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GRANDE-BRETAGNE  
ET IRLANDE DU NORD,  
INDE ET PERSE

Accord relatif au retrait hors de  
Perse de « l'Indo European Tele-  
graph Department ». Signé à  
Teheran, le 17 février 1932.

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GREAT BRITAIN  
AND NORTHERN IRELAND,  
INDIA AND PERSIA

Agreement relating to the Withdra-  
wal of the Indo-European Tele-  
graph Department from Persia.  
Signed at Teheran, February 17,  
1932.

<sup>1</sup> TRADUCTION. — TRANSLATION.

No. 3181. — AGREEMENT<sup>2</sup> BETWEEN HIS MAJESTY, IN RESPECT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OF INDIA, AND HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY THE SHAH OF PERSIA, RELATING TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE INDO-EUROPEAN TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT FROM PERSIA. SIGNED AT TEHERAN, FEBRUARY 17, 1932.

*French official text communicated by His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in Great Britain. The registration of this Agreement took place May 3, 1933.*

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF GREAT BRITAIN, IRELAND AND THE BRITISH DOMINIONS BEYOND THE SEAS, EMPEROR OF INDIA, and HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY THE SHAH OF PERSIA, with a view to settling questions connected with the withdrawal of the Indo-European Telegraph Department from Persia, have resolved to conclude an agreement for this purpose, and have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries :

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF GREAT BRITAIN, IRELAND AND THE BRITISH DOMINIONS BEYOND THE SEAS, EMPEROR OF INDIA :

FOR GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND :

Reginald Hervey HOARE, Esquire, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, His Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in Persia ;

FOR INDIA :

Reginald Hervey HOARE, Esquire, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, His Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in Persia ;

HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY THE SHAH OF PERSIA :

His Highness Mohamad Ali Khan FOROUGHI, His Minister for Foreign Affairs ;

Who, having communicated their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows :

*Article 1.*

1. The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of India hand over to the Persian Government, as from the 1st March 1931, the following telegraph lines :

Tebran to Bushire.  
 Tehran to Zahidan (Duzdab).  
 Robot to Zabul (Seistan).  
 Kerman to Bandar-Abbas.  
 Bandar-Abbas to Henjam,

<sup>1</sup> Traduction du Foreign Office de Sa Majesté britannique.

<sup>1</sup> Translation of His Britannic Majesty's Foreign Office.

<sup>2</sup> The exchange of ratifications took place at Teheran, January 23, 1933.

together with all gholams' huts and telephone stations and such line stores as may at present be lying along the lines for the purpose of their maintenance.

2. The Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of India also hand over to the Persian Government all telegraph instruments, office furniture and office stores used for the purpose of working the lines.

3. It is understood that the Indo-European Telegraph Department ceases to be responsible for the maintenance of the Khuzistan line.

*Article 2.*

1. The telegraph buildings situated at the following places and belonging to the Indo-European Telegraph Department are handed over to the Persian Government as from the 1st March, 1931 :

Tehran sub-division :  
Aliabad.  
Dehabad.

Shiraz sub-division :  
Sivand.  
Dasht-i-Arjan.  
Konartakhteh.

Yezd sub-division :  
Ardakan.  
Mehdiabad.

Kerman sub-division :  
Kamalabad.  
Tahrud.  
Daulatabad.  
Pur.

Frontier sub-division :  
Fahrej.  
Shurgaz.  
Kahurak.  
Sipeh.  
Dahaneh.  
Hurmuk.  
Girdi.

2. The Indo-European Telegraph Department will be free, as from the 1st March 1931, to dispose of all other buildings in its possession, namely, the residences of the director, assistant-director, and superintendent at Tehran, the director's house at Gulhek, and the staff quarters and club in the Chahar-rah-i-Seyyid 'Ali quarter of Tehran, as well as the departmental buildings at Shiraz, Kerman and Isfahan.

*Article 3.*

The High Contracting Parties mutually agree to cancel all debts and claims existing between them in relation to telegraph matters.

*Article 4.*

1. The Persian Government will permit an agent appointed by the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of India to maintain and work until the 1st March 1945, the submarine cable offices at Bushire, Henjam, Jask and Chahbar, as well as the part of the Jask-Gwador line which is in Persian territory.

2. The Persian Government will allow instruments and stores required for the land-line, cable offices and cables to be admitted free of Customs and all other duties.

3. The above-mentioned agent will, however, be responsible for all expenses of administration and upkeep in connexion with the land-line, cable offices and cables under his control. The agent repair-ship will visit the Persian Gulf from time to time according to the needs of the cables worked

by him. During these visits the agent will do everything possible with the staff and material available to assist the Persian Government by effecting at their expense any repairs necessary to the cable portion of the Bandar-Abbas-Henjem line.

4. It is understood that the cable administration will not directly accept in Persia any telegram for any destination and will not deliver telegrams direct to the recipients. Such functions will be performed exclusively by the Persian Telegraph Administration, which will for this purpose establish telegraph stations at Henjam, Jask, Chahbar and Gwatar. The Persian administration shall be responsible for maintaining communication between their offices and the system operated by the agent.

5. The agent will transmit free of charge telegrams between the local Persian authorities, and will charge on other local communications a fixed rate of 20 gold centimes a word over the whole extent of the Bushire-Chahbar cable. He will share the proceeds of such charges equally with the Persian Government.

6. International traffic passing in either direction between the agent's system and that of the Persian Telegraph Administration shall be subject to international rates. Persia will, however, levy no charge on traffic passing between Iraq and India over the land-line and cables operated by the agent, whether such traffic originates in, is destined for, or is in transit through these countries.

*Article 5.*

The High Contracting Parties agree to engage in discussions between the 1st March 1943, and the 1st March 1945, respecting the régime to come into force on the latter date.

*Article 6.*

1. The present Agreement shall replace all existing agreements between the High Contracting Parties relating to telegraph questions, except the general International Telegraph Conventions to which the High Contracting Parties are parties.

2. The present Agreement shall be ratified and the ratifications shall be deposited at Teheran as soon as possible. It shall be considered by the High Contracting Parties as having come into force on the 1st March 1931.

In faith whereof the above-mentioned Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Agreement and have affixed thereto their seals.

Done at Tehran, in duplicate, February 17, 1932.

*For Great Britain and Northern Ireland :*

R. H. HOARE.

*For India :*

R. H. HOARE.

M. A. FOROUGHÍ.