

In many places, new homes are needed, but the only space available for building them is in the countryside. Some people believe it is more important to protect the countryside and not build new homes there.

What is your opinion about this?

~~The~~ urbanization has brought numerous challenges in its wake; More and more people are joining the main cities, leaving the governments only a few options to house those newcomers. Therefore, suburbs close to the cities might appear to be a feasible solution to the matter. I, however, would not see any benefit but the potential damage it could cause: destroying nature and creating a dense population.

Felling the trees around the countryside is one primary activity that the authorities ought to undertake in order to make room for the new estates. This very phenomenon will severely jeopardize the unspoiled nature of those areas. In fact, if this activity becomes a trend, within a decade or more, all the green areas will have vanished. A very evident case to mention here is the western countryside of Tehran wherein the city council decided to issue permits to build a vast number of apartment complexes in the region. At first, people were content with the developments, but soon after, Mother Nature took its toll and finally the experts reported that a major source of wind coming from ~~the~~ western Tehran has now been stopped, just because the skyscrapers simply blocked the wind flow. This, of course, added another origin to the ever-growing air pollution of the city.

Overpopulation is yet another shortcoming of allowing new houses to be built in the country. The more places are developed, the more citizens will move in, thereby making that region overcrowded. This will become problematic in the long run as it will eventually make the respective cities larger in size. For instance, Karaj used to be a city for years. After the emigration process of people from the other towns to the suburbs of this city Karaj, it gradually became more populous than ever before, making it a daunting task for the government to control the city. Hence, those in charge decided to ~~announce~~ recognize Karaj as a new province called Alborz.

Although building new homes in the countryside might look like a proper remedial action on the surface, it will only worsen the situation over time as it will present some demerits such as failing to protect the environment and increasing the numerical appearance of the citizens in the areas.