

# (Video) 10-story tower collapses in southwest Iran, leaving dozens killed and injured

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- The [People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran \(PMOI / MEK\)](#) reported that a large portion of the Metropol tower in Abadan, southwest Iran, collapsed Monday morning local time leaving at least seven dead and 31 injured.

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Rescue teams from the cities of Ahvaz, Dashte Azadegan, Khorramshahr, Shadegan, and Mahshahar have been dispatched to the scene.

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State media is reporting that 32 people have been pulled out of the rubble alive and authorities are imposing no commuting restrictions around downtown areas of Abadan.

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A group of locals gathered near the collapsed building and voiced their anger.

They were filmed chanting against corrupt city officials. “Today is a day of mourning! Abadan has

no [responsible official] and is in mourning!"

Reports also indicate more than 30 vehicles have been buried under the massive rubble.

People began pulling out victims and survivors from under the rubble with their bare hands. For a few hours, authorities did not take any action, such as dispatching necessary heavy machinery, to assist in the rescue efforts and save people's lives.

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Reuters reported that Tehran's then-Mayor Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf, now the speaker of the regime's Majlis (parliament), was quoted by a state-run TV outlet at the time that "about 25 firefighters are trapped inside and rescue teams are trying to get them out."

At the time, Reuters also cited state TV as saying at least 75 people, including 45 firefighters, had been injured.

Local media said that more than 200 firefighters were on the scene at the time of the building's collapse.



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The tower was attached to a multistory shopping mall and located just north of the city's famous bazaar.

It remains unclear how the fire began but Reuters said Iran's Tasnim News Agency reported it started on the ninth floor. Many have been pointing fingers at the regime officials and their corrupt practices as the reason behind this catastrophe.

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