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Protests and dissent are continuing in Saqez and Boker

Today the city of Saqez in protest to the massacre of Kurdish people in recent weeks closed the shops and bazaars. The security forces have occupied all the corners of the city and the arrests and torturing of people are continuing. The city of Boker also continued the protest by closing shops and bazaars.

In another development the regime's court ordered permanent closure of the Kurdish weekly magazine "Aaso" and also ordered the closing down of the weekly "Ashtee" until further notice.

The Islamic regime, in its latest tactic to tarnish the images of dissenters, has sent its elements among the protesters and instructed them to be unruly so it gives an excuse to the regime forces to use excessive force. These elements are burning banks and religious places to show that the issue is religious one not a political struggle to gain freedom and democracy for Kurdish people. This, in turn, gives the regime an excuse to suppress the demonstration even more.

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