

The Economic Role of Bandar Lengeh in the Persian Gulf Region

(Zandiyeh and Qajar Periods)

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Bandar Lengeh was once one of the most important and thriving sea trade centers of Iran, India, North Africa, and the states of the Persian Gulf and its adjacent coastal areas. The main jobs of the people living there were sailing and trade. Given the significance of this port and based on library sources and documents, this study aimed to explore the economic role of Bandar Lengeh in the Persian Gulf during the Zandiyeh and Qajar periods. The obtained results indicate that, during the Zandiyeh era and upon the arrival of the Qawasim tribe to Bandar Lengeh and through the facilitation of the sea connections between the northern and southern coasts of the Persian Gulf, this port developed great commercial prosperity. During the Qajar era, particularly, in the second Naseri period, Bandar Lengeh also reached its peak of economic and commercial thriving under the supervision of the Government of Ports and Islands. However, the wrong tax policies of Qajar rulers inflicted the greatest harms upon this port.

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