IRAN

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
Supreme Leader Ali Hoseini-KHAMENEI
Head of Government
President Hasan Fereidun ROHANI
Government Type
theocratic republic
Capital
Tehran
Legislature
unicameral Islamic Consultative Assembly (290 seats)
Judiciary
Supreme Court (consists of the chief justice and organized into 42 two-bench branches, each with a justice and a judge)
Ambassador to US
none; Iran has an Interests Section in the Pakistani Embassy
US Ambassador
none; the US Interests Section is located in the Embassy of Switzerland

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
Iran's economy is marked by statist policies, inefficiencies, and reliance on oil and gas exports, but Iran also possesses significant agricultural, industrial, and service sectors.
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$1.64 trillion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$20,100 (2017 est.)
Exports
$101.4 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 27.5%, India 15.1%, South Korea 11.4%, Turkey 11.1%, Italy 5.7%, Japan 5.3% (2017)
Imports
$76.39 billion (2017 est.)
partners: UAE 29.8%, China 12.7%, Turkey 4.4%, South Korea 4%, Germany 4% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
84.9 million (2020 est.)
Population Growth
1.1% (2018 est.)
Ethnicity
Persian, Azeri, Kurd, Lur, Baloch, Arab, Turkmen and Turkic tribes
Language
Persian Farsi (official), Azeri and other Turkic dialects, Kurdish, Gilaki and Mazandarani, Luri, Balochi, Arabic
Religion
Muslim (official) 99.4% (Shia 90-95%, Sunni 5-10%), other (includes Zoroastrian, Jewish, and Christian) 0.3%, unspecified 0.4% (2011 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 75.9% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 1.71% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)
Literacy
85.5% (2016)

as of September 2020

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 1.65 million 7 sq km
Land: 1.35 million sq km
Water: 116,600 sq km
Climate
mostly arid or semiarid, subtropical along Caspian coast
Natural Resources
petroleum, natural gas, coal, chromium, copper, iron ore, lead, manganese, zinc, sulfur

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