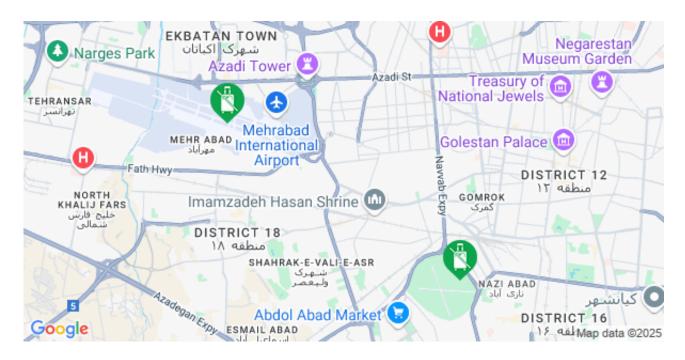


## **Travel**



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Iran Tactical: Nationwide earthquake drill slated at Tehran's Velayat Park on February 20; allot for disruptions

## **Current Situation:**

- Iranian authorities have announced a 10,000-person "earthquake maneuver" at **Tehran's Velayat Park** at unspecified hours of February 20.
- The exercise is set to include 51 simulated military rescue operations, such as airlifting hypothetical casualties.
- Around 110 organizations and agencies will participate, with Velayat Park divided into several zones to simulate field hospital setups, rubble removal, hazardous material (HAZMAT) management, and casualty evacuation.
- Iranian state-linked media indicated that the drills may lead to domestic flight delays at Tehran airports, including **Mehrabad International Airport**, roughly eight kilometers northwest of Velayat Park.
- Authorities have advised passengers to reach the airport at least 1.5 hours before their flights.

Source: **IRNA** 

## **Recommendations:**

- Those residing or operating in Tehran on February 20 are advised to allot for disruptions, including flight delays, and remain cognizant of further updates by authorities due to the slated earthquake drill.
- Expect traffic delays in the vicinity of Velayat Park due to large-scale emergency vehicle movements, including helicopters.