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Struggle Against Persianization

Ahvazis are struggling for to liberate Ahvazi people and land and to return to Arabism as an identity and to pure Islam as a religion, sect and belief, in an Arab state independent of Iran. They fight to restore their sovereignty, independence, rights and living in dignity and freedom.

For more than eight decades, specifically since 1925, Ahvazi Arab people have transformed from being masters over themselves to slaves by force of arms by Iranian occupation of the Arab Ahvaz region.

People of Ahvaz suffered from deprivation, poverty and humiliation, where their parents were forced, since the beginning of occupation, to add Persian names to their surnames after canceling the Arabic surnames within the policy of Persianization of the region, obliterating Ahvazi Arab identity and imposing Persian language in educational facilities and official directorates.

Iranian government has also changed the names of Arab cities, villages, and neighborhoods to Persian, banning Arab dress code and naming newborns with Arabic names, implementing settlement projects, building settlements, and granting their Iranian residents the privileges of housing, employment, luxury and various services.

All at the expense of Ahvazi people. On the other hand, they displaced Ahvazi Arabs from their lands, practiced genocide against them, looted and deprived them of their wealth and goods and confiscated their agricultural lands under the pretext of implementing government projects.

They aimed to transform Ahvaz from an Arabic land, people, identity, and language into a Persian land, people, language and identity that does not know anything about its Arabism. These actions are not surprising based on successive historical evidence over ages, confirming a methodology inherited in their generations. The matter was not random or absurd, but rather an agreement between the Persians to continue the Persianization process, in a carefully studied policy to implement schemes that do not know fatigue or boredom. They forced a sort of isolation on Ahvaz from the outside world, in order to tighten its control thereon internally, concealing its dark and mysterious organizations.

This is evidenced by the presence of official documents of the Iranian regime, which stipulate several recommendations to change the demographic and cultural composition of Arab Ahvaz, the most important of which were:

- **Taking all necessary measures to reduce e Arab population of Ahvaz to one third.**
- **Displacing the educated segment there to other Iranian provinces, such as Tehran, Isfahan and Tabriz.**
- **Removing all signs indicating the presence of Arabs, such as sites, villages, regions, and streets.**

Consequent to exposing those dangerous documents was the uprising that broke out in 2005, which they suppressed with a hundred and fifty thousand Iranian soldiers, through murder, violence violation of all taboos.

This uprising was preceded by many others, including the most powerful uprisings that started in Ahvaz, such as in years 2001 ,2000 ,1994 ,1985 ,1979 and 2002. All were suppressed in the same brutal manner, even using the scorched earth policy and the destruction of Arab villages and cities.

Since the Iranian army has forcibly occupied that Arab emirate, inhabited by indigenous Arab tribes, Ahvaz is deprived of all its rights, where persecution even reached the point of banning Arabic language in schools, as well as their distinguishing dress code, even naming children with some Arabic names!!

It is a people that live under political, recently-escalating, repression , in which the regime uses all kinds of human rights violations, such as executions in streets on cranes and in the roadsides for entire families.

Tonight is just like yesterday...

In Persian Iran, the very few Sunni mosques are subject to strict security control and those who need to enter them are subject to security prosecutions, while religious schools are not allowed to be built.

Some writers mention that more than one and a half million Sunnis in Tehran are deprived of even one single mosque!

What is really surprising is that Zoroastrianism has a famous temple in the heart of Tehran and elsewhere, in addition to several temples for Judaism, Christianity and others.

Persian regime has not and will not back down from its racism and shall continue to oppress and terrorize Ahvazi people, to the extent of adopting inhumane practices, such as depriving them of water and diverting rivers outside Ahvaz to deprive Arab villages therefrom!