

Balochistan Human Rights Group (BHRG) Newsletter February 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 6 Baloch citizens in the prisons of the Islamic Republic of Iran

In February of this year, at least 6 Baloch citizens with the following identities were executed on charges related to drugs in the prisons of the Republic of Iran, which has brought the number of people to 15 in the first two months of this year.

- On February 20, two Baluch brothers, sons of Seyyed Mohammad from Saleh Abad city, were executed in Torbat Jam prison with the following details :
 - Alireza Mohammadpour (Shahuzahi), 28 years old
 - Safar Mohammadpour (Shahuzahi), 31 years old
- 44-year-old Dawood Rokjan from Zahedan, who was executed on February 21st in Birjand prison.
- On February 26, the death sentence of Abdul Hamid Shah Bakhsh (Faqr Zahi), son of Bahauddin from Zahedan, was executed in Birjand prison.
- On February 27, two Baloch prisoners were executed in Zahedan prison with the following identities:
 - Hadi Arbabi son of Ahmed
 - Mohammad Ishaq Gorgij, son of khodar Rahm



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Killed and injured at least 9 fuel carriers



In the month of February this year, at least 9 people from Baloch fuel carriers were killed or wounded on the road, either due to a shooting by the military forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran or due to a road accident. Identity of 3 of them has been recognized as follow :

- Abdul Rahim Arbab, son of Syed from Golshan, died on February 2nd, due to a car accident and car fire on the Kalegan-Golshan road.
- On February 19, Nursaeed Balochi, son of Saeed, suffered severe burns due to a car overturning and catching fire in Keshari area of Rask city, and died two days later on February 21st.
- On the 26th of February, Abdul Ghafar Aramesh, son of Ibrahim, died in a traffic accident in Sarbaz city.

⇒ In addition, on February 7, as a result of IRGC forces shooting at the vehicles of fuel carriers in Inranshahr city, according to reports, at least 5 fuel carriers were burned and died, and the Balochistan Human Rights Group has not been able to identify them yet.

⇒ On February 12, 5 other fuel carriers were also burnt due to the shooting of military and Basiji forces, and so far no reports of possible casualties have been received by this group.

The killing of 3 Baloch citizens by unknown people

In the second month of this year, 3 Baloch citizens with the following identities were killed by unknown people:

- ◆ Shahab Badpa, son of Shawsawar from Soran, was killed by unknown gunmen in front of his house.
- ◆ On February 14th, the lifeless body of 28-year-old Moaz Zare from Negor city of Dashtiari district, was found in the fields around this city. He was shot in the back of the neck.
- ◆ On February 20, Basit Balochahi, son of Musa, was killed by unknown people in Mehrestan.



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Death of a Baloch citizen in prison

On February 14, Parviz Safari, son of Badal from Zahedan, died in Kerman prison due to blows to the head. The condition of the mentioned person, who was a dialysis patient, worsened on February 2nd, but instead of sending him to the hospital, the prison officials beat him, and due to the blows to his head, he fell into a coma and died 12 days later on February 14th.

Destruction of homes and shelters of Baloch citizens

In February 2023, the Islamic Republic continued to destroy the homes and shelters of Baloch citizens, creating terror, so that::

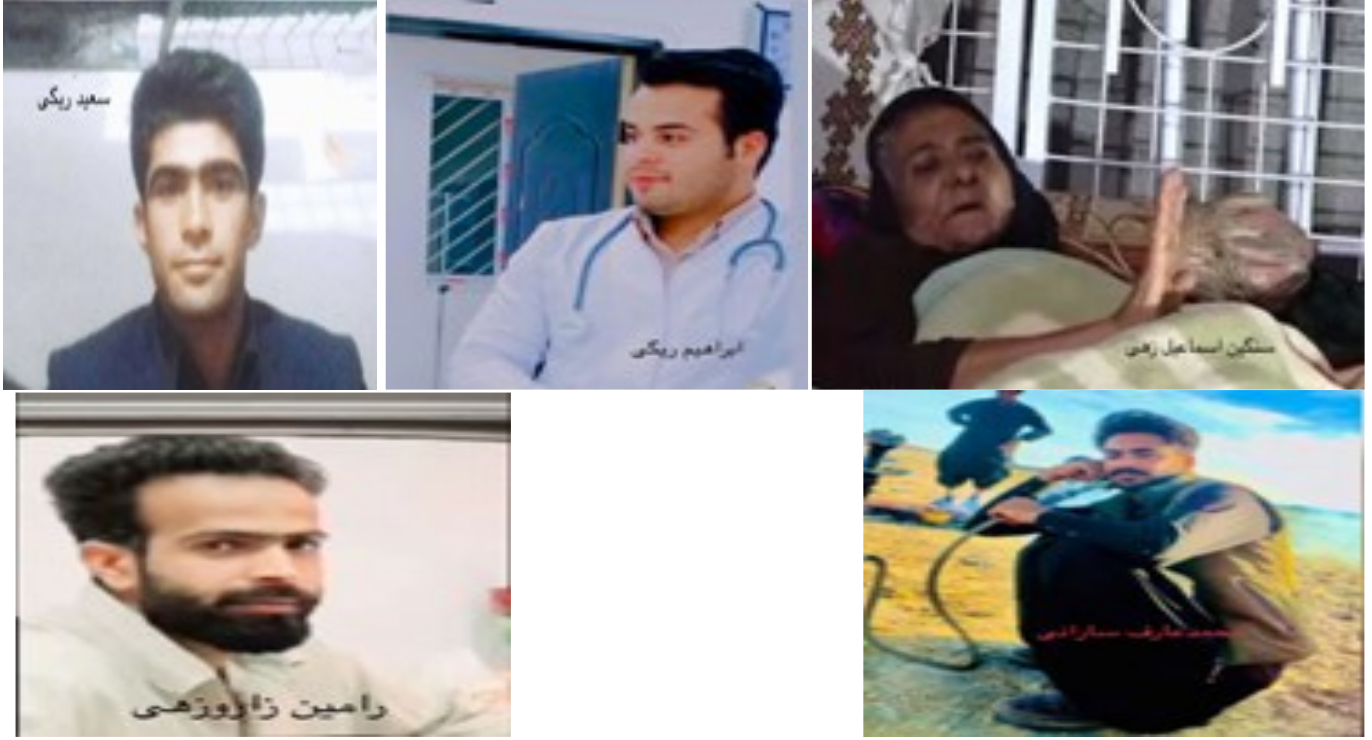
- On February 20, while destroying the houses of the citizens in Manzel Ab Zahedan area, the military forces arrested a number of young protestors, whose identities have not been determined so far.
- On February 28, in the area behind Juma Bazaar in Chabahar, IRGC forces destroyed the shelters of residents while shooting and beating women and children.

Killing and wounding of 9 Baloch citizens as a result of indiscriminate shooting or torture by military forces

In February of this year, a large number of Baloch citizens were killed or wounded due to the indiscriminate shootings of the military forces:

- 25-year-old Mohammad Arif Sarani from Hirmand was killed by a direct shot on February 7 after being arrested by the military forces.
- On February 12, Ramin Zarouzehi from Zahedan was killed by the police forces of this city.
- On February 13, three Baloch citizens with the following identities were shot by military agents in the city of Iranshahr, one of them was killed and two others were injured:
 - Khaled Jamshid Zahi son of Muhammad was killed
 - Reza Azarkish, son of Ibrahim and Mehran Zain al-Dini, son of Abdullah, a student of Iranshahr Azad University, were injured.
- 24 year-old Farshid Dejand from Seb and Soran city, who was injured on September 25 last year due to the shooting of the intelligence department of this city, died on February 18 after several months of injuries.
- Mrs. Sangin (Zarbibi) Ismail Zahi, 60 years old, from Zahedan, who had her spinal cord severed in front of her home in the Shirabad area of Zahedan on Bloody Friday in Zahedan, died on February 20 after several months of injuries.
- Dr. Ebrahim Rigi, a Baloch doctor who was previously arrested and released on bail for providing medical aid to the injured protestors of Bloody Friday in Zahedan, was arrested again on February 22 and died due to torture in Zahedan Police Station 12.
- On February 28, Saeed Rigi (Mohammed Zahi), one of the injured people of Zahedan's Bloody Friday, died on the way while he was leaving the province for the sixth surgery.

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Extra-legal arrests of at least 15 Baloch citizens

In February of this year, the extra-legal arrests of Baloch citizens by the military and security forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran continued, and a large number of these citizens were even violently arrested and tortured. The Balochistan Human Rights Group has managed to identify the identities of 15 of the arrested Baloch people as follows, of which 2 have been released later :

- Ali Bamari was wounded and then arrested in Dalgan city on February 2nd after being chased and shot by military agents.
- On February 3, 21-year-old Ali Akbar Shahouzahe, son of Habib and a native of Zahedan, was arrested by plainclothes forces while returning from Zahedan mosque.
- Mrs. Kobra Hooti from Qasrqand and resident of Iranshahr was arrested on February 8th following the raid of IRGC intelligence forces on her house on charges of activities in cyber space, disturbing public opinion and acting against national security, and was released on bail on February 16th
- On February 15, 5 Baloch citizens, including three teachers of Makki Mosque, were arrested with the following details:
 - Two brothers with the profile of Reza Rakhshani and Abdul Rauf Rakhshani, both of whom are teachers of Makkah Mosque.
 - Abdul Salam Shohli Bor, another teacher of Makkah mosque, who was released after several hours of interrogation.
 - Behnam Safarzai (Noorzahi)
 - Hamid (Ahmed) Naroi, son of Lashkaran from Zahedan
 - Ismail Kharkohi

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- On February 16, another religious cleric named Bismillah Khogyani from Zahedan, who is the imam of the Siddiqi Mosque in the Karimabad district of Zahedan and who does not have a birth certificate and identity documents, was arrested by IRGC intelligence forces.
- On February 17, four Baloch youths, including two brothers with the following identities, were arrested on the street while returning home from Friday prayers:
 - Ismail Rigi, 17 years old, son of Parviz
 - Omid Kahrazhi, 19 years old, son of Abdul Hamid
 - Two brothers identified as 20-year-old Yahya Rigi and 22-year-old Farhad Rigi, both children of Abdul Rahman
- On February 24, Yaser Mingal (Salarzahi), the son of Abdul Sattar, was also on his way back after performing Friday prayers, as well as a member of Makki Mosque's security, named Morteza Azarnoosh (Alizahi), who prevented the military forces from entering the Friday prayer area. He was violently arrested by the security forces in Zahedan tolid Street.

