

(Video) Sixth day of anti-regime protests by Iranian pensioners and retirees

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In Shiraz also security forces attacked the demonstrators. A large contingent of anti-riot forces was dispatched to the city to crack down on the protests.

Protesters in Ahvaz, southwest Iran, were chanting "Incompetent minister, resign, resign!" as they voiced their regarding the regime's destructive policies.

"Death to the incompetent government!" protesters in Bandar Abbas, southern Iran, were chanting, also targeting the cabinet of Ebrahim Raisi in their rally.

After assuming office in August 2021, Raisi made bold promises to eradicate poverty and improve the economic situation of the country.

Less than a year into his presidency, prices of basic goods are skyrocketing, inflation is at a record high, and the price of the rial is continuing its nosedive. In Kermanshah, western Iran, the protesters were chanting "Death to Raisi!"

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The government was supposed to increase pensions in the new Persian calendar year (starting in March). It was also supposed to settle unpaid pensions remaining from the previous year. So far, it has yet to deliver on both demands.



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The regime has approved a 10-percent increase in pensions, but its own Labor Council has declared that pensioners will need at least a 38-percent increase in their pensions to compensate for the growing costs of living and inflation.

Interestingly, the regime's own media reported that The Social Security Investment Company (SHASTA), the financial institution that is supposed to fund retirees, has seen a significant increase in its profits in the past year. However, these profits have yet to materialize in the lives of pensioners and retirees.

The retirement fund, which is supposed to pay the pensions of retirees, has been constantly looted by regime institutions and bodies. As the regime continues to spend its wealth on waging terrorism in the region and chasing dreams of nuclear weapons, it is faced with a growing budget deficit.

It has covered its budget deficit by taking from the retirement fund, levying more taxes, and taking money out of the impoverished segments of society.

In recent days, the protesters have called Hojatollah Abdolmaleki, Raisi's Labor Minister, a "disgrace" and called for his resignation.

The regime's hollow promises to fix the economy have resulted in protests in several cities, which have quickly turned into anti-regime rallies calling for the overthrow of the mullahs' rule.

While pensioners, workers, drivers, teachers, and other sectors of society are deprived of their most basic needs, the regime continues to fund its military and terror apparatus, funneling billions of dollars into the coffers of the [Revolutionary Guards \(IRGC\)](#) and its terrorist proxies in



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