



Shahid Rajaei Port in Iran

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A **massive explosion** struck Iran's **Shahid Rajaei Port** in the city of **Bandar Abbas**, causing a **major fire** that has resulted in numerous deaths and injuries.

- The blast was likely caused by **sodium perchlorate**, a chemical used to propel ballistic missiles

Shahid Rajaei Port:

- **Strategic Location:** It is Iran's **largest and most advanced** commercial port.
 - It is situated near the crucial [Strait of Hormuz](#), through which about **26% of the world's oil passes**.
 - It handles **85%** of Iran's container cargo, **52%** of its oil trade, and over half of its maritime cargo.
 - It is positioned on the [International North-South Transport Corridor \(INSTC\)](#), which connects the **Indian Ocean** and **Persian Gulf** to the **Caspian Sea**, **Russia**, and **Northern Europe**.
- **Historical Link:** Shahid Rajaei Port was first opened in **1985** during the **Iran-Iraq War** and has steadily expanded over the years.
- **Current Size:** The port now covers **4,800 hectares**, with **half of the area still under development**.
- **Geopolitical Implications:** The incident draws attention to the **ongoing tensions** in the **Middle East**, especially regarding **Iran's role** in regional energy dynamics.



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