



## ILĀM

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**ILĀM**, a province, sub-province, and town in western Iran. The name “Ilām” was given to the above localities for the first time in 1936, after the breakdown of armed resistance of the Lor tribes and establishment of the authority of the central government during the Reza Shah era. The name was taken from the ancient kingdom of **Elam**, which extended from the above region to the provinces of **Ḳuzestān**, **Fārs**, **Isfahan**, and **Kermān**. Until the mid-1930s the region was known as the **Poštkuh** of **Lorestān** as opposed to the **Piškuh** of **Lorestān**, which was located in the eastern part of the region. Since the **Şafavid** era **Lorestān** had been administered under the *wālis* (governors-general), who came from the chieftains of **Lor-e Kuček** tribes (vs. **Lor-e Bozorg** or **Baḳtiāris**, q.v.; see **Afšār Sistāni**, pp. 148-73).

i. *Geography*.

ii. *History*.

iii. *Population*.