

The prominent role of Baloch women in the social and political transformations of Balochistan society

Baloch women, constituting half of the Baloch nation, are the most oppressed segment in the patriarchal society of Balochistan. Consequently, their organized struggles against discrimination is of pivotal factors, shaping the social dynamics of the "kept backward province of Balochistan" in the present era. The impactful endeavours of courageous Baloch women, particularly those from eastern Balochistan in Pakistan, marked a significant milestone a decade ago with the leadership of the late Ms. **Karima Baloch**, who became the first female Secretary-General of the "Baloch Students Organization." Her competence in this position was unanimously endorsed by all Baloch male and female students.



The activities of Ms. **Fariba Baloch** fearlessly exposing the oppression through social media, and



from western Balochistan in Iran, by of Baloch men on Baloch women delivering speeches in Europe; notably at the outset of the "Jina(Mahsa) Movement" in Berlin, Germany, where over 120,000 people gathered, has been equally bold. Her outspoken stance and support for the freedom of all political prisoners in the "Woman, Life, Freedom" movement, against the freedom of her own son and brother in exchange for abstaining from the struggle against the women oppressive Islamic Republic, serve as another living example of the profound impact these courageous women have on the Baloch society.

Presently, a young woman named **Dr. Mahrang Baloch** protest movements of Baloch women, including mothers, are seeking justice and release of thousands of enforced disappeared Baloch for years. She successfully organized a 1500-kilometers march from the city of Turbat in Eastern Balochistan to Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan. Dr Mahrang undoubtedly is an influential contributor to the social transformations in the history of Balochistan.



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Therefore, it is crucial for the success of civil and peaceful struggles that courageous and pioneering men and women play complementary roles in shaping societal transformations.

The key to success lies in unity and organized activism.

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