

# **Analysis of Ethnicity Challenges in Talesh City and Its Impact on Political and Social Security in Gilan Province**

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**In the present era, various ethnic groups seek to identify the cultural and social identity of their populations, and these claims come historical background, language and beliefs, and religious culture. The study of political and social history and the developments that have occurred in the country suggests that relations between peoples and governments, especially in contemporary Iranian history, have faced many ups and downs. The consequences of these ethnic challenges affect the various dimensions of security at the national and local levels. Therefore, the city of Talesh as an area exposed to such challenges is considered as the study area. It was a descriptive-analytical study. The aim of this paper was to investigate the impact of ethnicity challenges of Talesh city on the security of Gilan province using library studies and field surveys. Respondents' opinions represented that some of the ethnicity challenges of the city have been more influential than the other components on the ethnicity challenges of the city of Talesh, which among them we can mention that: conflict of identity due to heterogeneity of ethno-religious composition of the region, lack of attention to investment and infrastructure development in the Talesh regions, discrimination and injustice, the attitudes of provincial authorities to ethnic conflicts, failure to pursue coherent and unilateral policies by authorities, and incitement and abuse of ethnic emotions by the media (visual, audio, virtual, etc.). As well as, by examining the items in the second questionnaire, it was found that components such as the activities of the Western media, the diminished sense of belonging to the central government, ethnic prejudices and weakening of nationalism, weaknesses in infrastructure, and the lack of investment in the Talesh areas and the role of regional and trans-regional countries have more influence on the security of Gilan province than other components.**

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