



## DEYLAM, BANDAR-E

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**DEYLAM, BANDAR-E**, a port on the Persian Gulf (30° 3' N, 50° 9' E) in the province of Būšehr at an elevation a little above 1 m. The town is situated in a coastal plain, 10 km north of the cape of Tonūb, 72 km south of [Behbahān](#) and 217 km northwest of [Būšehr](#). The climate is warm and humid. The shallow harbor is now unsafe, and larger ships cannot dock there at all.

There are few historical references to Bandar-e Deylam, which is located near the ruined medieval towns of Sīnīz and Mahrūbān (sometimes called Mahrūyān; *Hodūd al-'ālam* tr. Minorsky, pp. 127, 377-78); a Persian traveler during the reign of Moḥammad Shah Qajar (r. 1250-64/1834-48) provided the following description: "The population of Bandar-e Deylam is one hundred households. All the houses are made of stone and brick. The fort is built in the shape of a square, each side being a hundred *dar*'s long [1 *dar*'=1.04 m]. Bandar-e Deylam is where the borders of Fārs, Kūzestān, and Bakhtīārī used to meet [1994 borders]. It is a thoroughfare for Arabs and Lors" (Āl-e Dāwūd, pp. 85-86).

The ancient ruins of Mahrūbān are located 10 km from the port. They occupy an area 4.3 by 1 km and include remains of the corners and foundations of the fortifications, of three large caravansaries, and of the congregational mosque (Eqtedārī, 1348 Š./1969, pp. 3-4). Traces of the old Dutch fortress at Tonūb, with workshops and other installations, are also still visible (Eqtedārī, 1359 Š./1980, p. 751).

In 1365 Š./1986 the population of Bandar-e Deylam was 12,947 (2,247



households); the literacy rate among the 10,117 people six years old and older was 66 percent (Markaz-e āmār, p. 18). They speak Persian, and most are Twelver Shi'ites. Most of the inhabitants are engaged in dry farming, animal husbandry, hunting, forestry, and fishing. A few are employed in industry and construction or on a seasonal basis in the countries of the Persian Gulf littoral. The chief products of the region are grain and dates (see DATE PALM). Bandar-e Deylam has electricity, piped water, a telephone network, and most government services.

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