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## *Arrests of youth and parties' suppression in Iran*

*Private life is a basic human right. Meeting other persons and having fun and pleasure with them is a basic right of young people and older ones. But in Iran, this right is denied by the religious regime as it views mixed-gender and night parties as one of the "social damages" and an example of "cultural aggression." This report is a collection of some news about youth arrests in private parties published in official Medias.*

### **17 Youths Were Arrested in Tehran on Charges of Dancing in a Halloween Party**

<http://www.ncr-iran.org/en/news/human-rights/21410-iran-17-youths-were-arrested-in-tehran-on-charges-of-dancing-in-a-halloween-party>

November 2, 2016 - On Wednesday, November 2, an Iranian news website called 'Asre khabar' reported: "Tehran's police on Sunday 30 October, after acquiring arrest warrants, stormed a house in Sadat Abad quarter in Tehran in which 8 girls and 9 boys wearing traditional Halloween costumes, were celebrating and dancing in a mixed gender party.

### **23 girls and boys Arrested for Attending a "Mixed- Gender Party"**

<http://www.ncr-iran.org/en/news/human-rights/21444-iran-23-girls-and-boys-arrested-for-attending-a-mixed-gender-party>

November 4, 2016 - On Friday, November 4, Iranian regime's police chief in Dezful (Khuzestan province) announced that 11 girls and 12 boys were arrested in connection with a "private mixed - gender party" held in a garden in Dezful. He said these boys and girls on the eve of Arbaeen (a religious ceremony in Iran) committed "norm-breaking" by holding a mixed-gender ceremony. According to **the state-run Mehr news agency**, Ali Elhami, the police chief in Dezful stated on Friday: "Last night we received a news that 11 girls and 12 boys committed 'norm-breaking' by renting a garden in Ben-Jafar county in Dezful and holding a dance party."

"Following preliminary investigation, this morning the police arrested these people upon a judiciary order," he added. "Dezful law enforcement acted on the judiciary order and sealed this garden and arrested 11 girls and 12 boys for participating in the illegal event that violated sharia law," Ali Elhami said and added "the owner of the garden who already committed a crime by renting the garden to these people was also identified and arrested and his garden was sealed." Earlier, the head of the so-called "promotion of virtue and prevention of vice" headquarters in Dezful told the news agency: "In the first five months of 2016, some 400 people have been arrested for breaking norms in recreational and resort areas in Dezful."



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## **Security forces arrest 23 girls and boys in party**

<http://damadam.ir/%D8%A9%D8%A7%D8%B3%D9%BE%DB%8C%D9%86-caspress/%D8%A7%D8%AE%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%B1-%D8%A7%D8%AC%D8%AA%D9%85%D8%A7%D8%B9%DB%8C/title/%DB%B2%DB%B3-%D8%AF%D8%AE%D8%AA%D8%B1-%D9%88-%D9%BE%D8%B3%D8%B1-%D8%AF%D8%B1-%D9%BE%D8%A7%D8%B1%D8%AA%DB%8C-%D8%B4%D8%A8%D8%A7%D9%86%D9%87-%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%BA-%D9%88%DB%8C%D9%84%D8%A7-%D8%AF%D8%B3%D8%AA%DA%AF%DB%8C%D8%B1-%D8%B4%D8%AF%D9%86%D8%AF/id/4511046>

December 5, 2016 - On the night of December 5, 23 girls and boys were arrested while partying in a villa in Chenaran's Kaho Village. "Last night, nine women and 14 men were arrested in a mixed party", the Revolutionary Guards Corps commander in Chenaran said. "They have been referred to judicial sources", he added. (Damadam state-run Website – Dec. 7, 2016)

## **Security forces arrest 18 girls and boys in party in Chenaran**

<http://www.farsnews.com/printable.php?nn=13950927000282>

December 16, 2016 - 18 girls and boys were arrested in a party. Bassij (RGC) forces crashed a party last night and arrested 11 men and 7 young women who were dancing and partying. The Commander of the Revolutionary Guards Forces in the Chenaran Region said, "last week another mixed party in the same region was crushed and 23 girls and boys were arrested". Majid Azarkish said that the average age of the detainees was 18 to 25 years old. "These people were referred to judicial institutions for legal procedures", he added. (Fars state-run News Agency – Dec. 17, 2016)

## **26 students arrested for partying in Abadan**

<http://www.irna.ir/fa/News/82357945/>

December 22, 2016 - At midnight, on December 22, Abadan Police were informed of a party in the Brim region. A team made up of Security and Intelligence agents went to the scene for further investigation and after coordinating with the judge, the operation for the arrest (of the party goers) started. In this ceremony, 26 girls and boys who were mostly university students were arrested and handed over to judicial authorities. (IRNA state-run News Agency – Dec. 23, 2016)

## **Security forces arrest 40 partygoers in Orumieh**

<http://www.fardanews.com/fa/news/606761>

December 25, 2016 - Orumieh Police arrested 40 girls and boys in a party. "After getting a report about a night party in an Orumieh neighborhood, agents immediately acted and arrested 40 partying girls and boys", the Orumieh State Security Forces Commander said. (Farda News state-run website – Dec. 25, 2016)

## **Tehran Prosecutor warns celebrities from taking part in mixed parties**

<http://bit.ly/2ijMfh1>

December 26, 2016 - In a conference on December 26, Tehran Prosecutor Jafari Dolat Abadi mentioned two moral corruption cases. He said the first one was a mixed party in a coffee shop



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in the center of Tehran while the second was a mixed party in which a number of celebrities were also present. He asked celebrities and sport figures not to take part in such parties. Dolat Abadi said the reason the Prosecutor did not announce the name of those arrested (in these two incidents) was due to limitations in the law. (RAKNA state-run News Agency – Dec. 27, 2016)

## **Security forces arrest 14 girls and boys in mixed party**

<http://bit.ly/2lyWATL>

March 2, 2017 – Fourteen girls and boys were arrested in a party in the town of Sepidan after police stormed the party. “A number of young boys and girls were arrested in a mixed party at night”, the Sepidan Assistant head of the Staff to Prohibit Vice, Hamzeh Sedigh, said. “Agents entered the location which was a villa in a village in Homashahr located in the town of Sepidan, and arrested six boys and eight girls who were under the influence of alcohol”, he added. (ROKNA state-run News Agency, March 2, 2017)

## **Iran: 30 young women and men arrested in party in Ahwaz**

<http://women.ncr-iran.org/iran-women-news/3721-iran-30-young-women-and-men-arrested-in-party-in-ahwaz>

March 3, 2017 - Over 30 young men and women were arrested in a party in Kianpars district of Ahwaz, southern Iran. They were arrested on Friday, March 3, 2017, by moral security forces and remain in detention since.

## **Iran: SSF raids party, arrests women in Tehran**

<http://women.ncr-iran.org/iran-women-news/3717-iran-ssf-raids-party-arrests-women-in-tehran>

March 4, 2017 - The State Security Force of West Tehran raided a women's party and arrested a number of women. Mohsen Khancharli, West Tehran's SSF Commander, said they had obtained the information on this party on the internet. They deployed female police forces. They entered the party and arrested the organizers. According to Khancharli, a judicial case has been filed against the organizers and the place has been sealed. No information has been made available on the number women arrested or their identities. (The state-run Fanous website – March 4, 2017)

## **Iran: 30 young people arrested and beaten attending mixed-gender party**

<http://iran-hrm.com/index.php/2017/04/17/iran-30-young-people-arrested-and-beaten-attending-mixed-gender-party/>

April 13, 2017 - More than 30 individuals were arrested for attending a mixed-gender party held in a villa near the Bahadoran area in Isfahan Province, central Iran. The party held on April 13th, was raided by police who arrested the 30 at 9 PM. They also beaten the participants while firing bird shots, according to a witness who escaped passing through the neighbor gardens. None of



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the detainees has been released to this day and these arrests have not been made public by judiciary officials.

## **Security forces storm party, arrest 45 men and women in Qom**

<http://bit.ly/2p3wXwM>

May 2017 - Forty five men and women were arrested in a night party in a couch production factory on the outskirts of the city of Qom. (ROKNA state-run News Agency – May 1, 2017)

## **36 boys and girls arrested in party in Abadan**

<http://bit.ly/2qsk40A>

May 2017 - Thirty six young men and women who were in a party in Abadan were arrested. All of them were handed over to judicial officials for further investigation. (ROKNA state-run News Agency – May 1, 2017)