

(Video) Iran: Protests in Zahedan Outflank Regime's Oppression and Plots

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PARIS, FRANCE, December 6, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In an article, the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI) wrote that three months into the nationwide Iran uprising, cities in Sistan and Baluchistan province, southeast Iran, put on display the extraordinary courage of locals, mainly from the oppressed Baluchi minority, who rejected the regime's efforts to portray them as separationists.



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Despite the regime's severe crackdown on previous protests in this province and the killing of over 130 unarmed protesters, demonstrators on Friday took to the streets chanting slogans

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Friday's protests in Sistan and Baluchistan were followed by dozens of other demonstrations across Iran, particularly in Arak and Izeh, where locals gathered to honor the martyrs. Reportedly, they vowed to continue their struggle

for freedom by chanting, "We shall fight and take back Iran."

These protests happened a few days after Khamenei sent his chief henchman, the <u>Revolutionary Guards</u> (<u>IRGC</u>) commander Hossein Salami, to Sistan and Baluchistan province, trying to intimidate the public while speaking of "reforms."

Salami was the second representative Khamenei had sent to the restive province in the last three months. As Khamenei's special representative, Mohammad Javad Haj Ali Akbari paid a visit to Zahedan, Sistan and Baluchistan's capital, speaking with the Sunni clerics in a bid to decrease tensions and portray the conflict in the Sunni-dominated cities as a "mistake."

But a few days after, people poured onto the streets, debunking the regime's claims of reform or the futile efforts to downplay the cold-blooded killing of innocent civilians.

Last Friday's protests, with people calling out the entire regime, indicate the increasing public vigilance and deep awareness. Locals were heard chanting: "We didn't sacrifice martyrs to negotiate with the murderous leader," referring to Khamenei.



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The Friday protests demonstrated a stunning national unity, as Baluchi protesters were holding signs and placards while chanting slogans in solidarity with other regions of Iran, namely their Kurdish brothers.

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But what made last Friday's demonstrations in Sistan and Baluchistan unique was the widespread presence of Baluchi women on the frontlines of protests.

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Their presence, as well as their slogan, rejects the Iranian regime and its pundit's theory that Iran's democratic revolution demands, particularly the women's claims, are narrowed to some basic needs rather than freedom, democracy, and regime change.

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Yet, the people's national unity and common goal of achieving democracy have indeed outflanked the regime's pathetic efforts.

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In his last speech on November 26, Khamenei claimed that people's demands were the ones shouted by his paid agents in state-staged protests. Hence, people's slogans such as "death to Khamenei" and "death to the dictator" indeed called his buff.

This bravery, amid the regime's endless plots and violence, deserves more concrete international support and practical ways to end the regime's brutality, such as recognizing the Iranian people's right to self-defense and cutting all ties with Tehran. These actions certainly send a message of strength to Khamenei, pushing his regime to the edge of downfall.

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