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Iran's Hijab Police Return Despite Months of Protests

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The return of Iran's morality police suggests that months of protests after Mahsa Amini's death in custody failed to change the government's policy on compulsory hijab. A police spokesman announced that nationwide patrols would resume on 16 July, and activists shared footage they said showed renewed enforcement.



Public protests erupted over death of a woman, Mahsa Amini, in police custody after she was detained by police for inadequate veiling.

THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- Iran's enforcement spokesman officially announced that morality police patrols would restart nationwide on foot or in vehicles from 16 July.
- The Iranian state attributed Amini's death to illness, while her family and activists alleged that police had beaten and tortured her.
- Reports cited in the account put the crackdown's toll at more than 500 protesters killed and 20,000 arrested for protesting.
- The history of compulsory hijab included penalties imposed despite women's protests, with imprisonment, lashes or substantial fines available against women who did not comply.

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