



Balochistan Human Rights Group

Annual Report
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I. Introduction

✓ An introduction of Balochistan Human Rights Group (BHRG)

Balochistan Human Rights Group (BHRG) is an independent and non-profit human rights Non Governmental Organization (NGO), that works on providing 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.

The current protest movement by people of Iran with the slogan of "Women, Life, Freedom" started almost in all cities of Iran 6 months ago.

Balochistan where the anger of Baloch people of the rape of a fifteen years old Baloch girl by the police commander in Chabahar city who enjoys impunity, continued in different cities and Zahedan the capital of Balochistan has been the scene of protests and bloody clashes on Friday 8th of Mehr 1401 (30th September 2022).

Along with nationwide uprising of the people of Iran, Zahidan protest started after the Friday prayer near the mosque of Eidgah, a place affiliated to the Makki Mosque of Zahedan with the famous slogan of; "**Women, Life, Freedom**".

II. Overview of the human rights situation in Balochistan

✓ Iranian regime pursues internally the execution of Baloch citizens

The Iranian Regime with the presidency of Ibrahim Raisi has accelerated the execution of Baloch citizens in Balochistan. The authorities of regime in Iran continue to commit wide spread and systematic human rights violations against the Baloch nation in Iran, from confiscating forcefully their properties, to chasing them to death and executing them without any trial or through unfair show trials. The Iranian regime continues to use the death penalty as a tool to intimidate and eliminate its dissidents. The present president of the regime, Ibrahim Raisi is responsible for the massacre of political prisoners in 1988 and crimes against humanity. He has defended himself proudly regarding these heinous acts and was rewarded for defending people's right and security.

According to statistics compiled by the Balochistan Human Rights Group, the Iranian regime has **executed more than 172 Baloch citizens** in different prisons,

The actual number of executions could be much higher as the regime carries out many of such executions secretly and out of the public eye.

There is incontestable evidence that many of victims are tortured in order to extract false confessions. As most of Baloch citizens are executed for drug-related offenses, this is an easy excuse for the regime to label the Baloch dissidents as criminals and drug traffickers. There are still many Baloch citizens who are imprisoned in Iranian jails and might be executed under various pretexts therefore, Balochistan Human Rights Group calls on international human rights bodies and European countries to take immediate action to save their lives and include this issue in their agendas before doing any sort of negotiations with the Iranian regime.

✓ **Baloch citizens being killed by armed forces with unknown identities**

The Revolutionary Guards distributed firearms to the ununiformed personnel in Balochistan, posing a serious challenge to the security in Balochistan, as these seemingly unofficial forces of the Revolutionary Guards starts shooting with firearms and carrying out armed looting of ordinary Baloch citizens. **At least 141 people** has been killed by these ununiformed personnel in Balochistan as well as **226 times illegal and direct shooting** has happened by unknown or the Revolutionary Guards which 185 people killed and 28 persons injured.

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

During this year which is the ongoing protests included, a large number of Baloch protesters have been illegally arrested by the security and intelligence forces of the regime. In detention under severe torture treatment they have been forced to give false confession.

305 Baloch citizens arrested, including 37 teenagers and children under the age of 18, have been determined.

✓ **Drowning of Baloch children in 'hootag' and rivers because of lack of entertainment facilities**

The lack of suitable and sufficient entertainment facilities for children in Balochistan has caused them to use rivers or hootags to play or swim, which has caused many children to drown every year, so that during the year, 35 persons have lost their lives.

✓ **Baloch fuel transporter/carrier(Sokhtbar) losing their lives to earn a decent living**

Fuel transporters are some of the less privileged people living in border areas in Balochistan. Unemployment and poverty have forced the Baloch citizens of these areas to take up dangerous jobs such as cross border fuel transporting. Among these one can find people of all ages and walks of life. From children as young as 12 years old to 70 years old, from university students to highly qualified persons. They are constantly subjected to face direct and indiscriminate firings from Iranian security forces, accidents of their vehicles or catching fire of their cars and losing their lives on the route to find a piece of bread to feed their families and to survive. Incidents such as the overturning of cars chased by

security forces have increased drastically as such countless Baloch citizen's bodies turning to ashes in burning vehicles.

As such the situation continues to deteriorate and the Baloch continue to lose their lives for a piece of bread. According to reports compiled by Balochistan Human Rights Group for 1401, there have been more around 155 deadly incidents involving Baloch fuel transporters which resulted in death and injuries of total 180 Baloch citizens.(140 dead and 40 injured)

✓ **Demolition of Baloch people's houses by the state authorities in order to change the population structure of Balochistan and seizing land**

During the year 1401 (Shamsi), the destruction of the homes of Baloch citizens by governmental authorities and administrations has taken place in at least three stages as follows:

- On 11/09/1401 in Jihadabad in Zahedan, the IRGC forces destroyed several residential units.
- On 29/09/1401, In the city of Chabahar the employees of Housing authorities (Bonyad Maskan) destroyed a residential unit with the cooperation of IRGC and Basij forces.
- On 09/10/1401, 2022 in Chabahar behind Iran Khodro Company, IRGC and Basij forces, while beating the residents, destroyed their shelters.

✓ **Torture and death of Baloch prisoners in different prisons**

Iran's prisons do not have the standard infrastructure to protect the lives of prisoners. Due to severe torture of prisoners and failure to attend to the medical needs of prisoners and even deliberate killing of prisoners, in the first 6 months of the current year, 9 Baloch citizens have died in Iranian prisons

BHRG appeal to international human right organizations, democratic countries is to put pressures on the Iranian Islamic regime to stop unlawful arrests and killing.

BHRG appeal to United Nation, international communities and human rights organizations to act against the violation of Baloch People human rights.