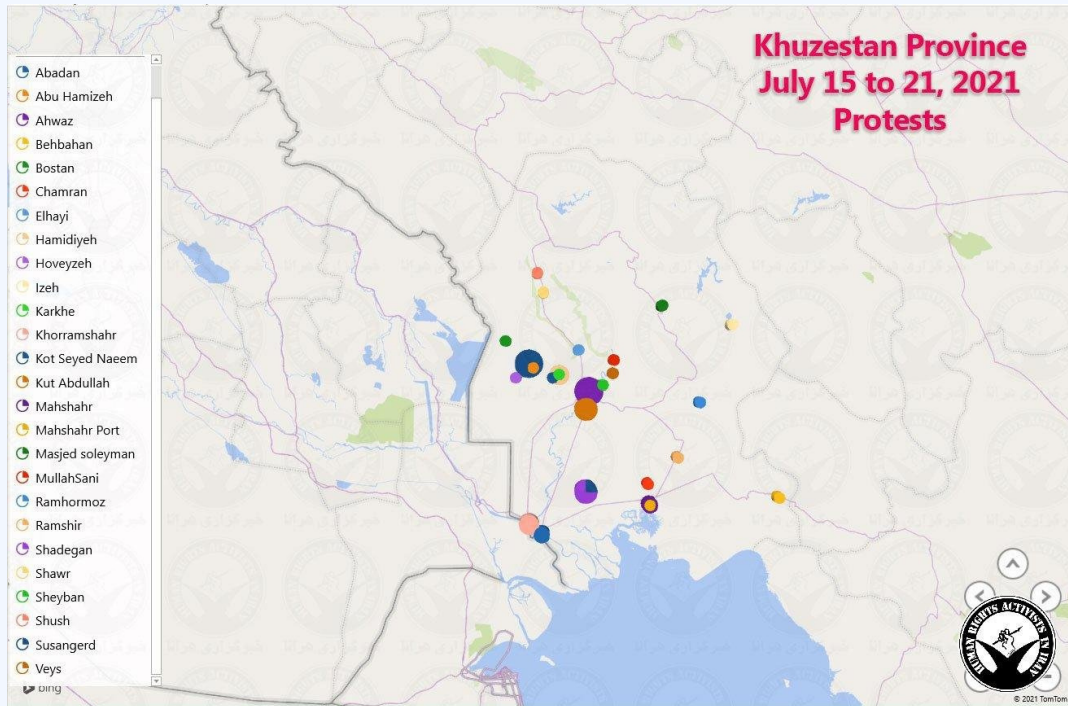


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The Protests

- July 21: protests across 8 Khuzestan cities including Ahwaz, Susangerd, Mahshahr Port, Masjed Soleyman, Sheyban, Ramshir, Behbahan, and Elhayi - reports of armed clashes with security and military forces as well as internet shutdowns and slowdowns
- July 21: In Susangard officials deployed water cannons to disperse protesters
- July 21: fires in Ahvaz - reportedly started by police officers
- July 21: in Behbahan, military forces fired tear gas and beat protesters
- July 21: protests continued to spread to other provinces
- July 21: film and TV artists gathered in Tehran to support the Khuzestan protesters
- July 21: Yazdanshahr in Isfahan province staged protests in support of Khuzestan protesters
- July 21: protests in Genaveh port in Bushehr province
- July 21: IRIB confirmed a protester was killed on the evening of July 20
- July 21: HRA has received reports of 7 protesters killed, however at the time of writing, only 3 are confirmed due to internet interruptions and security.



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Human Rights Violators



Valiollah Hayati, as the Deputy Security-Disciplinary Officer of Khuzestan, has played a lead role in the widespread suppression of protesters leading amounting to violations of the freedom of peaceful assembly and association. As the individual in charge of security and law enforcement coordination in Khuzestan province and as a member of the Provincial Security Council, Hayati is directly responsible for violently suppressing the July protests in Khuzestan. Hayati has made several false claims regarding the authenticity of videos depicting protests.



Hassan Shahvarpour, as the Commander of the Khuzestan Provincial Corps (Valiasr Corps), has played a key role in the violent suppression of protesters in Khuzestan province. Shahvarpour has been on the US human rights sanctions list since 2020 for his role in the massacre of protesters in previous years.



Seyed-Ghasem Mousavi, as the police chief of Dasht-e Azadegan, is responsible for the violent suppression of protests by the forces under his command, namely in Susangard



Ghasem Soleimani Dashtaki, as Governor and Chairman of the Provincial Security Council, is directly responsible for the violent suppression of protesters in Khuzestan. Security and law enforcement employing violent suppression techniques are acting on his command.

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