

In Iran, the Supreme Leader is Worried

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The Supreme Leader is worried. The Ayatollah Khamenei has had the army try to suppress the continuing protests in Ahwaz, the capital of Khuzestan, the Iranian province where almost all of that country's oil is produced. But force hasn't worked. Even though a half-dozen of the protestors in Ahwaz have been killed so far, the marchers, furious with the regime for many reasons, but at this point especially angry over the lack of water in the largely Arab province, refuse to disperse. So Ayatollah Khamenei is now trying another tack, expressing understanding of, and sympathy with, the rioters, in the hopes that a soft answer will turneth away wrath. The latest report on the protests in Khuzestan is here: "Five dead during Iran water shortage protests, Khamenei comments, [Jihad Watch](#)."