



## ĀĠĀJĀRĪ

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**ĀĠĀJĀRĪ**, town in Kūzestān and district (*bakš*) in the county (*šahrestān*) of Behbahān, situated seventy-eight km to the northwest of the city of Behbahān. The name derives from that of the tribe, *Aġāč Erī*, that used to winter there. The district is bounded on the north by the Mārūn river, on the east by the Behbahān district, on the south by the Hendījān district, and on the west by the Āsyāb subdistrict (*dehestān*) of Kōrramšahr county. The town is the only populated place of the district, which owes its status as a district to its important oil wells. The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company began drilling in the area in 1305 Š./1926. Lurs, Arabs, and Turks gathered to seek employment and a hamlet came into existence. Oil was struck in 1317 Š./1938, and currently the town's population has passed 18,000. There are now forty wells in operation; the oil is transported from Āġājārī through seven pipelines to the Ābādān refinery and the ports of Karḡ and Bandar Māhšahr. The district is mountainous, extremely hot, and lacks agriculture. Azarbaijan and Qazvīn contain six other places named Āġājārī, Āqājārī, or Āqčārī, names that also derive from that of the tribe.

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