

**Film title**

Holy Spider

**Tagline**

**Short synopsis**

A journalist descends into the dark underbelly of the Iranian holy city of Mashhad as she investigates the serial killings of sex workers by the so called "Spider Killer", who believes he is cleansing the streets of sinners.

**Long synopsis**

At night, a serial killer in Mashhad is on the prowl, luring victims into his web. The dead are women, prostitutes. While the police ignore the crimes, Rahim, a journalist from Teheran, wanders the dark neighbourhoods of the holy city in search of the truth. Holy Spider is based on a true story, with the title of the film referring to the serial killer's nickname. In 2001, Saeed Hanaei killed sixteen prostitutes in the city of Mashhad, deeming them "impure". His trial created a lot of buzz in Iran, not only because of the horror of what happened, but also because some media and conservative elements made him out to be a hero.

**Technical information and credits**

Original title: Holy Spider  
English title: Holy Spider  
Year: 2022  
Country: Denmark, Germany, Sweden, France  
Language: per  
Subtitles: cz  
Running time: 116 min  
Dostupnost: 15+

Genre: Drama, Crime, Thriller  
Directed by: Ali Abbasi  
Written by: Ali Abbasi, Afshin Kamran Bahrami  
Edited by: Olivia Neergaard-Holm, Hayedeh Safiyari  
Cinematography: Nadim Carlsen  
Sound by: Rasmus Winther Jensen

**Awards**

Cannes IFF - Best Actress - 2022

**Actors**

Zar Amir-Ebrahimi, Mehdi Bajestani, Arash Ashtiani,  
Forouzan Jamshidnejad, Sina Parvaneh, Nima  
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