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Introduction to BHRG

Balochistan Human Rights Group (BHRG) is a non-

profit, independent, and non-partisan human rights organization that operates with the aim of raising awareness and bridging data and reliable fact gaps resulting from the lack of effective access to Balochistan.Leveraging strong research tools, credible documents, and effective communication methods with human rights activists and victims inside Iran and Balochistan, the BHRG provides verified and up-to-date information about the human rights situation in Western Balochistan with the goal of effecting change and improving the conditions in the region

• Executions:

In the months of May and June 2023, a minimum of 44 Balochcitizenswereexecuted in fourteen prisons across the country, facing charges of murder, drugtrafficking, and insurgency, involving clashes withlawenforcement. This brings the total number of executions in the first half of thisyear to at least 75 individuals. Despite the IslamicRepublic's abolishment of the death penalty for certain drug-related offenses, Balochcitizensremain exceptions, facing death sentences that are still being issued and conducted against them.

• Fuel Carriers:

During the months of May and June 2023, a minimum of 46 Baloch fuel carriers were killed or injured. Additionally, one fuel carrier was subjected to physical assault by security forces.

• Casualties among Baloch Civilians by Unidentified Armed Individuals:

During the months of May and June 2023, at least 27 Baloch civilians were killed or injured by unidentified armed individuals. Balochistan human rights observers assess these killings of Baloch civilians by unidentified armed individuals as part of the regime's policies aimed at securing Balochistan and instilling fear and terror among the Baloch people.

• Arrests:

During the months of May and June 2023, at least 49 Baloch civilians were detained by security and military forces. Widespread arrests in Balochistan during this period aimed at instilling fear and terror among Baloch citizens and suppressing popular protests. The number of detentions is believed to be significantly higher, and in many cases, families of detainees have been threatened by security authorities, preventing them from disclosing information about the detained individuals.

Casualties among Baloch Civilians due to Extrajudicial Shootings by Iranian Military and Security Forces:

During the months of May and June 2023, at least 22 Baloch civilians were killed or injured as a result of extrajudicial shootings by Iranian military and security forces. Balochistan has effectively turned into a site of massacres committed by the military and security forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Even traffic police officers, whose sole responsibility should be enforcing traffic regulations and transportation, do not refrain from firing upon Baloch people.

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• Instilling Fear and Terror:

- 1. On May 4th, the IRGC and Mersad forces opened fire on residential areas in Chah Jamal, Iranshahr.
- 2. On May 23rd, military forces carried out shootings in Chah Jamal, Iranshahr.
- 3. On June 12th, Baloch street vendors were beaten by military forces at Milak-Zahedan border terminal.
- 4. On June 13th, traders protesting at Chabahar municipality were threatened by the mayor and security forces.
- 5. On June 13th, security forces shot at a passenger bus on the Zahedan-Zarabad highway without any prior warning.

6. On June 16th, military helicopters flew over Zahedan, and a significant presence of military and security personnel, especially around Makki Mosque and Mosalla, was observed.

7. On June 16th, military and security forces raided the seminary in Rask, aiming to detain Mullah Fathi Mohammad Naqshbandi and other citizens, including several clerics. The forces also attacked protesting people in Kash and Iranshahr.

8. On June 27th, military and security forces stormed the homes of Abdulnasir Shahbakhsh and Osama Shahbakhsh, detained citizens, and subjected Osama Shahbakhsh's mother and sister to physical assault and threats

• Destruction of Baloch Citizen's Homes and Shelters:

1. On May 1st, military forces and the Housing Foundation stormed the marginalized area of Morad Abad Komb in Chabahar, demolishing people's homes and injuring residents, including women and children. One resident's condition was reported to be critical.

2. On May 21st, military forces demolished the home of a laborer and opened fire, injuring several locals in Minab

• Internet Disruptions:

During the months of May and June, especially on Fridays, there have been severe disruptions to the internet in Balochistan with the aim of preventing the free flow of information related to the protests of the Baloch people.