

## Balochistan Human Rights Group (BHRG) Newsletter January 2023

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### An introduction of Balochistan Human Rights Group (BHRG)

Balochistan Human Rights Group (BHRG) is an independent and non-profit human rights organization which works to provide information to fill the gaps cause by the lack of independent media in Balochistan through investigation, effective communication and gathering reliable documents.

BHRG provides relevant, verified and up-to date information regarding the human rights situation in Western Balochistan.

### Execution of 8 Baloch citizens in the prisons of the Islamic Republic of Iran

In the month of January 2023, there have been at least 8 death sentences given to Baloch Citizens, along with the following identities who have been executed in the prisons of the Republic of Iran on charges related to narcotics:

- ♦ Ahmad Bachagchi
- ♦ Mohammad Rasool Shahbaksh (Notizahi) 44 years old son of Anoshirawan
- ♦ Akhtar Mohammad
- ♦ Akbar Shahbaksh (Dadozahi) 28 years old son of Baiyan
- ♦ Mansoor Yousefzahi 22 years old son of Khan Mohamad
- ♦ Rasool Sarafzahi 50 years old son of Abdolhamid
- ♦ Abdullah(Karim) Safarzahi 34 years old son of Abdolhamid
- ♦ Habibullah Sarani 34 years old son of Mohammad



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### 10 fuel carriers (Sokhtbar) were killed or wounded



In the last 31 days from the first to the end of January 2023, at least 10 Baloch fuel carriers (Sokhtbar) were killed or injured on the road either due to direct shooting by the military forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran or to road accidents.



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| 1– Samad Tirkhoon   | 5– Abdulhamid Brichi |
| 2– Nawid Zarezadeh  | 6– Abdulmajid Brichi |
| 3– Yasin Salahzahi  | 7– Ali Ibrahim Poor  |
| 4--Amanullah Brahoi |                      |

### 2 Baloch citizen has been killed by unknown armed men

In January 2023, 2 Baloch citizens with the following identities were killed by unknown people;

- ♦ On January 10th, the body of a Baloch citizen identified as "Ahmed Shah Bakhsh, son of Isa" was discovered near Khanjak Zahedan train station, the cause of his death is still unknown.
- ♦ Khodarahm Mandouzhi (Brahui) one of the Mandouzahi tribe leader was assassinated and killed by unknown people in Zahedan.



### Killing and illegal shooting of Baloch citizens by the military forces of Islamic Republic of Iran

Mirdost Sarfarzai 40 years old from Chanp who was imprisoned in Iranshahar on drug related charges, died suspiciously in the prison before being released on bail on January 23rd, 2023.





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### Killing and illegal shooting of Baloch citizens by the military forces of Islamic Republic of Iran.

At least 4 Baloch citizens, with the following identities, have lost their lives due to illegal and direct shootings by the military forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in the month of January 2023.

1. Wahid Sheerdelzahi 28 years old son of Jommaa
2. Arsalan Shahnawazi 35 years old son of Sulaiman
3. Hamid Kahrazahi 30 years old son Husain
4. Hasan Safari(Mengal)

### Illegal arrests of dozens of protesting Baloch citizens and forced confessions under torture

During the ongoing protests, a large number of Baloch protesters have been illegally arrested by the security and intelligence forces of the regime. In detention under severe torture, they have been forced to give false confessions. And finally, they have been convicted in unfair courts without the right to have an optional lawyer.

So far the details of 93 Baloch citizens arrested, including 15 teenagers under the age of 18, have been determined in January (attached table). A large number of them have been forced to make false confessions under severe torture, and a death sentence has been issued for one person with the following specifications;

At least 4 illegal detainees with the following identities (including two brothers) have been forced to confess under severe torture in the detention center:

1. Yasin Kebdani, son of Gholam Ali, detained on January 3.
2. Mahmoud Darwish, 22 years old, son of Hamid Reza, arrested on January 3.
3. Elias Kohkan, 19-year-old son of Hamidreza, arrested on January 3.

Benyamin Kohkan, 16 years old, son of Hamid Reza

