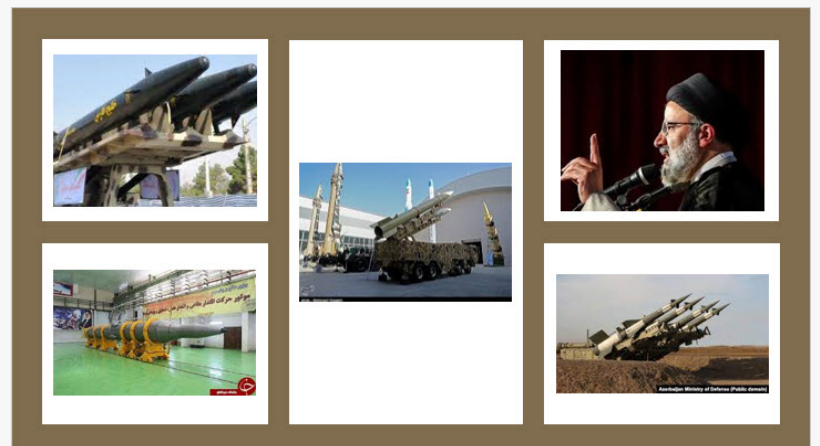
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