

# Chronology

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1901	D'Arcy Concession	}	Constitutional Revolution
1905 December	Bastinadoing of merchants		
1906 July	Protest in British legation		
1906 August	Royal promise of constitution		
1906 October	First <i>majles</i> opens		
1906 November	First workers' strike		
1907 (spring)	First trade union		
1907 August	Anglo-Russian Convention		
1908	First oil well		
1908 June	Coup (Russian-backed)		
1909	Anglo-Persian Oil Company formed		
1909 July	Revolutionaries capture Tehran		
1909 November	Second <i>majles</i> opens		
1911 November	Russian ultimatum	}	Reza Khan/Shah
1912	British Navy converts from coal to oil		
1919 August	Anglo-Persian Agreement		
1920 June 5	Gilan Soviet Republic established		
1920 June 23-25	Communist Party of Iran founded		
1921 February	Coup (British-backed)		
1921 June	Gilan Soviet Republic defeated		
1922	Call for a general strike; government capitulates		
1925	Constituent Assembly ends the Qajar dynasty		
1926	Coronation of Reza Khan as Shah		
1927	Abolition of capitulations		
1933	Cancellation of D'Arcy Concession		
1941 August	Anglo-Soviet invasion		
1941 September	Reza Shah abdicates in favour of Mohammad Reza (his son); <i>Hezb-e Tudeh</i> launched		
1944 May	Central Council of Federated Trade Unions of Iranian Workers and Toilers founded		
1951	Oil nationalisation under Mosaddegh		
1953 August 16	Coup attempt fails		

1953 August 19	Coup (CIA)
1953 December 7	University students demonstrate against Nixon's trip to Iran on became known as Students' Day
1957	SAVAK founded with CIA and Mossad help
1961 May	Teachers' strike
1963	White Revolution; Shia clergy oppose these reforms
1965	<i>Mojahedin-e Khalgh</i> founded
1967-69	Armed rebellion in Kurdistan
1971	Attack on Siahkal gendarmerie post, <i>Fadaiyan-e Khalgh</i> founded
1974	Quadrupling of oil prices
1975	<i>Mojahedin-e Marksist</i> founded
1975-76	Economic stagnation begins
1977-78	Austerity measures
1978 February 18	Mass demonstration in Tabriz
1978 September 7	Martial law declared
1978 September 10	Tehran oil refinery workers go on strike with economic and political demands
1978 September 24	Abadan refinery joins strike by 30,000 oil workers
1978 September & October	Striking oil workers demand end to martial law, freeing of political prisoners and other political demands
1978 September & October	Strike movement develops into a general political strike
1978 December	Millions demonstrate against the Shah
1978 December 29	Bakhtiar made Prime Minister
1979 January 16	The Shah leaves Iran
1979 February 1	Khomeini returns to Iran
1979 February 10	Air Force technicians arm the people
1979 February 11	Armed insurrection succeeds
1979 November	Khomeini supporters occupy US embassy
1979 December	Referendum for the Islamic constitution
1980 September	Iraq invades Iran
1981 (summer)	Counter-revolutionary repression
1983	Iran invades Iraq

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1988	Iran-Iraq War ends; 2500-12000 political prisoners executed
1989	Khomeini dies; Khamenei becomes Leader; Rafsanjani becomes President
1997 August	Khatami becomes President
1999 July	Pro-reform student protests suppressed
2001 May 6	Baresh textile workers attacked with tear gas
2001 July 15	A number of Jamco and Shadanpoor workers demanding their unpaid wages outside <i>majles</i> are shot dead
2003 March-April	Behshahr's textile workers strike demanding unpaid wages; 30-35,000 people support them; three distinct trends develop among the strikers, including taking over the factory
2004 January 17	Four laid off contract workers at the Khatoonabad copper smelting plant are shot dead
2004 May 1	Seven labour activists trying to organise a May Day demonstration in Saghez (Kurdistan) are arrested
2004 September 20	Pickets in defence of the Saghez Seven in three continents
2005 August	Ahmadinejad becomes President
2005 May 9	Vahed bus drivers' leaders attacked by agents of the Labour House and the Islamic Labour Councils
2005 December - 2006 January	3000 Vahed bus drivers go on strike
2006 March	Iran Khodro's striking workers win 10 percent pay rise
2007 October	Haft Tapeh Sugar Cane Plantation and Industry Company workers go on strike

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