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√ An introduction of Balochistan Human Rights Group (BHRG)

Balochistan Human Rights Group (BHRG) is independent and non-profit human rights None 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.

✓ Execution

May 8, 2024: Abdullah Uzbagzehi and Khalilullah Barahui were executed in Kahnuj prison on drug-related verdicts. Their families were not informed of their executions.

May 11, 2024: Saman Malekzehi, 28, was executed in Bam Prison on drug-related verdict, despite his family complying with demands to revoke the sentence.

In 2023, 184 Baloch prisoners were executed, highlighting a grim statistic in Iran's judicial system.

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√ Fuel carriers

May 28, 2024: IRGC forces attacked Baloch fuel carriers in Saravan, killing at least four and injuring four others.

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In 2023, 321 fuel carriers were killed or injured due to various causes, including direct shootings.

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√ Violence and Shootings

May 5, 2024: Taha Zabdezahi (Shahnavazi), 17, was fatally shot by Pakistani border forces in Rootak, Mirjaveh County. This incident contributes to a worrying trend; in 2023, at least 120 Baloch citizens were killed or injured by military forces, including 9 children and 3 women in Balochistan.

May 12-13, 2024: Multiple shootings occurred:

- Saeed Sohrabi was killed by intelligence forces in Ziri village, Kahnuj County.
- Unidentified individuals in a Peugeot Pars car were fired upon in Saravan, resulting in one fatality and severe injuries to two children and a woman.
- In Kando village, Hirmand County, Mohammad and Gholam Sarani were killed by border police and Nabi Sarani and a bystander were injured.

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✓ Baloch Children's Deaths in 'Hotak' Tragedies

May 3, 2024: Nauman Bashkar, 8 years old, drowned in a reservoir (Hotak) in Dour village, in Dashtiyari district. Locals' efforts to save him were in vain.

May 5, 2024: Salman Jam Khanb, 8 years old, drowned in a Hotak in Tang area, in Qasr-e-Qand district. These incidents underscore the perilous conditions of local water reservoirs and the lack of proper safety measures. In 2023, at least 12 Baloch children drowned in such reservoirs within a 30-day period.

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✓ Assassinations and Attacks

May 7, 2024:

- Firouz Naroni, approximately 40 years old, was assassinated by unidentified gunmen in Dalbandin, Pakistan.
- Bilal Nasravi, 29 years old, a Baloch singer, was fatally stabbed in Zahedan. Known for his patriotic poetry, Nasravi's death underscores the dangers faced by vocal advocates for Baloch rights.

In 2023, at least 192 Baloch citizens were targeted in armed attacks, resulting in 150 deaths and 42 injuries.

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√ Recognition and Advocacy

May 31, 2024: Sammi Deen Baloch received the 2024 Front Line Defenders Award from the EU for her advocacy in East Balochistan, particularly for raising awareness about enforced disappearances.

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✓ Healthcare Challenges

May 30, 2024: Mukhtar Balochzehi, a 22-year-old activist, died due to inadequate treatment for Thalassemia, highlighting the dire state of healthcare in Sistan and Balochistan. Balochistan has the highest rate of Thalassemia patients, but the province suffers from high rates of blood-related disorders due to inadequate medical facilities and family inter- marriages.

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✓ Summary

The recurring tragedies and human rights violations in Balochistan, ranging from child drownings and violent attacks to executions and inadequate healthcare, underline a critical need for systemic changes and international attention. The stories of individuals like Sammi Deen Baloch exemplify the ongoing struggle for justice and human rights in this region.