

(Video) Protests continue across Iran despite massive crackdown

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Maryam Rajavi, Presidentelect of the (NCRI), hailed the brave people protesting in numerous cities, adding that the continuation of these protests will finally lead to the victory over the regime." The regime's security forces in many cities were seen opening fire and attacking unarmed protesters angry after the sudden price hike of basic goods, including bread, milk, dairy products, eggs, poultry, and cooking oil.

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In the town of Hafshejan in southwest Iran regime security forces opened fire on protesters and angry locals

responded by storming the regime's Basij base.

The Basij is a paramilitary force associated with the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC), and its main mission is to impose a constant atmosphere of intimidation and fear in cities across the country and to respond to anti-regime protests with a heavy crackdown.

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Reports from cities across Khuzestan province in the southwest and many other cities in other parts of the country, including Borujerd, Sanandaj, Mahabad, and Ilam indicate that authorities have dispatched units from the Intelligence Ministry, various branches of the regime's security forces, and even military units.

During the past few days, many people have been arrested in different cities, and internet connections have been either completely shut down or heavily disrupted.

Several people have been killed by the regime's oppressive protests in different cities, according to social media reports.

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"The individual killed in the recent gatherings was not in Dezful, but in Andimeshk," said Seyed Ahmad Avail, a member of the regime's Majlis (parliament) from the city of Dezful in Khuzestan



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province, southwest Iran, on Saturday, May 14.

Abdullah Izadpanah, another Majlis deputy from the city of Izeh, acknowledged that a number of protesting youths have been arrested.

Raisi held a joint meeting with Majlis speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf and judiciary chief Gholam-Hossein Mohseni-Eje'l on Saturday, further emphasizing the need to hike the prices of basic necessities.

They also instructed, "all agencies to comply with the government to implement this initiative."

Mohammad Bagher Mohammadi Laini, Khamenei's representative in Mazandaran province, northern Iran voiced the regime's concerns about the spread of news regarding the recent protests.

"If you receive negative messages and video clips on your smartphones, it is from the enemy, from the [People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran, PMOI/MEK]. Don't read it! And if you do read it, don't share it! Allow it to wind down. A number of rioters inside and [dissidents] outside the country want



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to take advantage of this opportunity and repeat the [November] 2019 and 2009 protests in the streets and alleys," he explained.

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The regime's media has been silent on the protests. According to various reports, the Ministry of Intelligence and Security (MOIS) has instructed the media to avoid reporting the protests and even using terms such as "economic surgery," "violent response," and "rallies."

This is while regime vice president Mohammad Mokhber and other regime officials had used the term "economic surgery" to refer to the regime's decision to remove subsidies and change the monetary policy.

A week earlier, a leaked audio clip from a senior official in the state-run broadcasting organization revealed that the regime has ordered television, radio, and newspapers to avoid criticizing the government for the rise in the price of goods because the matter had become "a matter of national security."

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