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Question

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RESPONSE

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Questions 1 and 2 of a previous RRT Research Response provides a background to the protests which have been held – either on 8 or 9 July – every year since 1999 when security forces clashed with students at Tehran University (RRT Country Research 2005, *Research Response IRN17183*, 11 February – Attachment 1).

Attachment 2 states that there were ““sporadic demonstrations” in Bandar Abbas, Bandar Lengeh, Bojnurd, Falavarjan, Karaj, Mahabad, Masjid-i Suleiman, Shiraz, and Zarqan” on or around the 8th of July 2003 (‘Iranian Government Suppresses News on ‘18 Tir’ Events’ 2003, *Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) Iran Report*, Volume 6, Number 29, 14 July <http://www.rferl.org/reports/iran-report/2003/07/29-140703.asp> – Accessed 19 July 2005 – Attachment 2).

Attachment 3 describes a planned general strike on 9 July 2003 “following nearly two weeks in June of embattled pro-democracy protests in every major Iranian city” (West, D. 2003, ‘Will July 9 be Iran’s July Fourth?’, *Tulsa World*, 8 July – Attachment 3).

The UK Home Office provides a thorough account of the June 2003 student demonstrations which took place in every major Iranian city, including Shiraz, in its April 2004 report (UK Home Office 2004, *Iran Country Report*, April – Attachment 4).

List of Sources Consulted

Internet Sources:

Google search engine

UNHCR *REFWORLD* UNHCR Refugee Information Online

Databases:

Public *FACTIVA*

DIMIA *BACIS*

REFINFO

RRT *ISYS*

Reuters Business Briefing

Country Information

IRBDC Research Responses (Canada)

RRT Country Research database, including
Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch,
US Department of State *Country Reports on Human
Rights Practices*.

RRT Library *FIRST*

RRT Library Catalogue

List of Attachments

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