# Order of Battle of the Iranian Artesh Ground Forces

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Iranian leaders face fundamental questions about their strategy and military priorities in the aftermath of the Israel-Iran war. They failed to deter US and Israeli strikes or to defend their airspace, giving Israeli forces the freedom to strike a wide range of critical targets across Iran. Iranian missile forces failed to penetrate Israeli air defenses at any significant scale, preventing Iran from imposing a serious cost on Israel for its strike campaign. These events represent a complete failure of Iranian security policy, which has long focused on deterring and defending against a conventional attack by the United States and Israel. Iranian leaders must now rethink their military approach fundamentally, which could change how they wield the forces at their disposal. They could, among other things, reconsider the division of responsibilities between their two military institutions: the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) and the conventional military known as the Artesh. Tehran has traditionally assigned its most critical missions to the IRGC but could increasingly look to the Artesh in the months and years ahead, especially given how poorly the IRGC fared in the recent fighting. This report examines the order of battle of the Artesh Ground Forces to inform the public discourse ahead of any major changes to Iranian security policy.

## Overview of the Artesh

The Artesh predates the Iranian revolution and was formerly the Shah's imperial army.[i] The founder and first supreme leader of the Islamic Republic, Rouhollah Khomeini, criticized the imperial army in the years before the revolution, describing it as a US proxy force.[ii] Khomeini decided to preserve the Artesh after the revolution to prevent it from opposing him but continued to view it with suspicion.[iii] This mistrust led the regime to assign the Artesh the responsibility of defending Iran from foreign attack and preserving its territorial integrity—rather than giving it more sensitive missions.[iv] The regime instead assigned its most critical tasks to the newly formed IRGC, which was designed to be deeply ideological and loyal to the clerical establishment.[v] The Artesh has largely retained its defensive posture since the Islamic Republic was formed.

The regime has spent decades installing loyalists to head the Artesh and purging its ranks of potential dissent. These loyalists include Major General Abdol Rahim Mousavi, who was the Artesh commander from 2017 to the Israel-Iran war.[vi] Mousavi became the chief of the Armed Forces General Staff—the most senior military position in Iran—after Israel killed his predecessor, Major General Mohammad Bagheri.[vii] Mousavi is the first Artesh officer to hold the position of AFGS chief, highlighting the trust that the regime has apparently developed in Artesh leadership.[viii]

The regime has entrusted the Artesh with increasingly sensitive responsibilities and missions in recent years, further highlighting how this trust has developed.[ix] The Artesh Ground Forces helped

suppress the 2017-2018 Dey Protests.[x] Artesh Ground Forces Commander Brigadier General Kiomars Heydari warned in November 2022 at the height of the Mahsa Amini Protest Movement that protesters would "no longer have a place" in Iran if Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei ordered a more brutal crackdown on them.[xi] The Artesh Ground Forces' involvement in protest suppression marks a significant inflection, given that this institution was not always involved in maintaining internal security and regime stability. In fact, elements of the Artesh issued a statement criticizing the IRGC and Basij for forcefully quelling protests during the 2009 Green Movement.[xii] The Artesh Ground Forces is well-positioned to support protest suppression as it has more than twice as many service members as the IRGC Ground Forces and operates most of Iran's helicopter and tank arsenals.[xiii]

The Artesh Ground Forces has also conducted expeditionary missions in recent years, which represents another change from how the regime used the Artesh previously. Elements of the Artesh 45th Special Forces Brigade, 65th Airborne Special Forces Brigade, 258th Mobile Assault Brigade, and 388th Mechanized Assault Brigade deployed to Syria in an "advisory" capacity to support the Bashar al Assad regime during the Syrian Civil War.[xiv] These deployments marked the first Artesh Ground Forces deployments abroad since the Iran-Iraq War.[xv] The exact role of Artesh Ground Forces units in the Syrian Civil War remains unclear. Iranian media announced in April 2016 that four senior commanders of the 65th Airborne Special Forces Brigade, 45th Special Forces Brigade, and 258th Mobile Assault Brigade had died while defending the "Aleppo axis" from Syrian opposition forces.[xvi] The 65th Airborne Special Forces Brigade is one of the most elite units in the Artesh Ground Forces and specializes in "guerilla warfare, close combat, hostage release [operations], psychological operations, sabotage behind enemy lines, parachuting, countering aircraft hijacking, and protecting individuals," according to Iranian state media.[xvii]

## Restructuring of the Artesh Ground Forces

Iranian leaders have sought since at least the early 2010s to transform the Artesh Ground Forces from a mostly static force designed to defend Iran's borders to a nimble force that can respond more quickly to disparate threats both inside and outside of Iran. The restructuring that occurred in the 2010s resembles the US Army's modular brigade combat team concept. This transformation required Iranian military leaders to make a few changes to the force, most notably by creating independent brigades and mobile assault brigades.

Iranian military leaders in the late 2000s realized that they needed to contend with a larger and more diverse spectrum of threats than just Iraqi or Afghan Taliban attacks across the western and eastern Iranian borders. This realization is very similar to the conclusions that US Army leaders reached in the late 1990s and early 2000s. These conclusions ultimately led to the US Army's modular brigade combat team concept, which sought to create a more flexible US Army that could respond to anything on the "threat spectrum" without deploying entire divisions.[xviii] The creation of independent brigades enables commanders to task a single brigade to address a crisis with its organic assets without sacrificing the readiness of a parent division by assigning division assets to a subordinate brigade.[xix] Iranian leaders recognized that the future Artesh would need to respond to a much wider spectrum of threats and that Ground Forces units would need to "command [themselves] independently" to confront threats that emerge "from multiple points or simultaneously on multiple fronts," in the words of one former Artesh Ground Forces commander.[xx]

Iran's decision to create independent and mobile assault brigades aimed to realize the Artesh Ground Forces' ambition to transform into a nimbler force. The Artesh Ground Forces separated several brigades from their divisions in the early 2010s and had created numerous mobile assault brigades by 2017.[xxi] CTP has identified 11 independent brigades and 17 mobile assault brigades, though Iran claims that 21 mobile assault brigades exist.[xxii] Both types of brigades give Iranian commanders flexibility to deploy units quickly in a crisis. An independent brigade, equipped with its own organic sustainment and other capabilities, would enable a commander to task a single brigade to address a crisis without sacrificing the readiness of a larger unit. The mobile assault brigades represented a shift from static "defensive" infantry brigades to maneuver "offensive" brigades that one Iranian Artesh Ground Forces commander said would be able to "be present at the site of a threat in the shortest amount of time."[xxiii] The new mobile assault brigades do not appear to be "offensive" in the sense that they are organized to conduct attacks into neighboring countries (though they could presumably do so). Iran more likely designed these units to respond to internal crises, such as insurgent threats and foreign invasions. Iran deployed several independent brigades to Syria during the Syrian Civil War, highlighting the value of independent brigades.

## The Artesh Ground Forces in the Israel-Iran War

The Israel-Iran war in June 2025 primarily affected the Artesh Air Force and Air Defense Force, with only limited effects on the Artesh Ground Forces and Navy. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) primarily targeted the Artesh Air Force and Air Defense Force to degrade Iran's ability to conduct counter-air missions and challenge Israeli air superiority.[xxiv] The Artesh Ground Forces and Navy did not present serious threats to Israeli operations and were therefore not significant targets for the IDF. The IDF nevertheless reportedly struck several Artesh Ground Forces assets and units during the Israel-Iran war. The fact that the IDF struck these assets and units should not be taken as evidence that the IDF was targeting the Artesh Ground Forces in these strikes. It is not clear what Iran housed at many of these facilities, and the Israeli airstrikes could be related to other Israeli objectives. Air defense assets located at Artesh Ground Forces facilities are among the most likely targets the IDF would have sought to engage at Artesh Ground Forces bases. The IDF targeted the following Artesh Ground Forces sites and units:

- **An ammunition depot belonging to the 216th Armored Brigade in Zanjan City, Zanjan Province.[xxv]** The 216th Armored Brigade is located near a helipad. It is unclear if any helicopters were at the helipad or if the IDF targeted the helipad during the war. The IDF targeted Iranian helicopters in other cities during the war because Iran reportedly intended to use helicopters to attack Israeli aircraft operating in Iranian airspace.[xxvi]
- **The 84th Infantry Division in Khorramabad, Lorestan Province.[xxvii]** It is unclear why the IDF targeted this unit. The 84th Infantry Division's base is located next to Khorramabad Airport and less than 10 miles from the Imam Ali Missile Base. Israeli airstrikes damaged multiple buildings at the Imam Ali Missile Base, which the IRGC Aerospace Force reportedly used to produce Shahab-3 ballistic missiles.[xxviii] Iranian media reported air defense activity in Khorramabad during the war.[xxix]
- **The 292nd Armored Brigade in Dezful, Khuzestan Province.[xxx]**
- **The 71st Mechanized Infantry Brigade in Sarpol-e Zahab, Kermanshah Province.[xxxi]** Iranian media reported in April 2024 that units at the Abouzar Garrison,

which is where the 71st Mechanized Infantry Brigade is headquartered, participated in an air defense exercise.[xxxii]

Iranian media confirmed the death of three members of the 84th Infantry Division on June 19.[xxxiii] Iranian media separately reported on June 22 that an Israeli drone strike killed former 71st Mechanized Infantry Brigade Commander Colonel Ali Hossein Mohammadi.[xxxiv]

## Methodology

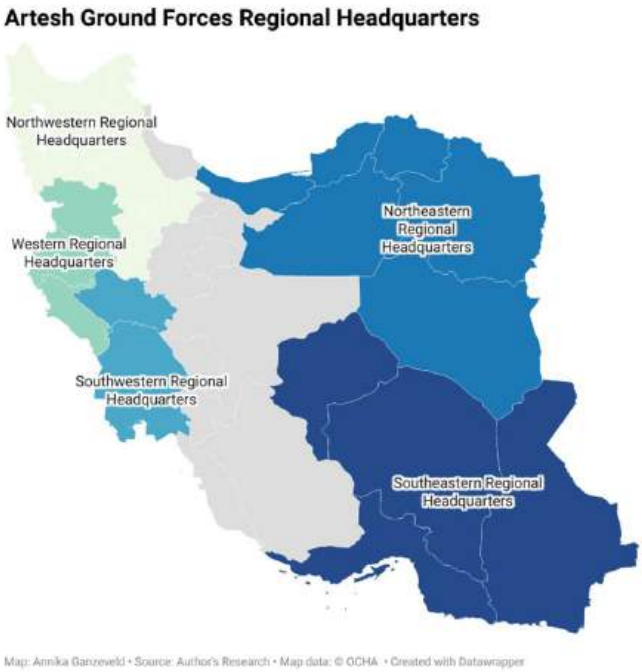
The Artesh Ground Forces has not publicly disclosed its structure, so the following order of battle is an assessment of the Artesh Ground Forces' structure based on open-source information, including Iranian media reports and social media posts. CTP assessed that a brigade was subordinate to a division if the division commander inspected a specific brigade or attended the appointment ceremony for a new brigade commander. CTP could neither verify that the 36th Brigade is an independent brigade nor identify a division to which this brigade is subordinate.

We have used the NATO symbology for motorized infantry brigades to denote mobile assault brigades. CTP is unable to verify the table of organization and equipment for Iranian mobile assault brigades, and it is unclear if they are motorized or mechanized. It is unlikely that mobile assault brigades are identical to infantry brigades given their distinct role and emphasis on mobility.
We have used the NATO symbology for infantry brigades to denote unspecified brigades.

## Order of Battle

The order of battle below includes three echelons of command of the Artesh Ground Forces. Regional headquarters are the highest level of command. Their commanders are brigadier generals first class (equivalent to US major generals) or second class (roughly equivalent to US brigadier generals).[xxxv] The Artesh Ground Forces has five regional headquarters located in West Azerbaijan (northwest), Kermanshah (west), Khuzestan (southwest), Khorasan Razavi (northeast), and Kerman (southeast) provinces. Twenty-one of Iran's 31 provinces, including 15 of 17 border provinces, are overseen by a regional headquarters. Each regional headquarters covers several provinces and oversees several divisions and brigades within its area of responsibility. Divisions are commanded by brigadier generals second class, while most brigades are commanded by colonels.

This order of battle does not cover all branches of the Artesh Ground Forces, such as the artillery, missile, and drone units and the aviation wing.




The following order of battle is organized by regional headquarters. The order of battle also includes brigades and divisions that are located in provinces that are not overseen by a regional headquarters. These provinces include Fars, Kohgiluyeh and Boyer Ahmad, Esfahan, Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari, and Tehran. The provinces of Alborz, Bushehr, Gilan, Markazi, and Qom are also not overseen by a regional headquarters, but there are no brigades or divisions headquartered in these provinces.

## Region: Northwest

Provinces: Ardabil, East Azerbaijan, Ghazvin, Hamedan, West Azerbaijan, and Zanjan[xxxvi]

### Regional Headquarters

**Northwestern Regional Headquarters (Urumiyeh, West Azerbaijan Province)[xxxvii]**
*Commander*: Brigadier General Second Class Amir Hossein Shafiei (since July 2024)[xxxviii]

### Divisions and Brigades

**21st Infantry Division (Tabriz, East Azerbaijan Province)[xxxix]**
*Commander*: Brigadier General Second Class Issa Bayat (since September 2024)[xl]

- **121st Brigade (Tabriz, East Azerbaijan Province)[xli]**
  *Commander:* Colonel Sasan Karami (since October 2024)[xlii]

- **221st Brigade (Maragheh, East Azerbaijan Province)[xliii]**
  *Commander*: Colonel Mohsen Abbas Zadeh (since at least November 2024)[xliv]

- **321st Mobile Assault Brigade (Marand, East Azerbaijan Province)[xlv]**
  *Commander*: Colonel Akbar Abuzar (since March 2024)[xlvi]

**16th Armored Division (Ghazvin City, Ghazvin Province)[xlvii]**
*Commander*: Brigadier General Second Class Ali Karimi (since February 2025)[xlviii]

- **116th Mechanized Assault Brigade (Ghazvin City, Ghazvin Province)[xlix]**
  *Commander*: Colonel Jalal Bahari Far (since May 2025)[l]

- **316th Armored Brigade (Hamedan City, Hamedan Province)[li]**
  *Commander*: Colonel Muslim Siamaki (since July 2024)[lii]

**64th Infantry Division (Urumiyeh, West Azerbaijan Province)[liii]**
*Commander*: Brigadier General Second Class Abbas Jamshidi (since January 2024)[liv]

- **164th Mobile Assault Brigade (Piranshahr, West Azerbaijan Province)[lv]**
  *Commander*: Colonel Reza Dolatyari (since January 2024)[lvi]

- **264th Mobile Assault Brigade (Salmas, West Azerbaijan Province)[lvii]**
  *Commander*: Brigadier General Second Class Abbas Vahedi (since July 2023)[lviii]

- **364th Mobile Assault Brigade (Mahabad, West Azerbaijan Province)[lix]**
  *Commander*: Colonel Shahriyar Pour Fazli (since November 2024)[lx]

## Independent Brigades

- **25th Special Forces Brigade (Tabriz, East Azerbaijan Province)[lxi]**
  *Commander*: Colonel Hossein Sadegh Zadeh (since January 2025)[lxii]

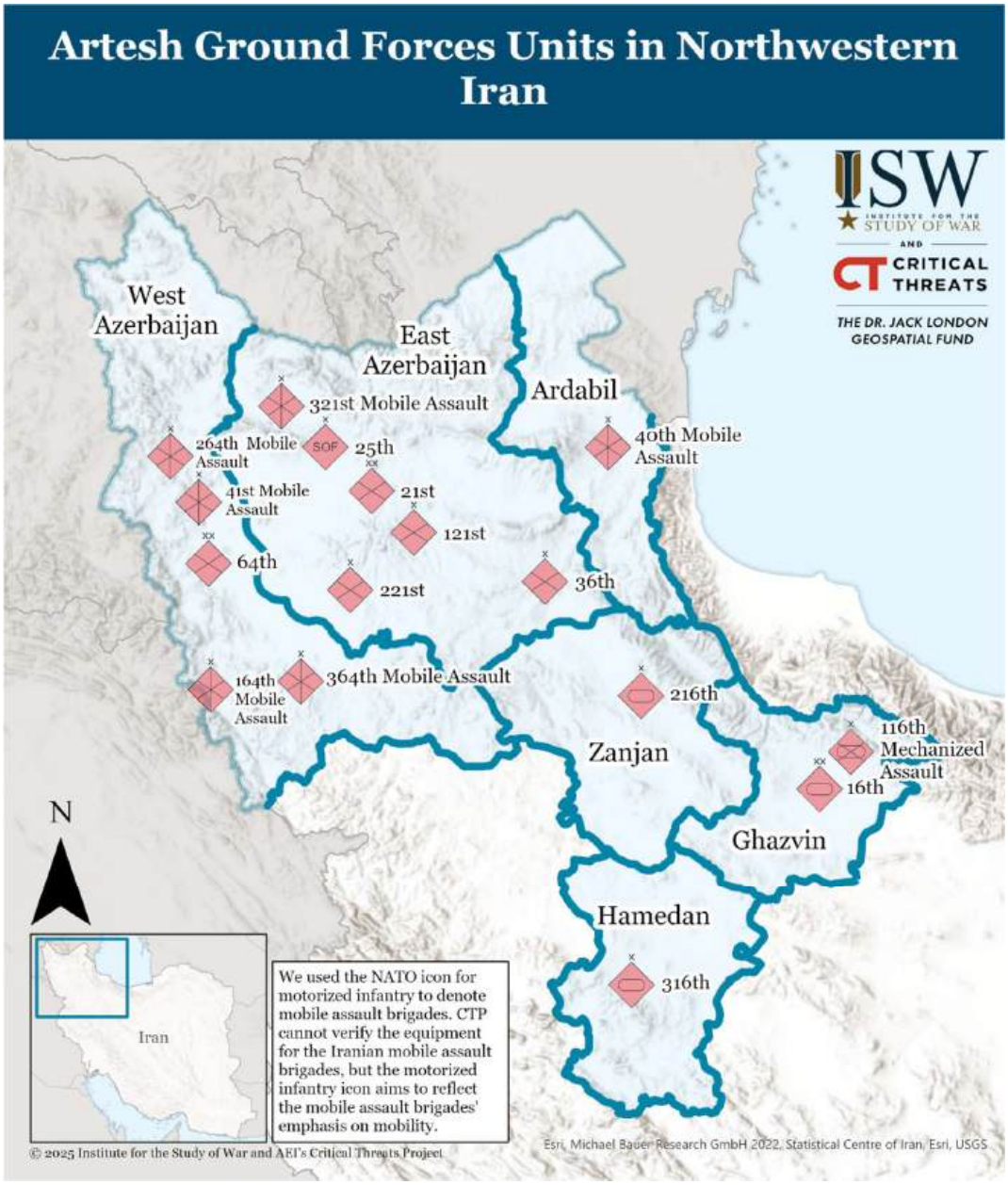
- **40th Mobile Assault Brigade (Ardabil City, Ardabil Province)[lxiii]**
  *Commander*: Brigadier General Second Class Ali Nabati (since February 2023)[lxiv]
  The 40th Mobile Assault Brigade reportedly previously operated under the 21st Infantry Division and was based in Sarab, East Azerbaijan Province.[lxv] The 40th Mobile Assault Brigade is now based in Ardabil City, Ardabil Province.[lxvi]

- **41st Mobile Assault Brigade (Ghulonji, West Azerbaijan Province)[lxvii]**
  *Commander*: Colonel Nader Gholami (since at least December 2024)[lxviii]

- **216th Armored Brigade (Zanjan City, Zanjan Province)[lxix]**
  *Commander*: Colonel Mohammad Ali Mikhki Biranvand (since December 2022)[lxx]
  The 216th Armored Brigade, which was previously the 2nd Armored Brigade, separated from the 16th Armored Division and became an independent brigade in November 2011.[lxxi]

## Other Brigades

- **36th Brigade (Miyaneh, East Azerbaijan Province)[lxxii]**
  *Commander*: Colonel Hadi Hassan Khani (since July 2025)[lxxiii]
  CTP could neither verify that the 36th Brigade is an independent brigade nor identify a division to which this brigade is subordinate to. It is possible that the 36th brigade is subordinate to a division.



## Region: West

Provinces: Ilam, Kermanshah, and Kurdistan[lxxiv]

### Regional Headquarters

**Western Regional Headquarters (Kermanshah City, Kermanshah Province)[lxxv]**
*Commander*: Brigadier General Second Class Soleiman Taheri (since May 2021)[lxxvi]

### Divisions and Brigades

**81st Armored Division (Kermanshah City, Kermanshah Province)[lxxvii]**
*Commander*: Brigadier General Second Class Jalal Salehi (since October 2022)[lxxviii]

- **181st Armored Brigade (Eslamabad-e Gharb, Kermanshah Province)[lxxix]**
  *Commander*: Brigadier General Second Class Jafar Rashno (since September 2022)[lxxx]

- **281st Armored Brigade (Bisotun, Kermanshah Province)[lxxxi]**
  *Commander*: Colonel Mehdi Mohammad Pour (since at least January 2025)[lxxxii]

- **71st Mechanized Infantry Brigade (Sarpol-e Zahab, Kermanshah Province)[lxxxiii]**
  *Commander*: Colonel Reza Yavari (since June 2025)[lxxxiv]

**28th Infantry Division (Sanandaj, Kurdistan Province)[lxxxv]**
*Commander*: Brigadier General Second Class Jaber Abad Zordashti (since December 2024)[lxxxvi]

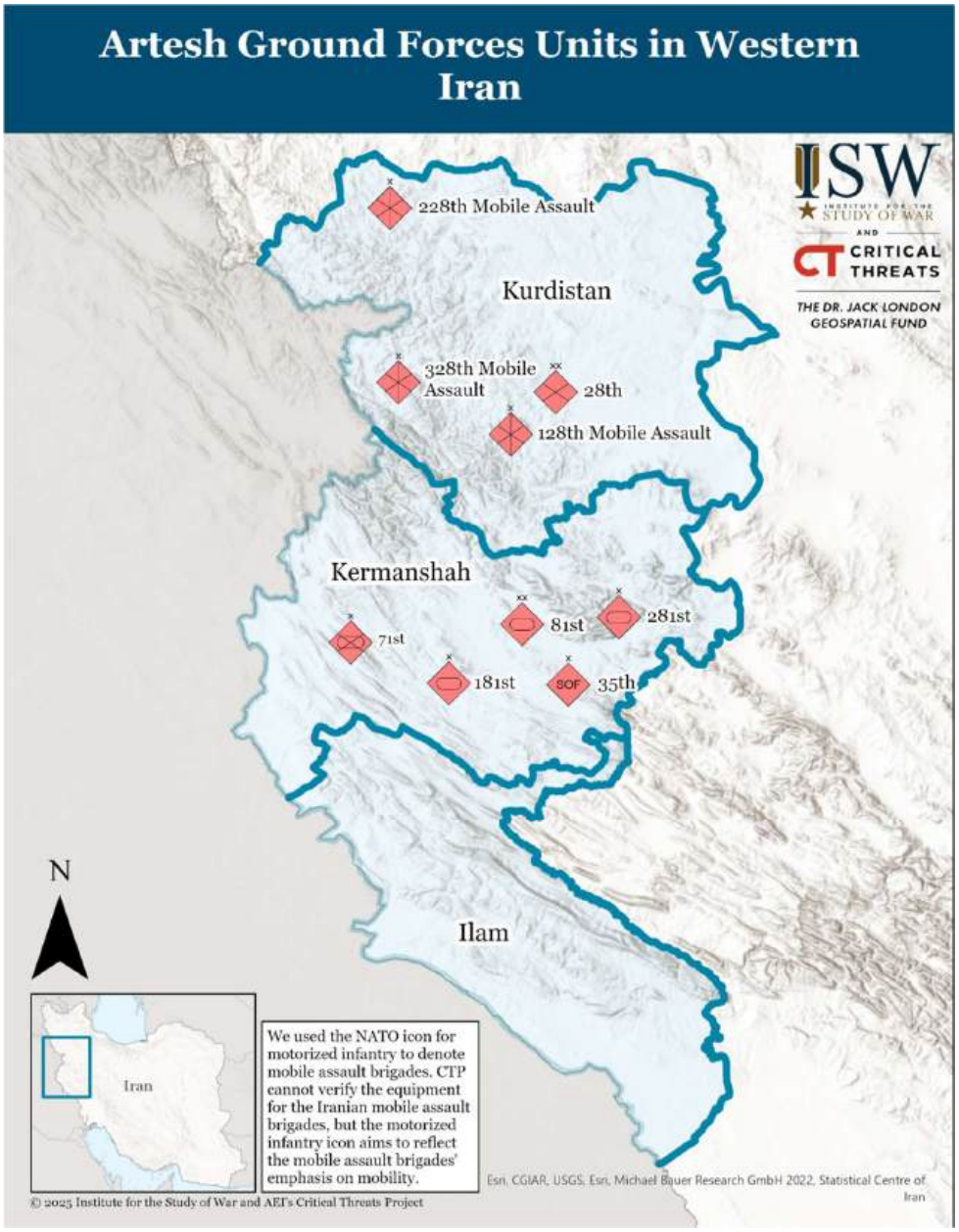
- **128th Mobile Assault Brigade (Sanandaj, Kurdistan Province)[lxxxvii]**
  *Commander*: Brigadier General Second Class Mohammad Shahbazi (since at least May 2025)[lxxxviii]

- **228th Mobile Assault Brigade (Saghez, Kurdistan Province)[lxxxix]**
  *Commander*: Colonel Habib Shekari (since January 2024)[xc]

- **328th Mobile Assault Brigade (Marivan, Kurdistan Province)[xci]**
  *Commander*: Colonel Bahman Abdoli (since at least April 2024)[xcii]

### Independent Brigades

- **35th Special Forces Brigade (Jeyran Belagh, Kermanshah Province)[xciii]**
  *Commander*: Unknown




## Region: Southwest

Provinces: Khuzestan and Lorestan[xciv]

### Regional Headquarters

**Southwestern Regional Headquarters (Ahvaz, Khuzestan Province)[xcv]**
*Commander*: Brigadier General Second Class Hossein Mohammad Shafiei (since January 2025)[xcvi]

### Divisions and Brigades

**92nd Armored Division (Ahvaz, Khuzestan Province)[xcvii]**
*Commander*: Brigadier General Second Class Mehrdad Amjadian (since January 2023)[xcviii]

- **192nd Armored Brigade (Ahvaz, Khuzestan Province)[xcix]**
  *Commander*: Colonel Mohammad Reza Panahi (since at least October 2024)[c]

- **292nd Armored Brigade (Dezful, Khuzestan Province)[ci]**
  *Commander*: Colonel Ali Zanganeh (since January 2024)[cii]

- **392nd Armored Brigade (Dasht-e Azadegan, Khuzestan Province)[ciii]**
  *Commander*: Colonel Morteza Rezvani (since at least August 2024)[civ]

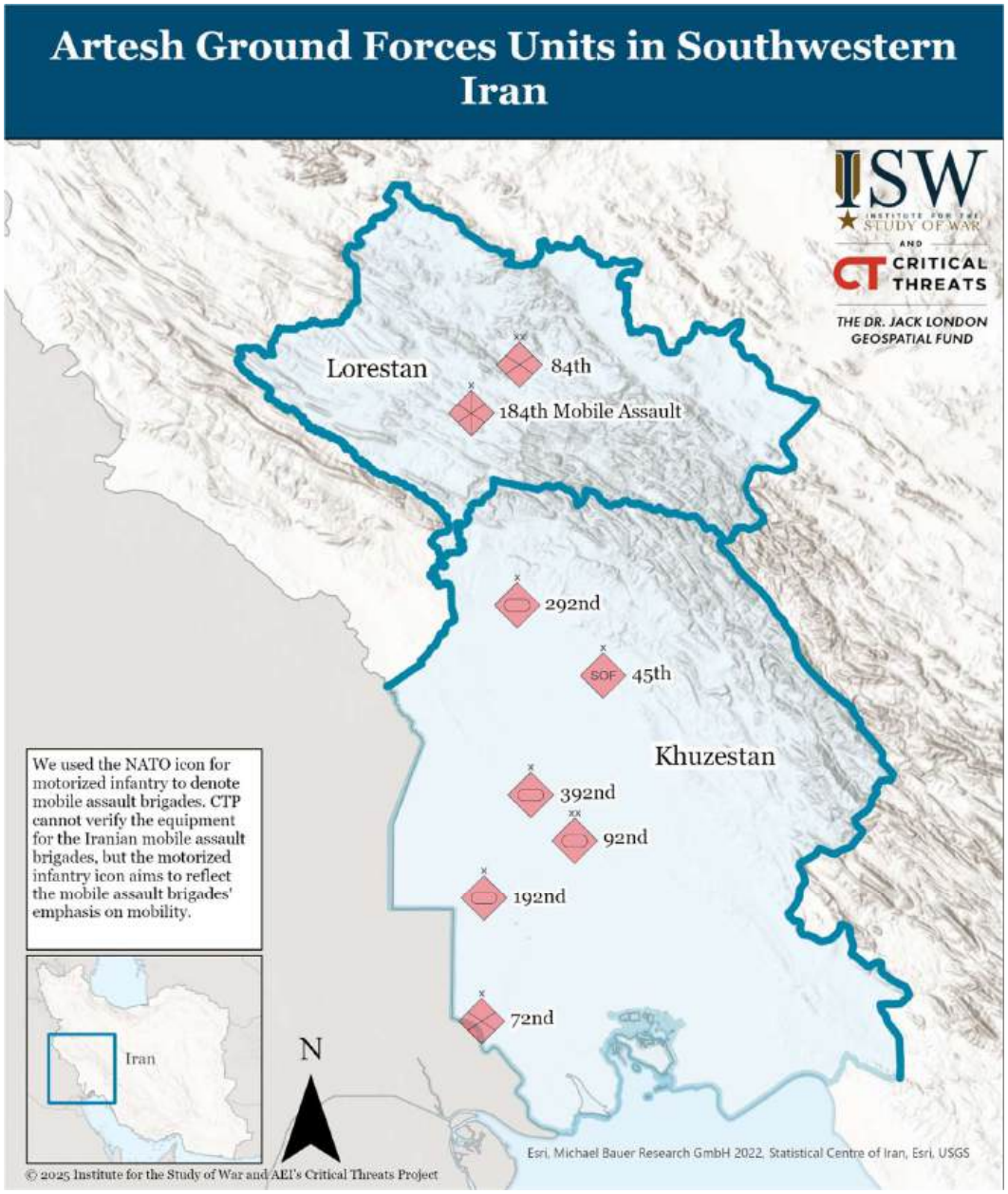
- **72nd Brigade (Khorramshahr, Khuzestan Province)[cv]**
  *Commander*: Colonel Zadmehr Bagheri (since November 2024)[cvi]

**84th Infantry Division (Khorramabad, Lorestan Province)[cvii]**
*Commander*: Brigadier General Second Class Bakhtiyar Karaminia (since August 2024)[cviii]

- **184th Mobile Assault Brigade (Khorramabad, Lorestan Province)[cix]**
  *Commander*: Brigadier General Second Class Kamran Sadeghi Kia (since February 2022)[cx]

## Independent Brigades

- **45th Special Forces Brigade (Shushtar, Khuzestan Province)[cxi]**
  *Commander*: Brigadier General Second Class Mohammad Ebrahimi (since December 2022)[cxii]




## Region: Northeast

Provinces: Golestan, Khorasan Razavi, Mazandaran, North Khorasan, Semnan, and South Khorasan[cxiii]

### Regional Headquarters

**Northeastern Regional Headquarters (Mashhad, Khorasan Razavi Province)[cxiv]**
*Commander*: Brigadier General Second Class Cyrus Amanollahi (since July 2024)[cxv]

### Divisions and Brigades

**77th Infantry Division (Mashhad, Khorasan Razavi Province)[cxvi]**
*Commander*: Brigadier General Second Class Abdol Rahman Sasanian Fard (since at least November 2023)[cxvii]

- **277th Mobile Assault Brigade (Ghuchan, Khorasan Razavi Province)[cxviii]**
  *Commander*: Brigadier General Second Class Omid Reza Zolghadr (since July 2022)[cxix]

- **377th Mobile Assault Brigade (Mashhad, Khorasan Razavi Province)[cxx]**
  *Commander*: Brigadier General Second Class Reza Jafar Zadeh (since at least December 2020)[cxxi]

- **38th Armored Brigade (Torbat-e Jam, Khorasan Razavi Province)[cxxii]**
  *Commander*: Colonel Ahmad Maleki (since February 2025)[cxxiii]

**30th Infantry Division (Birjand, South Khorasan Province)[cxxiv]**
*Commander*: Unknown

- **130th Brigade (Bojnourd, North Khorasan Province)[cxxv]**
  *Commander*: Colonel Gholam Hossein Shirdel (since May 2024)[cxxvi]

**58th Mobile Assault Division (Shahroud, Semnan Province)[cxxvii]**
*Commander*: Brigadier General Second Class Bahadar Khajehvand (since April 2024)[cxxviii]

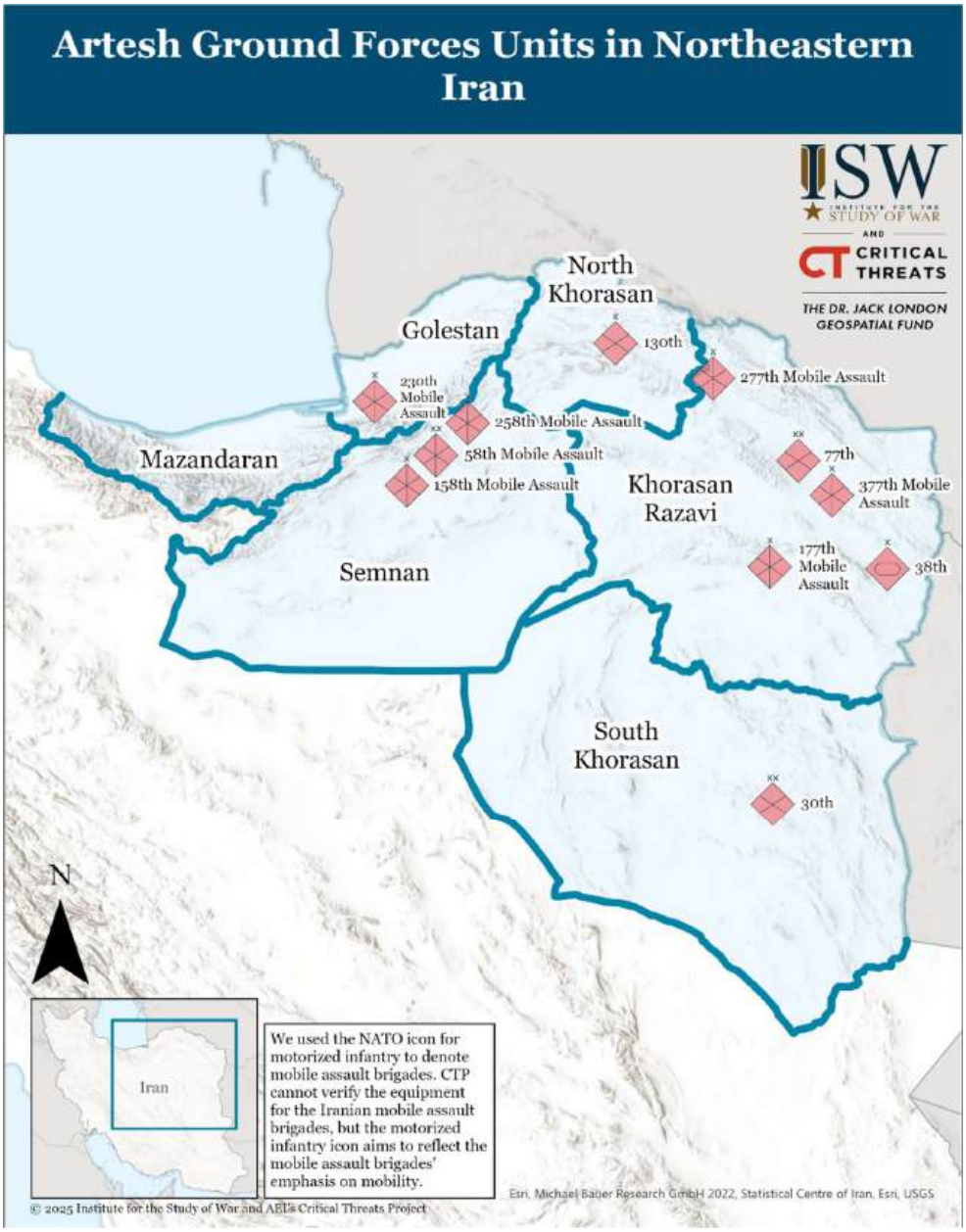
- **158th Mobile Assault Brigade (Shahroud, Semnan Province)[cxxix]**
  *Commander*: Brigadier General Second Class Sohrab Mohammadi Naseb (since March 2023)[cxxx]

- **258th Mobile Assault Brigade (Chehel Dokhtar, Semnan Province)[cxxxi]**
  *Commander*: Unknown

## Independent Brigades

- **177th Mobile Assault Brigade (Torbat-e Heydariyeh, Khorasan Razavi Province)[cxxxii]**
  *Commander:* Colonel Mohammad Reza Davoudi Kia (since August 2024)[cxxxiii]
  The 177th Mobile Assault Brigade separated from the 77th Infantry Division in 2011.[cxxxiv]

- **230th Mobile Assault Brigade (Gorgan, Golestan Province)[cxxxv]**
  *Commander*: Colonel Ali Akbar Arab (since April 2023)[cxxxvi]
  The 230th Mobile Assault Brigade separated from the 30th Infantry Division in early 2013.[cxxxvii]




## Region: Southeast

Provinces: Hormozgan, Kerman, Sistan and Baluchistan, and parts of Yazd[cxxxviii]

### Regional Headquarters

**Southeastern Regional Headquarters (Kerman City, Kerman Province)[cxxxix]**
*Commander*: Brigadier General Amir Gholam Alian (since August 2020)[cxl]

### Divisions and Brigades

**88th Armored Division (Zahedan, Sistan and Baluchistan Province)[cxli]**

*Commander*: Brigadier General Second Class Adel Heydari (since October 2023)[cxlii]

- **188th Armored Brigade (Zahedan, Sistan and Baluchistan Province)[cxliii]**
  *Commander*: Colonel Fardin Mahmoudi (since November 2024)[cxliv]

- **288th Armored Brigade (Khash, Sistan and Baluchistan Province)[cxlv]**
  *Commander*: Colonel Hossein Ali Nazari (since May 2024)[cxlvi]

- **388th Mechanized Assault Brigade (Iranshahr, Sistan and Baluchistan Province)[cxlvii]**
  *Commander*: Colonel Javad Tirandaz (since January 2025)[cxlviii]



## Southwestern Iran: Fars and Kohgiluyeh and Boyer Ahmad Provinces

The provinces of Fars and Kohgiluyeh and Boyer Ahmad in southwestern Iran do not fall under the control of any of the five Artesh Ground Forces regional headquarters. Instead, these provinces are overseen by a "senior military commander." The senior military commander for Fars and Kohgiluyeh and Boyer Ahmad provinces is Brigadier General Abol Ghassem Rezaei, who has served in the role since July 2019.[cxlix] The Artesh headquarters for Fars and Kohgiluyeh and Boyer Ahmad provinces is located in Shiraz, the capital of Fars Province.[cl] Two independent brigades are headquartered in Fars Province. There are no divisions or brigades headquartered in Kohgiluyeh and Boyer Ahmad Province.

### Independent Brigades

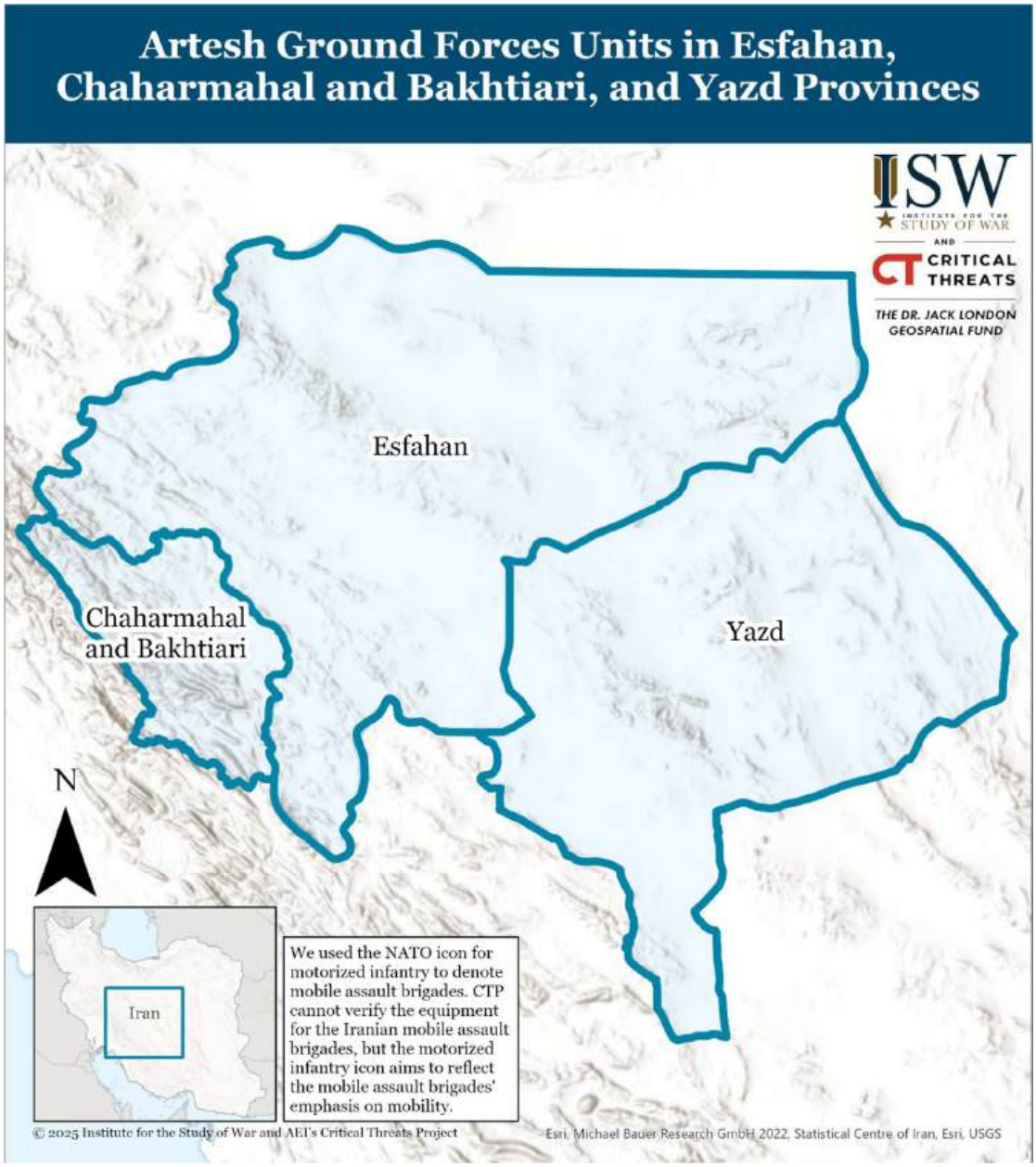
- **37th Armored Brigade (Khaneh Khamis-e Sofla, Fars Province)[cli]**
  *Commander*: Colonel Karam Ghorbani (since May 2025)[clii]

- **55th Airborne Brigade (Shiraz, Fars Province)[cliii]**
  *Commander*: Colonel Farhang Dehghani (since December 2024)[cliv]




**Central Iran: Esfahan, Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari, and Yazd Provinces**

The provinces of Esfahan and Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari, as well as parts of Yazd Province, do not fall under the control of any of the five Artesh Ground Forces regional headquarters. The senior military commander for Esfahan, Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari, and Yazd provinces is Brigadier General Second Class Mohsen Karami, who has served in the role since July 2024.[clv] There are no brigades or divisions headquartered in Esfahan, Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari, and Yazd provinces.




## Central Iran: Tehran Province

Tehran Province does not fall under the control of any of the five Artesh Ground Forces regional headquarters. One division, two subordinate brigades, and one independent brigade are headquartered in Tehran Province.

### Divisions and Brigades

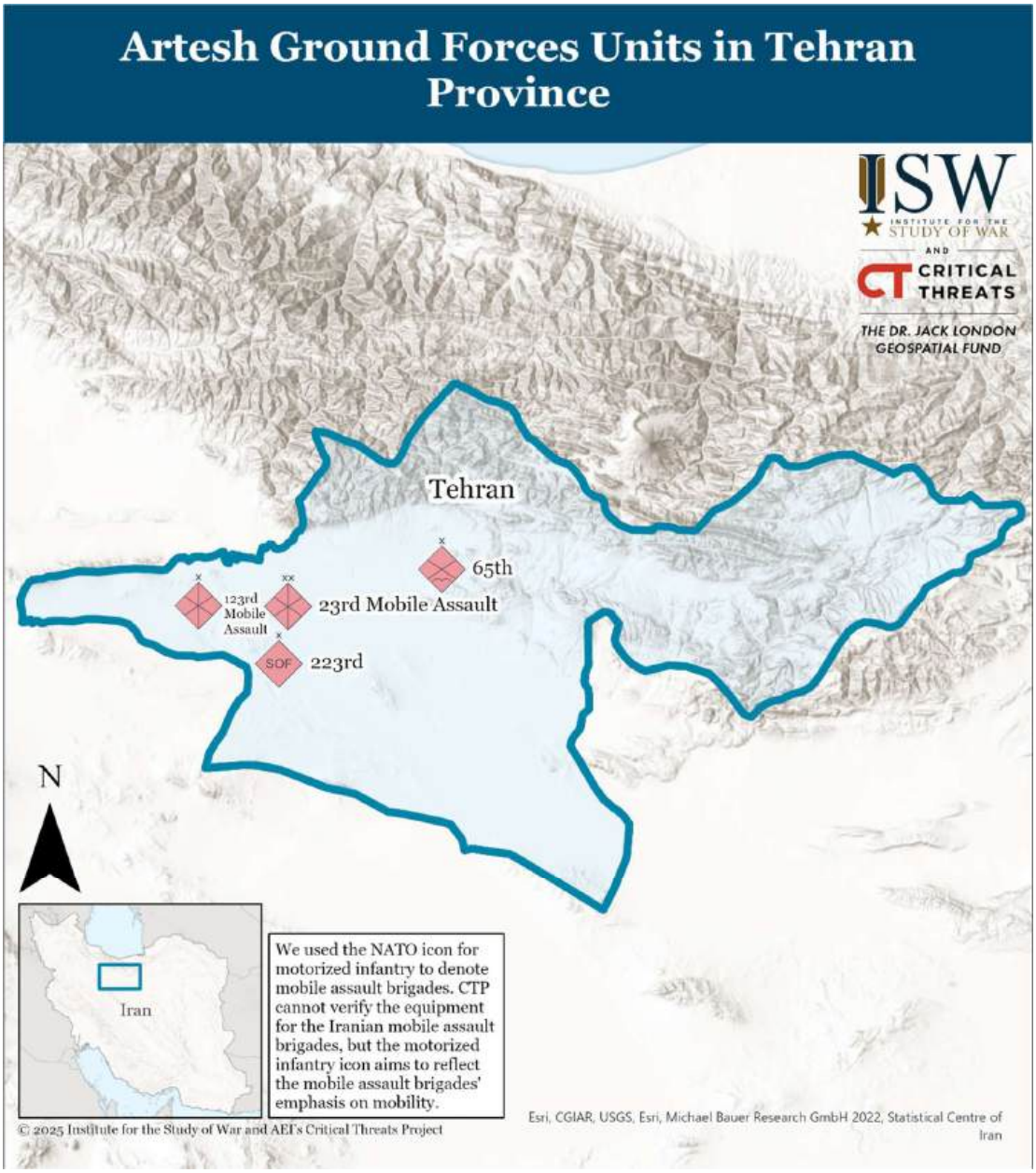
**23rd Mobile Assault Division (Robat Karim, Tehran Province)**[clvi]
*Commander*: Brigadier General Second Class Akbar Najafi (since at least March 2021)[clvii]

- **123rd Mobile Assault Brigade (Robat Karim, Tehran Province)**[clviii]
  *Commander*: Unknown

- **223rd Special Forces Brigade (Robat Karim, Tehran Province)**[clix]
  *Commander:* Brigadier General Second Class Javad Sanatgar (since April 2021)[clx]

## Independent Brigades

- **65th Airborne Special Forces Brigade (Tehran City, Tehran Province)**[clxi]
  *Commander:* Colonel Asghar Rafiei (since November 2024)[clxii]



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