

Ethnic Connections among Border Towns with Chabahar as the Main Axis

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The border town and seaport of Chabahar, the center of Chabahar County in Sistan and Baluchestan Province, next to the Makran Sea, is located in the east of a bay of the same name, outside the Strait of Hormuz at the mouth of the Indian Ocean. Chabahar plays an invaluable and strategic role not only in the political geography of Iran but also in the world because of its kilometers of sea borderlines with the Makran Sea. Chabahar Bay enjoys a supreme place outside the Strait of Hormuz. It is the only Iranian border port and town which is located next to oceanic waters and, from an economic view, particularly regarding goods and energy transit, positioned on a strategic pathway, too. It is also considered to be a megaport. The Baluch tribe and the other tribes of Chabahar and its neighboring regions have always lived alongside each other in peace and unity in order to contribute to the growth and flourishing of their unique culture and literature. They also consider it necessary to lend a hand to the government in order to promote dynamism and establish permanent security in the region and play a role in the development of this town. Because of its desirable location, the free zone of Chabahar can function as the best transit route to other central Asian countries and Afghanistan. The Chabahar region connects the hinterlands of central Asia and the internal plateau of Iran to international waters. Linking the north to the south and the east to the west can be viewed as the main factor underlying the economic flourishing of this region. In this way, we can be hopeful about the spread of security in the southeast of Iran. Social and cultural connections and the cooperation of the two sides of borderlines not only promote the motivation to establish security and sustainable development in border towns and cities but also contributes to the fight against smuggling and hostage-taking and consolidates peace in the cities and town of this region and other regions.

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