

WESTERN PUSHTUN OF IRAN

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QUICK FACTS

People Name:
Western Pushtun

People Cluster: Pashtun

Language: Western Panjabi

Trade Language: Farsi

Primary Religion: Islam

Population: 130,000

PRAYER POINTS

Pray that laws in Iran which restrict the preaching of the Gospel will be changed.

Pray that God will begin revealing Himself to these precious people through dreams and visions.

Ask God to raise up strong local churches among the people.

Pray that more information will be learned about these people so that the worldwide Church can pray and send more effectively.

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ABOUT THE COUNTRY

Iran is officially named the Islamic Republic of Iran and is the 18th largest country in the world in terms of area, with a population of over seventy million. Tehran is the capital, the country's largest city, and the political, cultural, commercial, and industrial center of the nation.

Iran is home to one of the world's oldest continuous major civilizations, with historical and urban settlements dating back to 4000 BC.

After centuries of foreign occupation and short-lived native dynasties, Iran was once again reunified as an independent state in 1501 by the Safavid dynasty, who promoted Shia Islam as the official religion of their empire, marking one of the most important turning points in the history of Islam. Iran had been a monarchy ruled by a Shah, or emperor, almost without interruption from 1501 until 1979, but officially became an Islamic Republic on April 1, 1979 during the Iranian Revolution. Shia Islam is now the official religion of Iran.

Since the Islamization of Iran, Islamic rituals have penetrated Iranian culture. Daily life in modern Iran is closely interwoven with Shia Islam, and the country's art, literature, and architecture are an ever-present reminder of its deep national tradition.

Article 15 of the Iranian constitution states that the official language of Iran is Persian and that the use of regional and tribal languages in the press and mass media, as well as for teaching of their literature in schools, is allowed in addition to Persian.

Not much is known specifically about the Western Pushtun people of Iran.

