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**Special Economic Zones**

# Introduction of IRAN FZ & SEZ

Iran  
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# Outline

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  - The Legislation
- **Free Trade – industrial & Special Economic zones**
  - Introduction of Free Trade – Industrial Zones
  - Introduction of Special Economic Zones
  - Legal Incentives
  - Selected Opportunities



# Why Iran

- 4<sup>th</sup> Largest Oil Producer in the World
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Gas Reserves in the World
- Strategic Location on the Persian Gulf and Strait of Hormuz as a main Maritime Pathways for Crude Oil Transport
- Abundance of Basic Raw Materials and Specially Natural Resources and One of the top Producers of Zinc, Lead, Cobalt, Aluminum, Manganese & Copper in World
- Large Domestic Market with a Population of 85 Million and Middle East Market with more than 400 Million Population
- Developed Infrastructure in Transportation, Telecommunications & Energy
- Trained and Efficient Manpower at a Competitive Cost



# The Legislation

## ❑ The Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Act (FIPPA):

- Substitutes Former LAPFI
- Ratified in 2002

## ❑ The Corpus:

- Implementing Regulations of the FIPPA

## ❑ Types of Investment:

- Direct Investment (Equity Participation):
  - in All Areas Open to Iranian
  - Private Sector in Greenfield
  - Brownfield Projects
- Investment through Contractual Arrangements (Non-Equity Forms):
  - Buy Back Arrangements
  - Civil Partnership
  - BOT & PPP Schemes



# The Legislation

## ❖ Features of Investment under FIPPA:

No Limitation on:

- Equity Percentage,
- Volume of Investments,
- Profit Transfer,
- Capital Repatriation
- Types of Capital Imported
- No Import / Export Restriction

## ❖ Risks Covered By FIPPA

All NON – COMMERCIAL Risks:

- Currency Transfer
- Nationalization & Expropriation
- Government Intervention and Breach of Contracts by Government

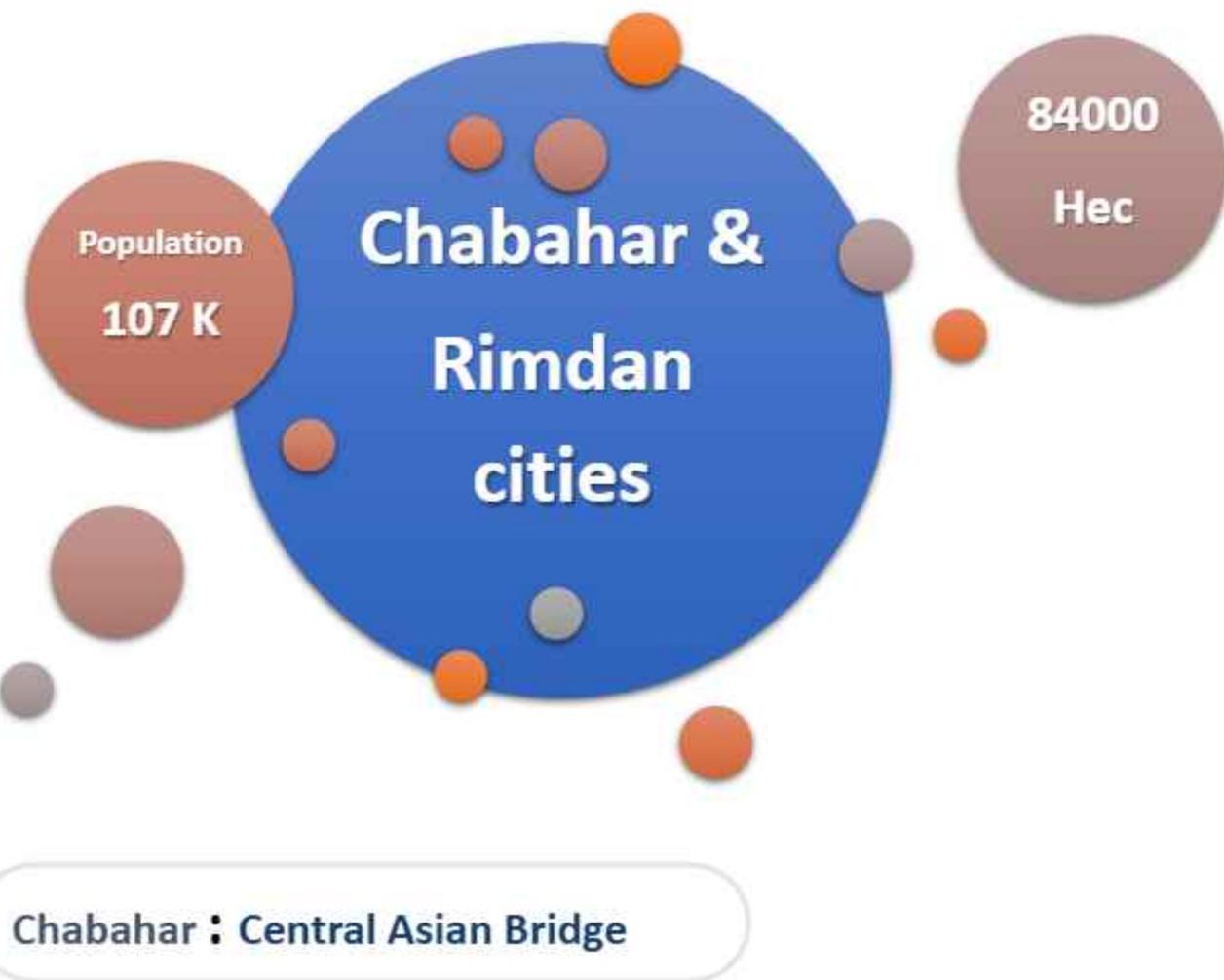
# Iran Free Zones





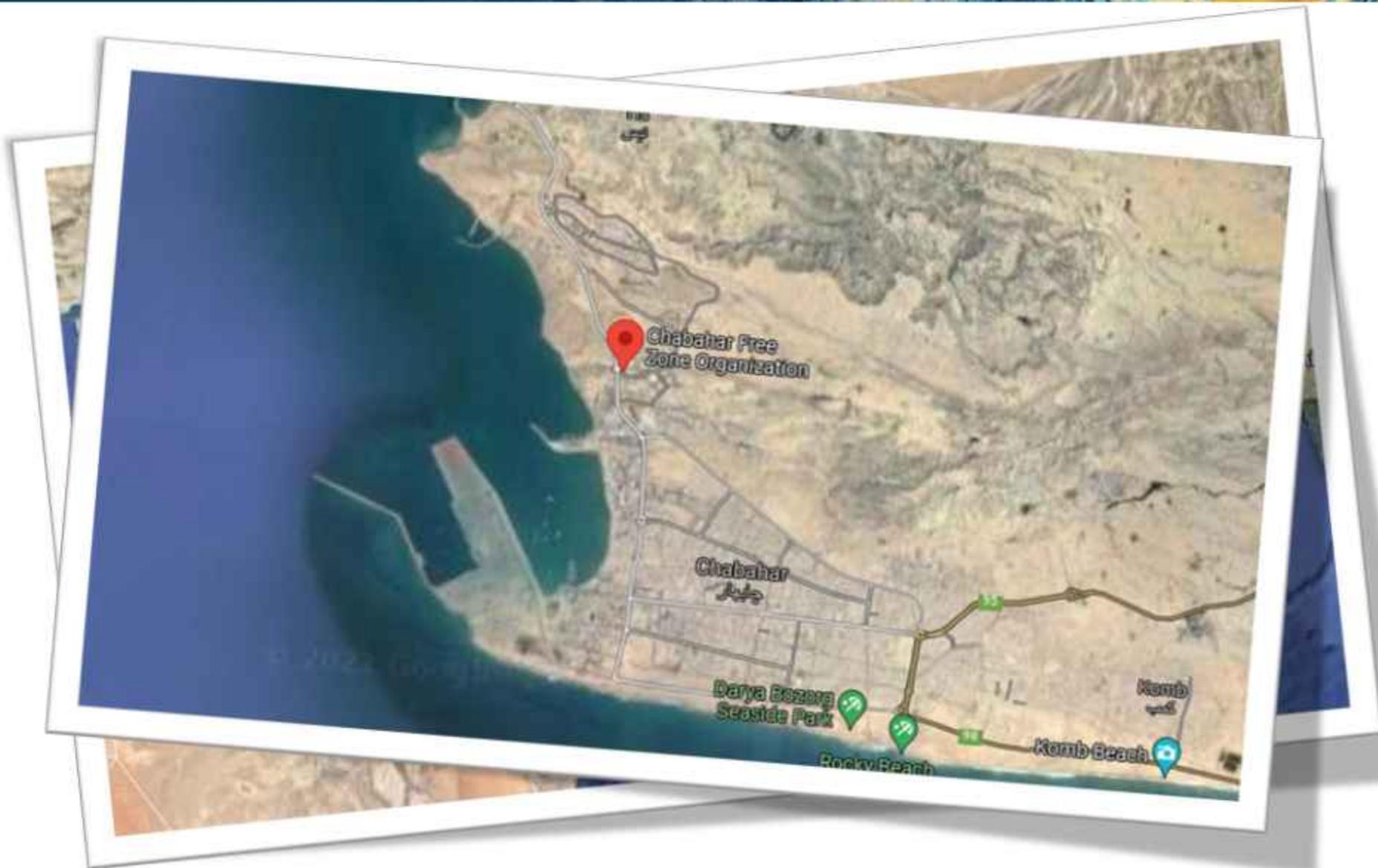
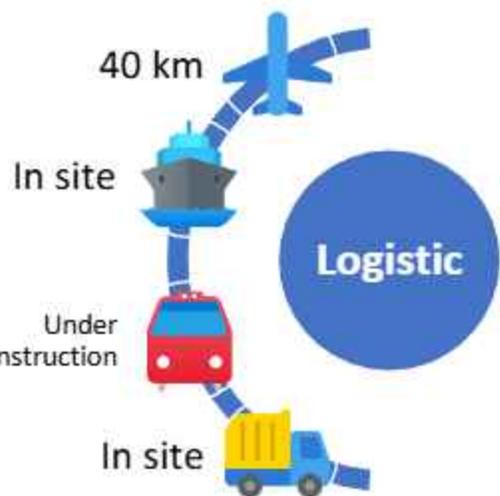
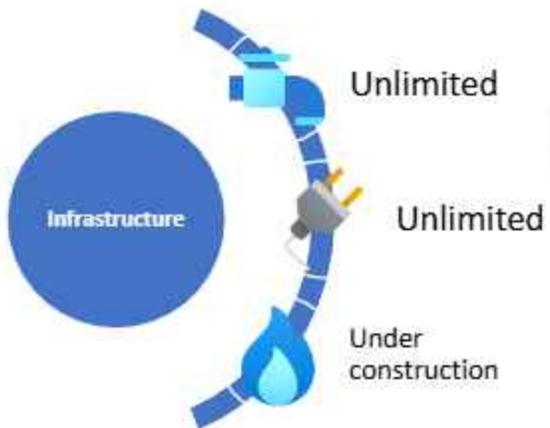
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# Chabahar FZ





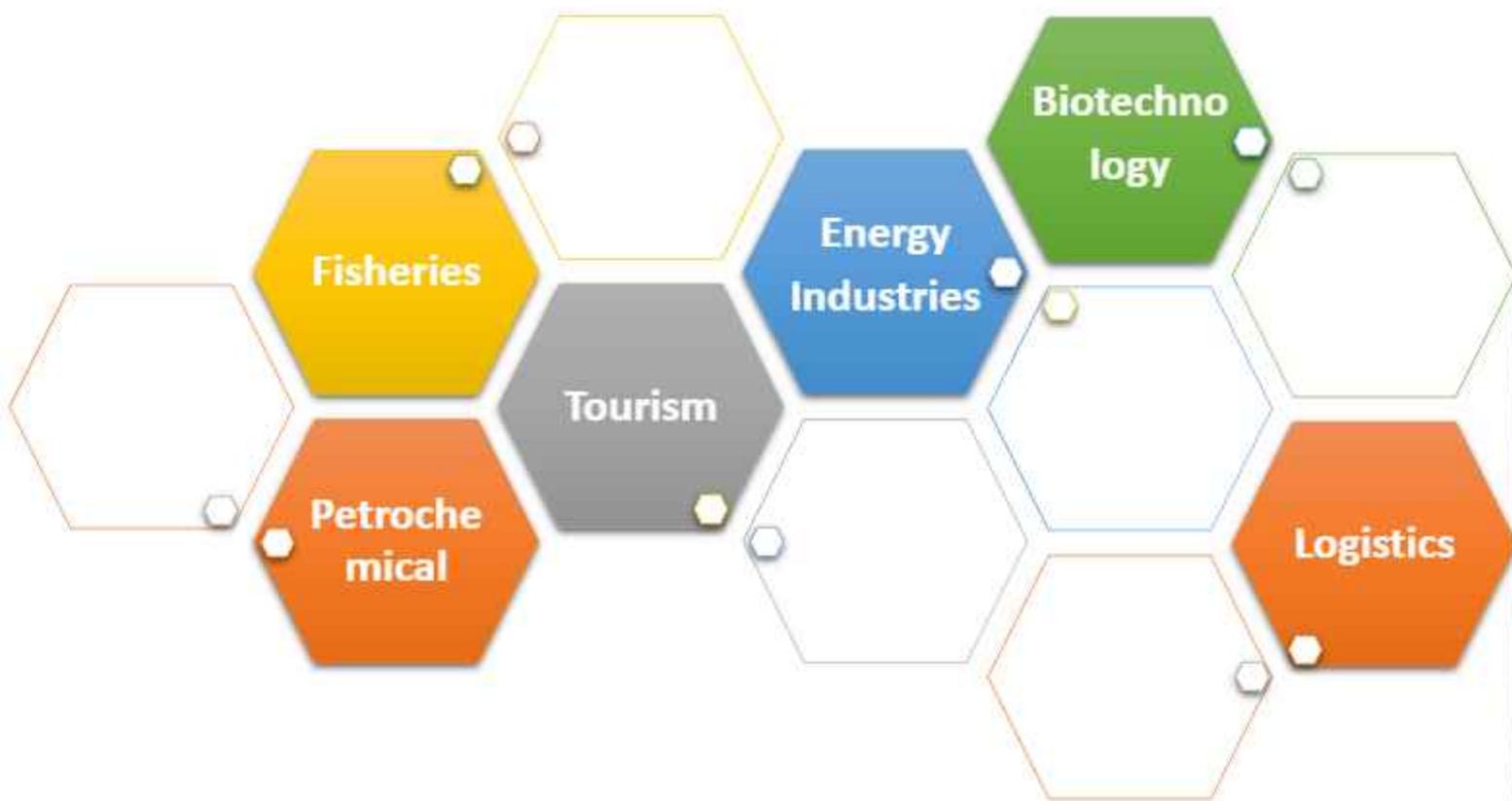
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## Investment Opportunities

**Industrial Fishing  
Complex**

**International Air  
Port**

**Power Plant**

**Rail Way  
Network**

**Logistic  
infrastructures**



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# Kish FZ

Population  
40 K

**Kish,  
Hendorabi, &  
Faroor Island**

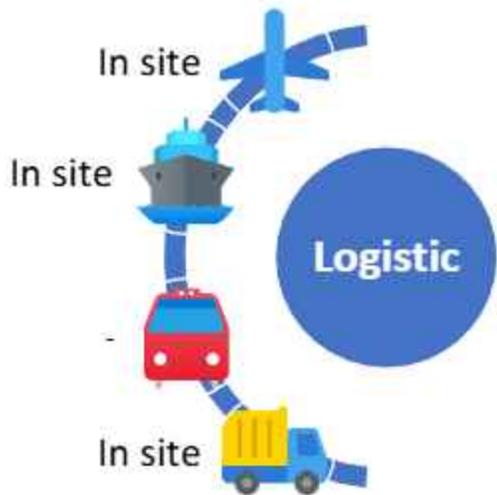
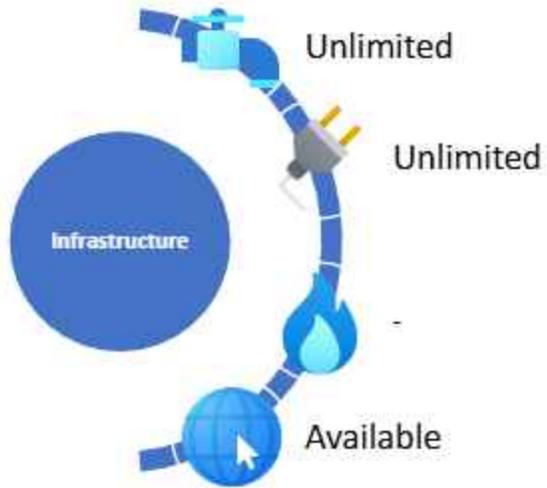
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**Kish: Tourism Pearl of the Persian Gulf**

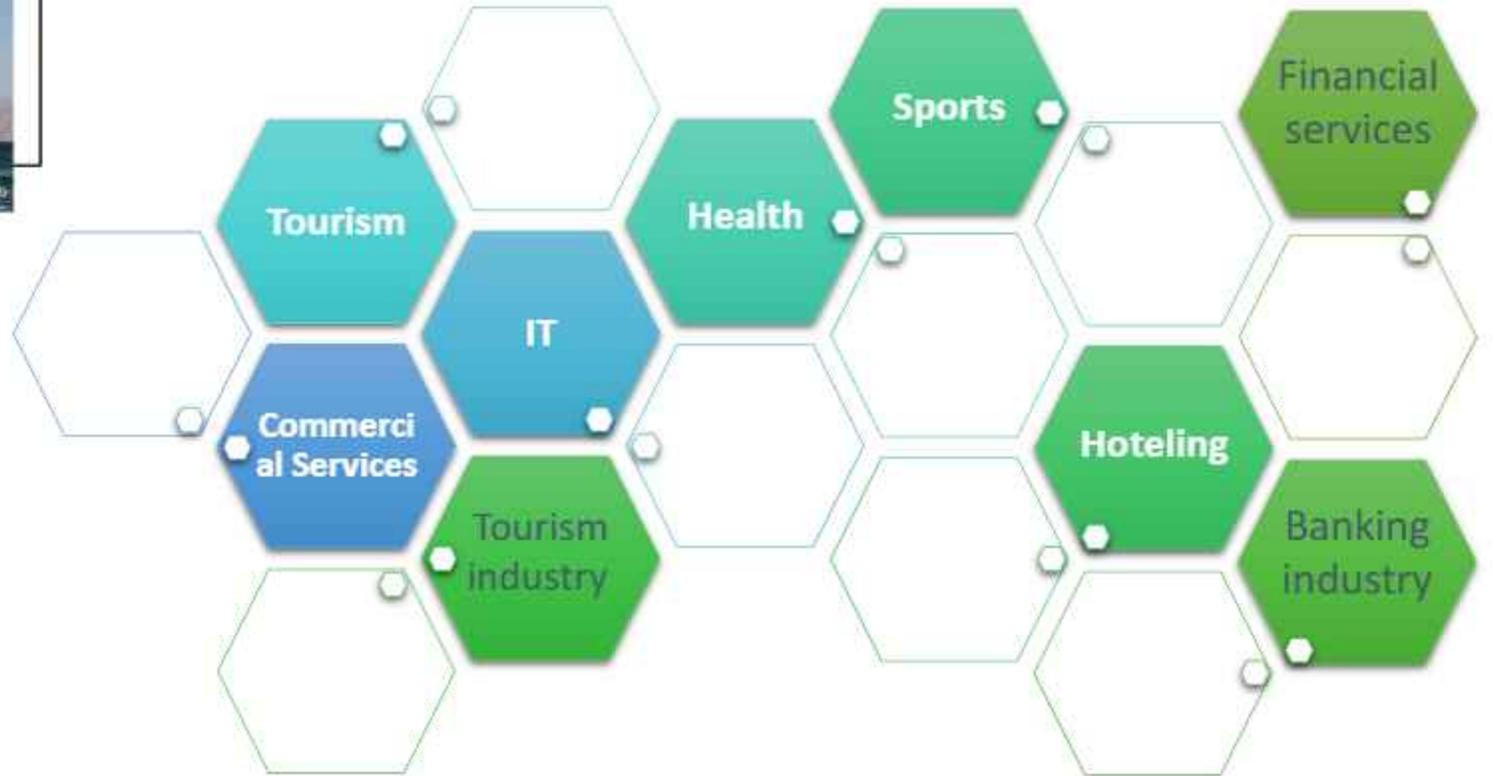


# Kish FZ





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## Investment Opportunities

**Cultural  
Cinematic  
Complex**

**Amusement Park**

**Winter Sports  
Stadium and  
Skating Rink**

**Subspecialty  
Hotel-Hospital**

# Qeshm FZ



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Population  
149 K

Qeshm ,  
Hengam &  
Hormoz  
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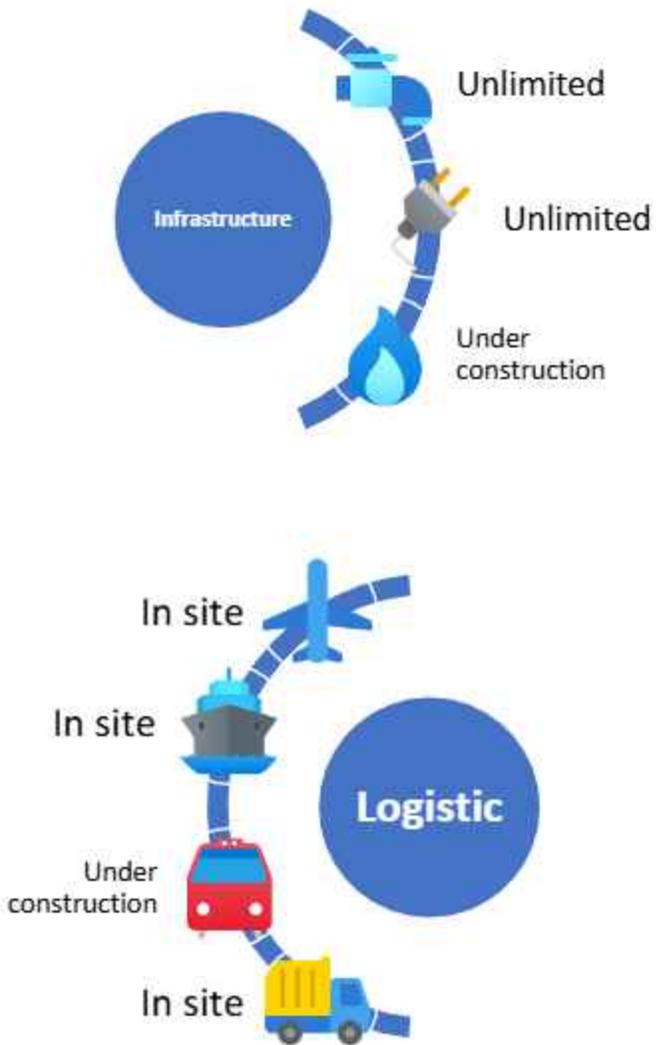
Qeshm: Southern waterfront of North-South Corridor



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Marine  
Industries

Fisheries

Tourism

Oil &  
Gas

Energy

BIO tech

Handicraft

Bunkering



## Investment Opportunities

**Persian gulf  
transportation  
network**

**Bunkering**

**Bio Technology  
park**

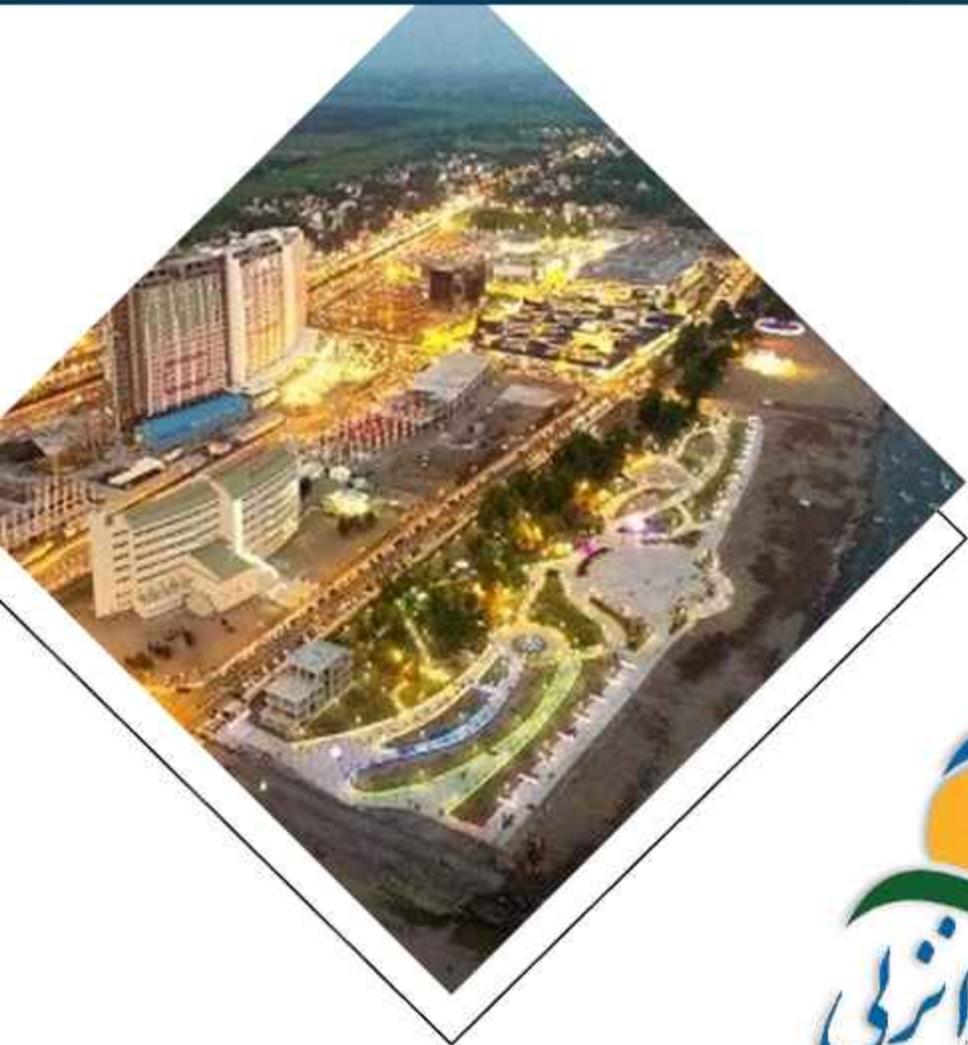
**Tank Farm**

**Energy Park**



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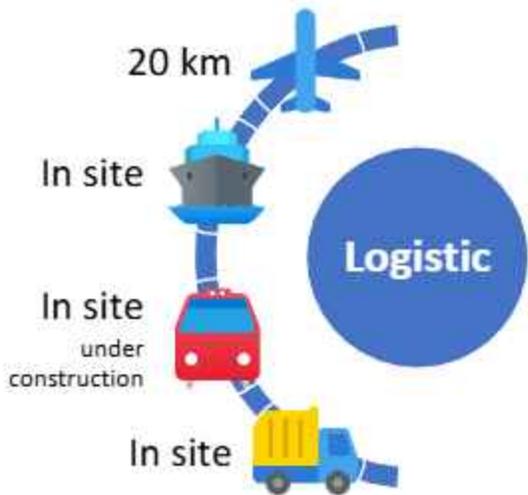
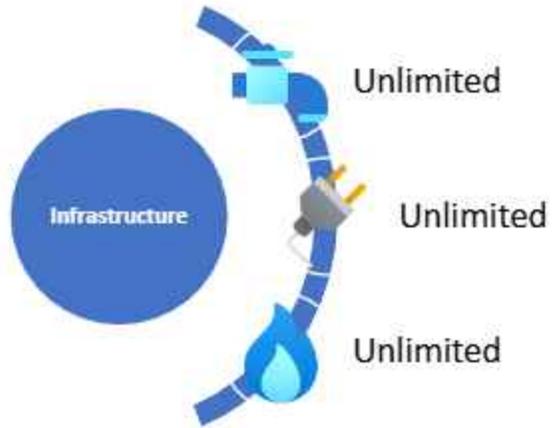
# Anzali FZ



Anzali: Northern waterfront of the North-South Corridor



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## Investment Opportunities

**Caspian Port**

**5 star Hotel**

**Health Village**

**International  
exhibition**

**Public Warehouse**

**Recreational  
Village**

# Aras FZ



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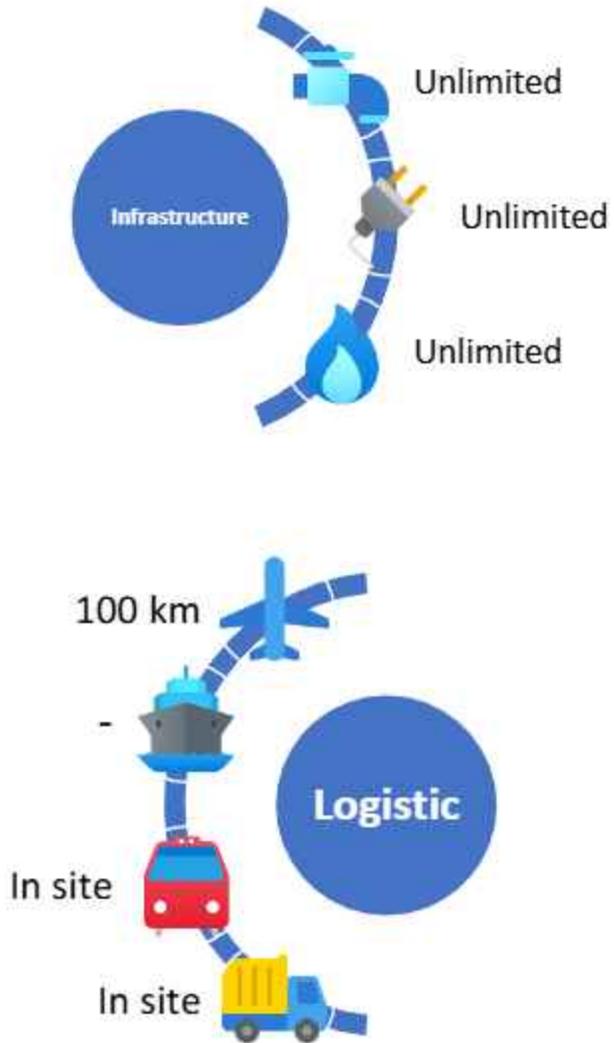
Aras: Gate Way of the Caucasian Countries



# Aras FZ



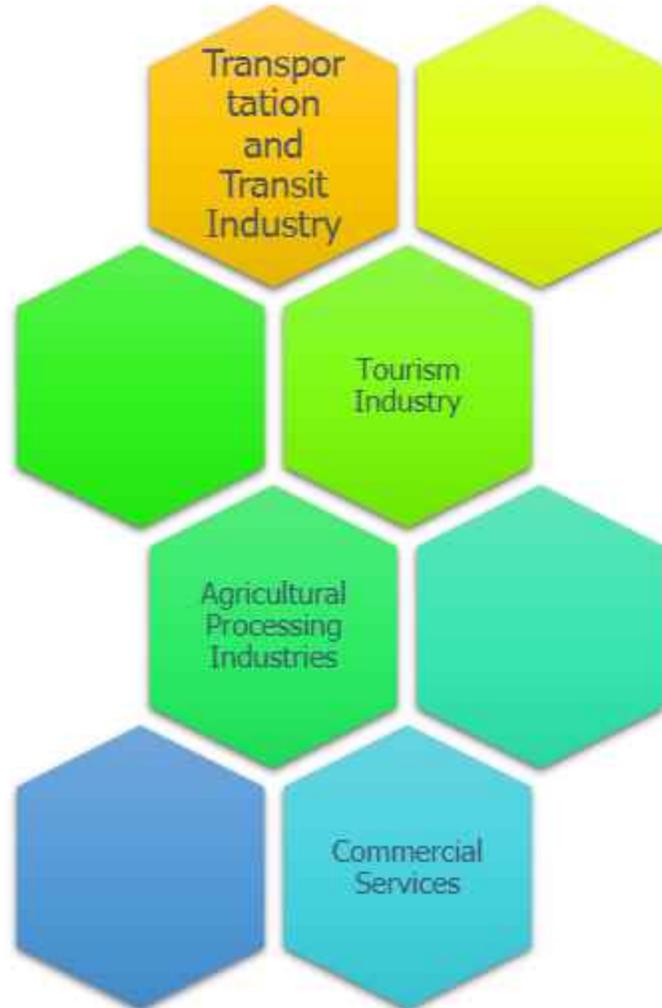
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## Investment Opportunities

**Aras International  
Airport**

**Public Warehouse**

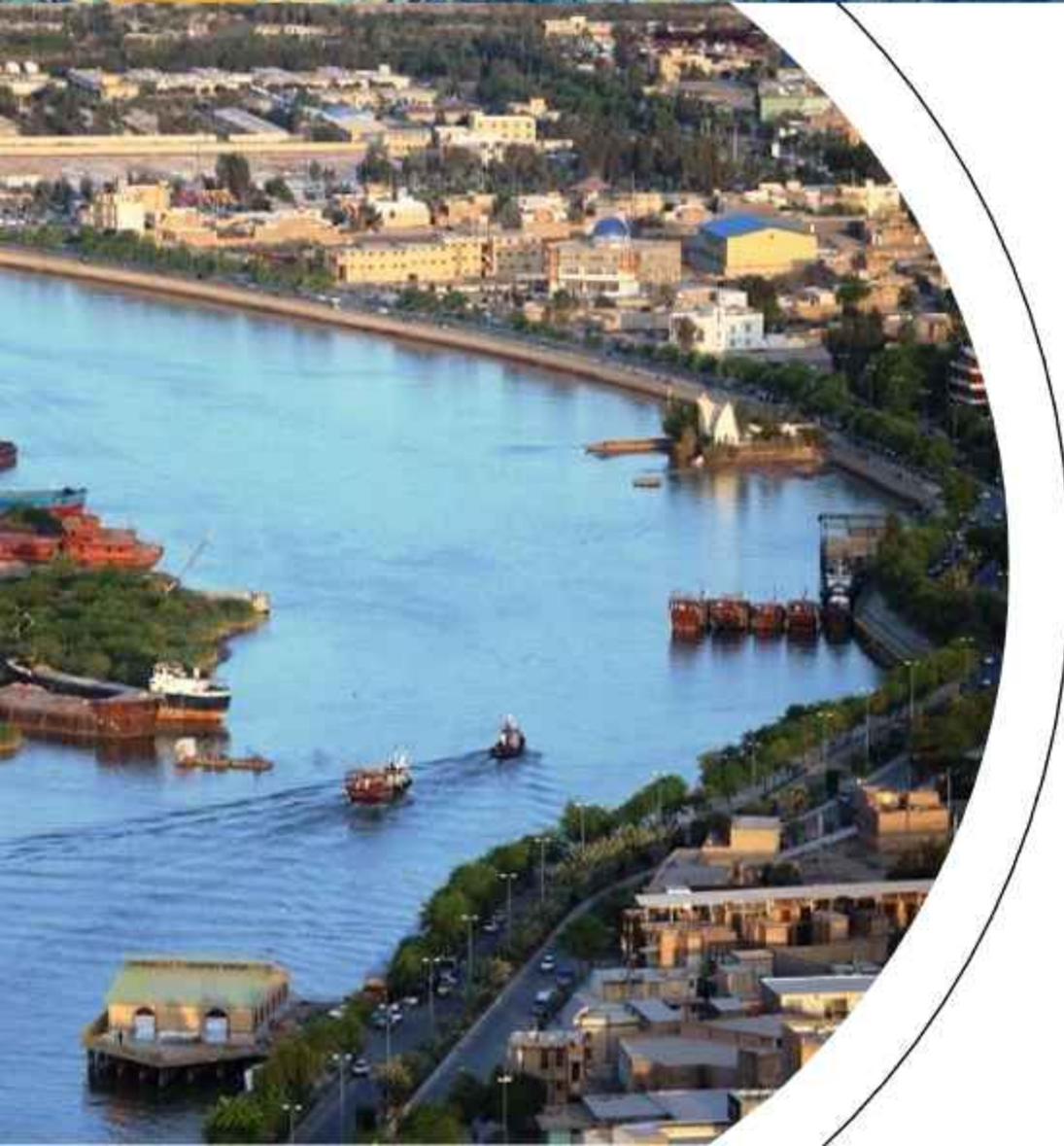
**Terminal of  
Agricultural  
Products**

**Jolfa-Aslandouz  
Rail Way**

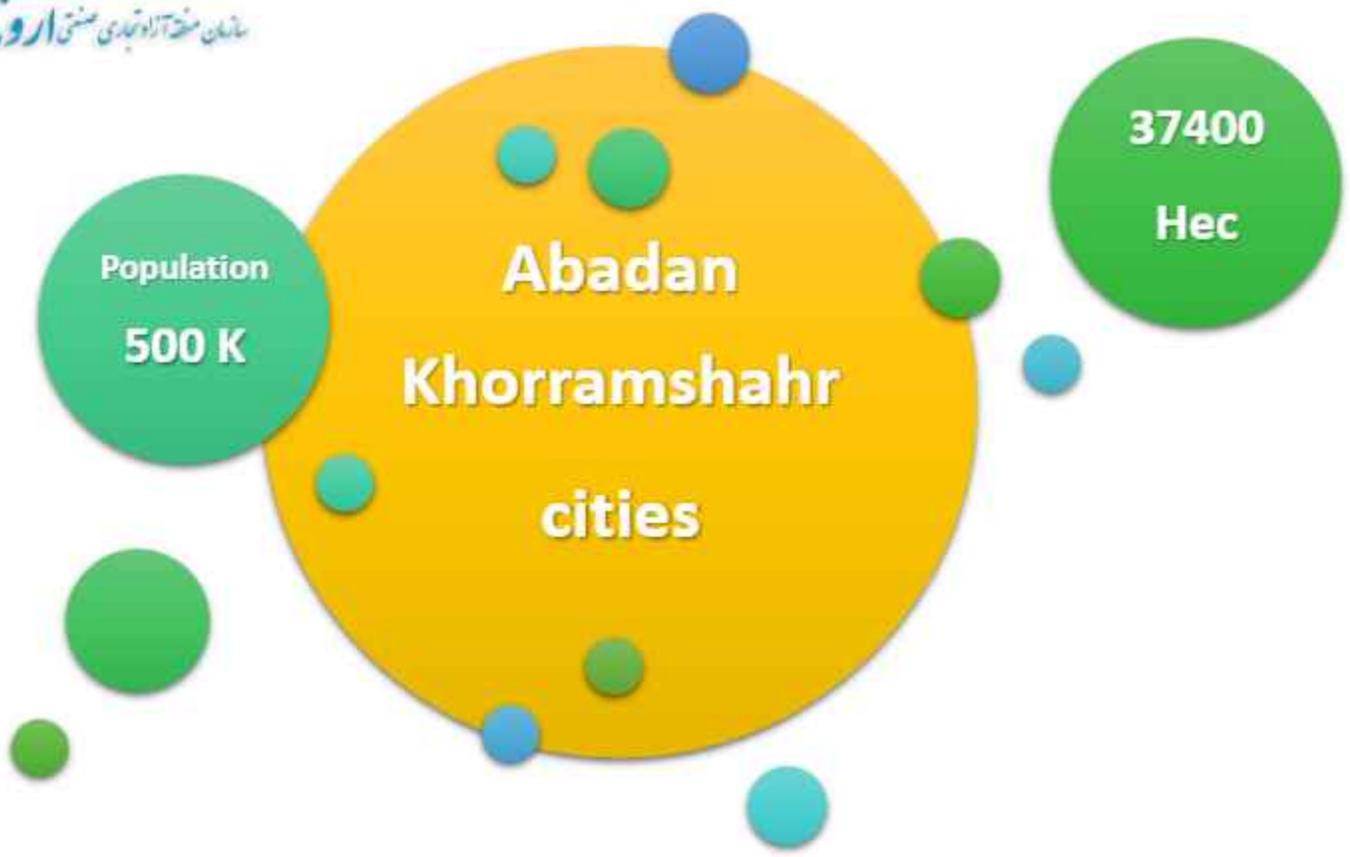
# Arvand FZ



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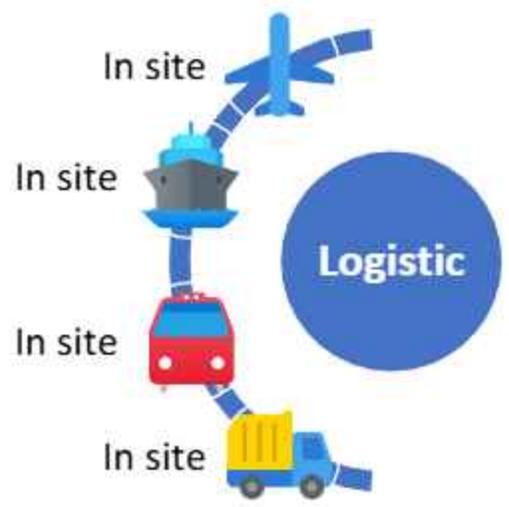
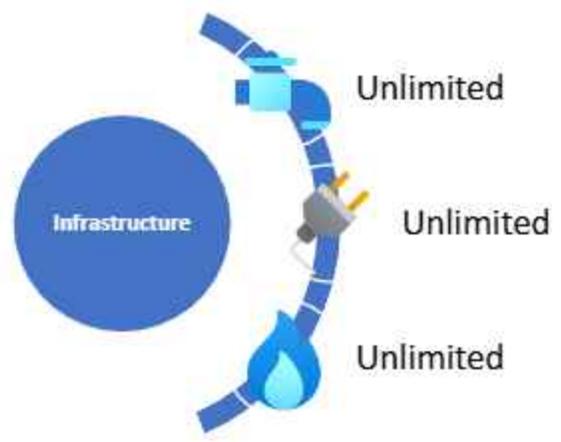
Arvand: Land of the Black Gold



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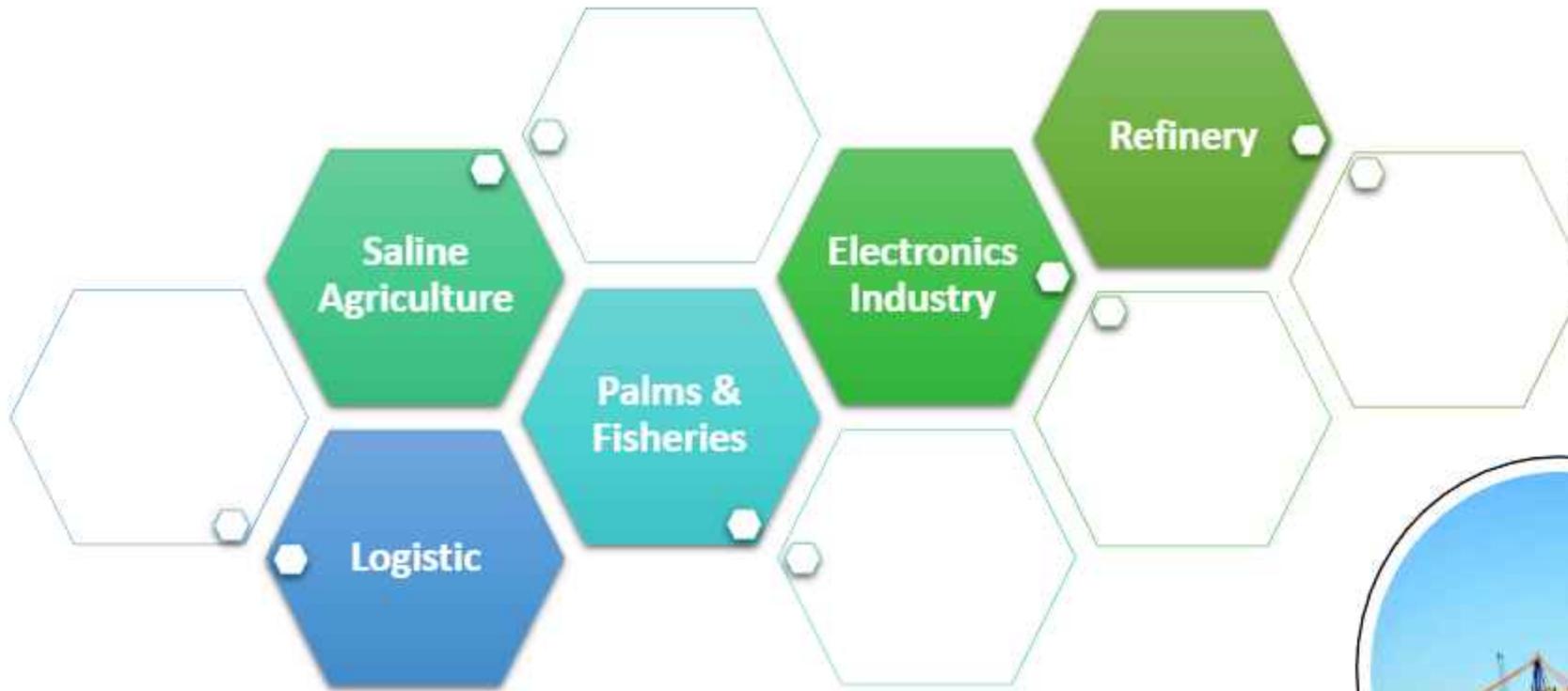
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## Investment Opportunities

**Petroleum  
industries**

**Seamless Pipe  
Production Line**

**Khorramshar Port  
Reconstruction**

**khuzestan Second  
Refinery**

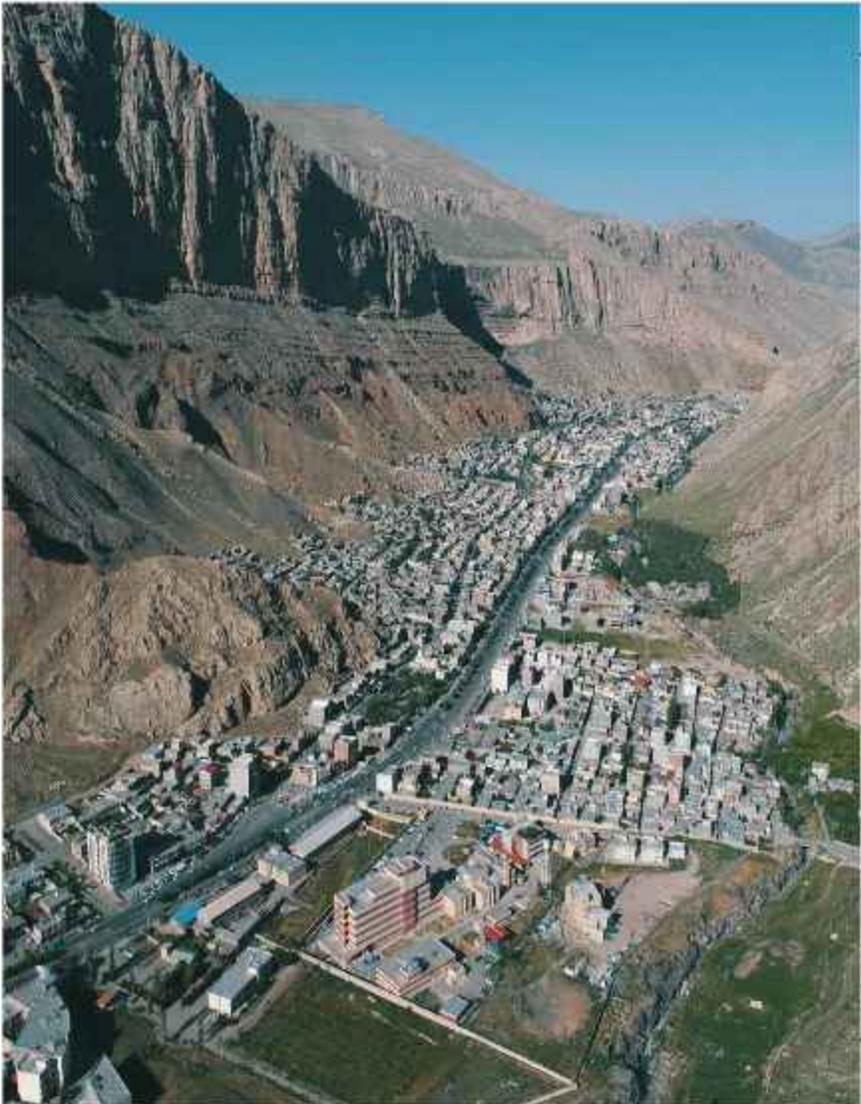
**Imam Khomeini  
Port- Basra Rail  
Way**



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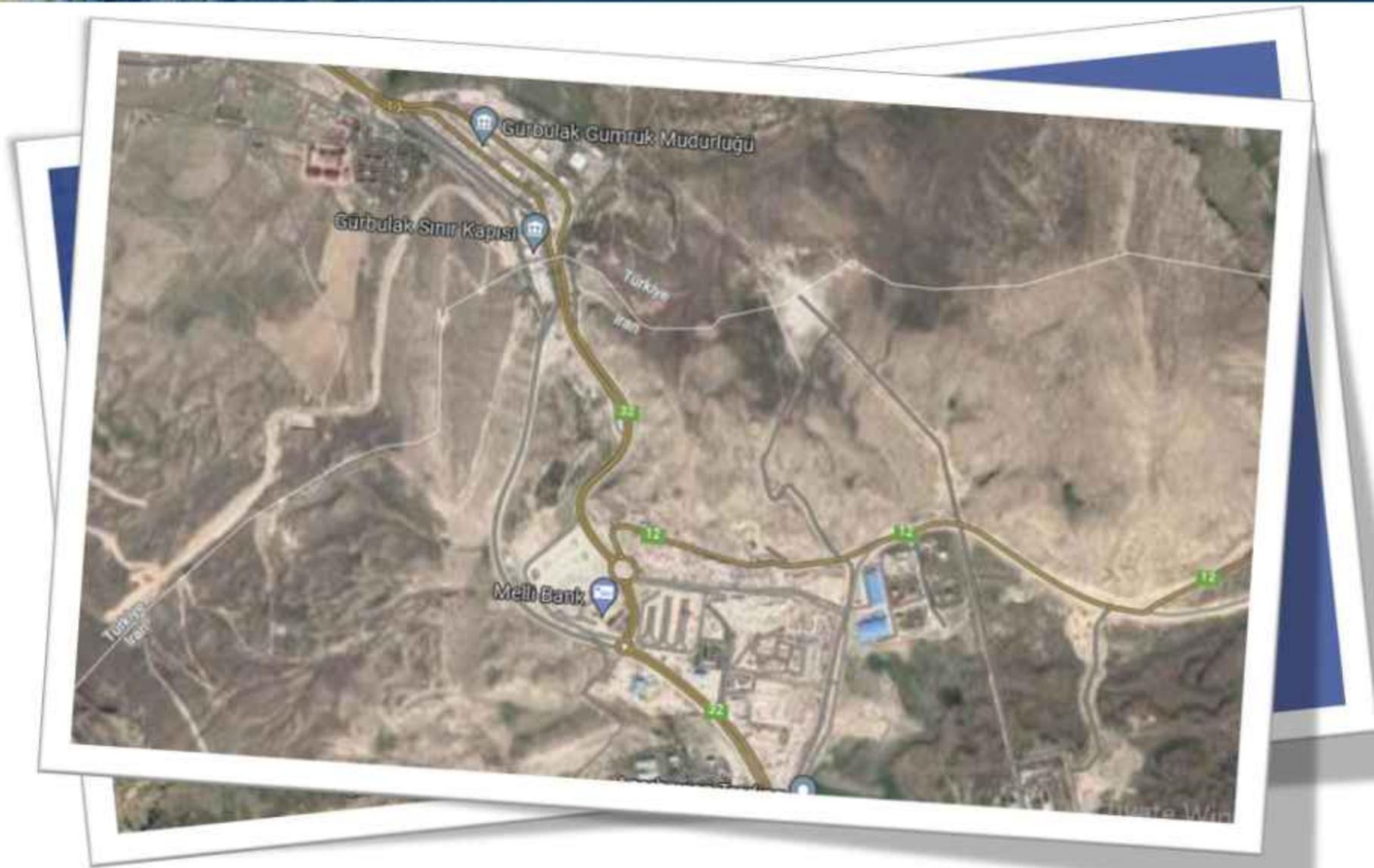
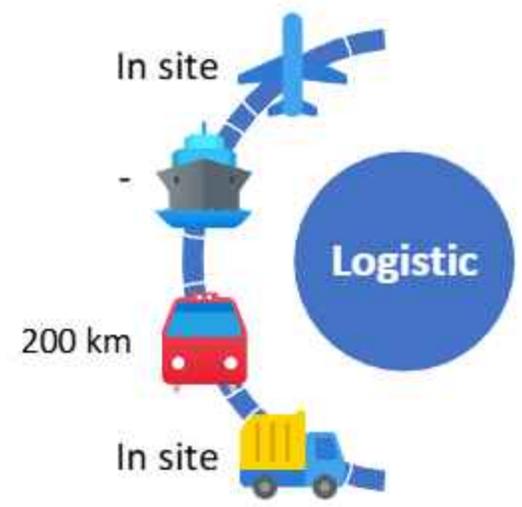
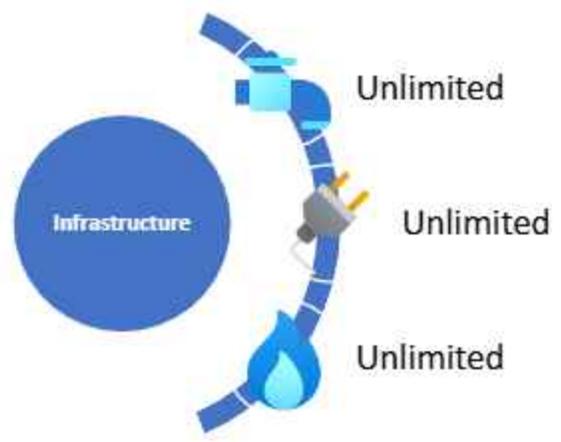


**Makou: Gate way of Iran - Europe**

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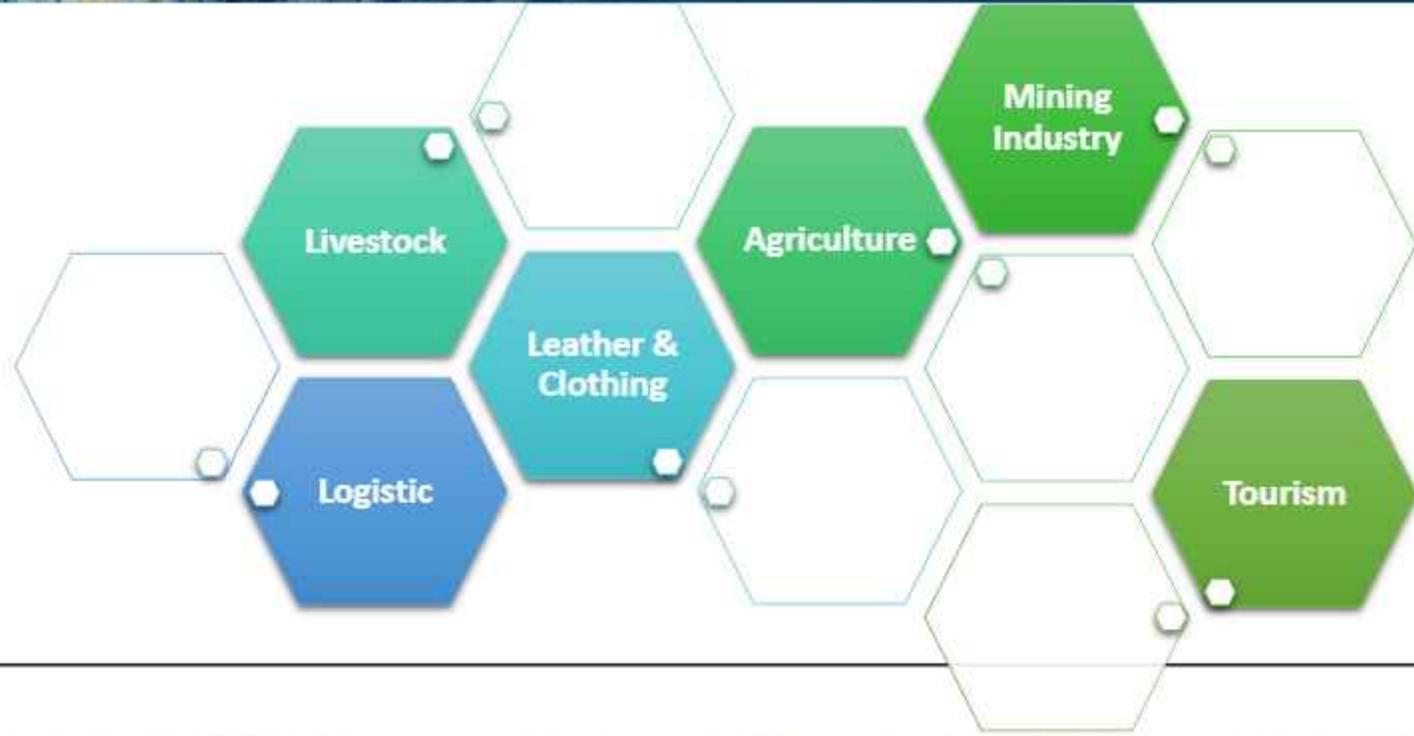




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## Investment Opportunities

**Power Plant**

**Cargo**

**Transit Road**

**Dry Port**



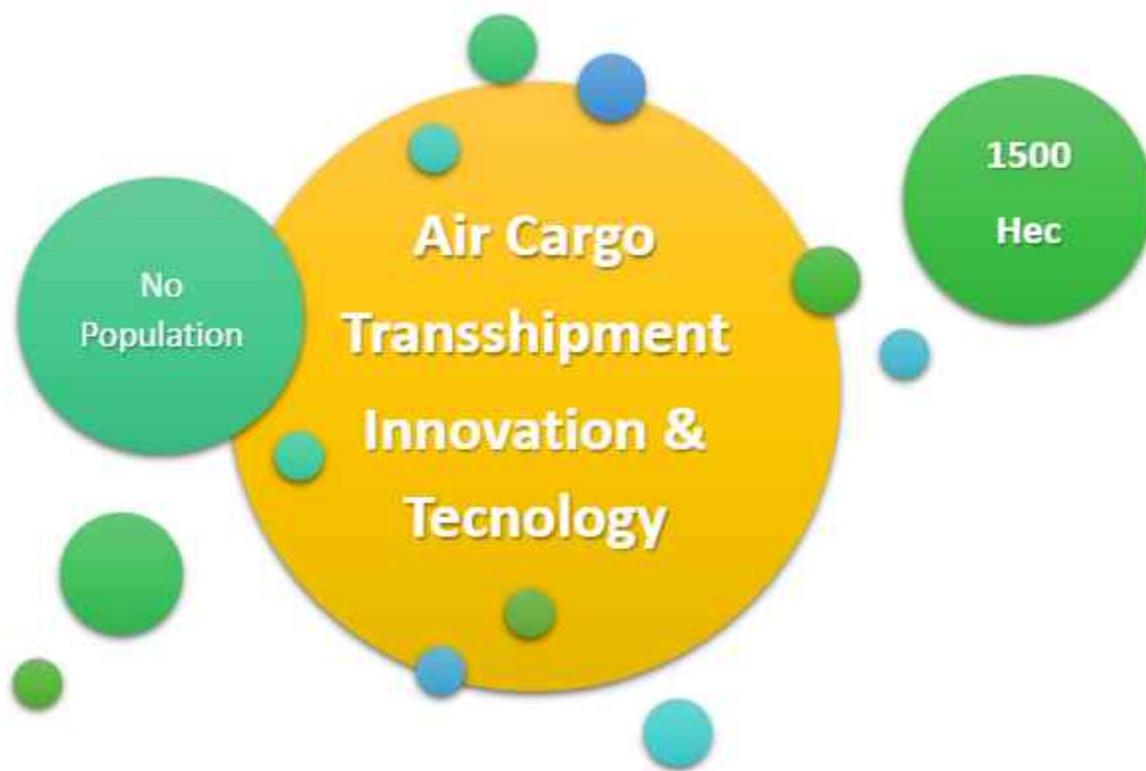
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# IKIA FZ



IKAC

شهر فرودگاهی امام خمینی (ره)







## Investment Opportunities

**Power Plant**

**Cargo**

**Dry Port**

**Railway**

**High Tech  
industries**

**Financial  
services**

# Newly Approved Free Zones



## Special Economic Zones



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Rajai Port SEZ

Pars Energy SEZ



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Petrochemical SEZ

Persian Gulf SEZ



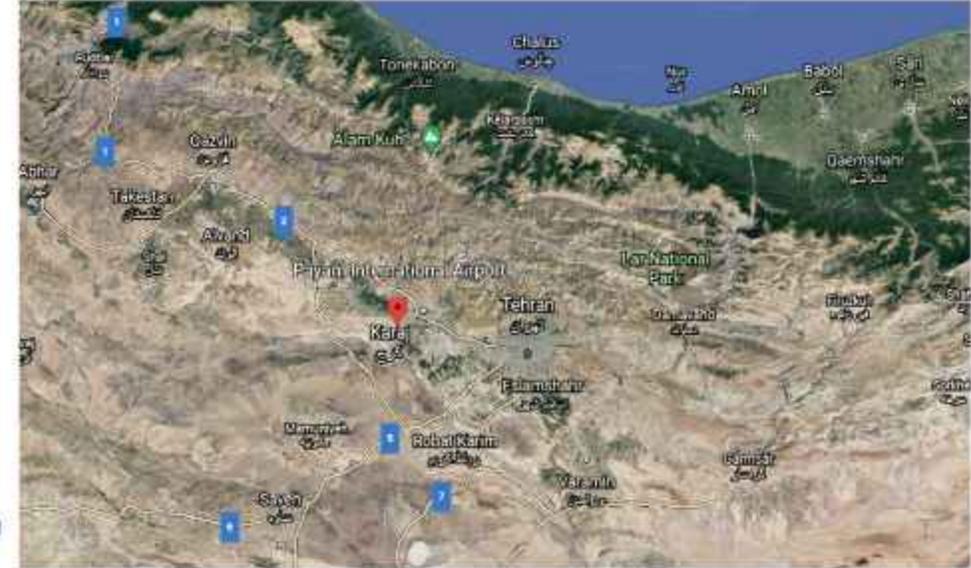
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Salafcheegan SEZ



Payam Airport SEZ

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Arg SEZ

A satellite map of the Arg Special Economic Zone. The map shows a coastal area with a large body of water on the left. A red pin is placed on the land, indicating the location of the SEZ. The terrain is mostly flat and arid.



Shiraz SEZ

A satellite map of the Shiraz Special Economic Zone. The map shows a coastal area with a large body of water on the left. A red pin is placed on the land, indicating the location of the SEZ. The terrain is mostly flat and arid. The text 'Shiraz Special Economic Zone' is visible on the map.





# Fiscal Incentives



**20 years income and property tax exemption in Free Zones**

**7 – 13 years income and property tax exemption in Special Economic Zones**



# Custom Incentives



**Permanent exemption from customs duties**

**Entry of goods into areas without customs formalities**

**Customs incentives to send zone made products to the mainland**

**Freedom of entry and storage for distribution, transit and re-export**





# Registration Incentives

**Company registration with 100% foreign capital**

**Registration of a branch or representative office of a foreign legal entity**

**Government guarantee and foreign capital insurance**

**Benefit the Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Act**

**FIRM &  
COMPANY  
REGISTRATION**





# Banking Incentives

**Offshore banking with foreign currencies**

**Establishment of foreign bank branches**

**Establishment of exchange offices and insurance branches**

**Establishment and investment in the international stock exchange**

**Transfer of capital and profit of foreign investment from economic activities**





# Investment Incentives

**Single window for all types of services and permissions**

**Participation of FZs organizations in productive investment projects**

**Possibility of foreign investment in any proportion**

**Lease and sell of land to foreign investors**

**Various models of land contracts in investment projects**

**Visa free for the period of 6 months & extendable**

**Employment license for foreign professionals and their families**





# Opportunities

## Businesses (Direct)



- Industrial
- Logistics
- Tourism
- Agriculture
- Trade
- Startups
- Offshore Bank
- International Exchange

## Infrastructures (PPP)



- Road Network
- Railway
- Airport
- Sea port
- Energy
- Desalination

## Zone Management (Joint)



- Specialized Sites Development
- Specialized Sites Operation
- Cross - Border FZs
- Transboundary FZs
- Corresponding FZs



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Thank you.