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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 of Baloch Prisoners

On the morning of Wednesday, June 26, 2024, Naser Rahimi (Rakhshani), a 32-year-old Baloch prisoner from Zahedan, was executed in Qaen Prison, South Khorasan Province. Arrested in 2021 on drug-related charges, Rahimi was sentenced to death and executed without a final visit with his family. In 2023, at least 184 Baloch prisoners were executed across 26 cities in Iran, with Zahedan and Birjand prisons recording the highest numbers at 54 and 31 respectively. The inhumanity of these executions is starkly highlighted by the lack of family notifications and final visits.

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# ✓ Arrest of Abdulrauf Barania former political prisoner

On Friday, June 14, 2024, Abdulrauf Barani, a former political prisoner, was arrested in Iranshahr along with seven others by military forces without a judicial warrant. Abdulrauf, 34, married with two children, was detained and transferred to the Zahedan Intelligence Detention Center. While four of his companions were released, the reasons for their arrest remain unknown. Abdulrauf had previously been arrested in 2020 on political charges and was released a few months later.

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#### √ Landmine Fatalities in Saravan

On Friday, June 21, 2024, Mehr Bibi Siyahani, a 70-year-old Baloch nomad woman, died after stepping on a landmine planted by the IRGC near her home in PetkokiKelgan, Saravan. This incident follows a similar tragedy 20 days earlier, where a Baloch teenager died in the same area. The IRGC's landmine planting in nomadic border areas has repeatedly resulted in death and injury, underscoring the urgent need for addressing this issue.

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#### ✓ Increased Pressure on Sunni Clerics

The Islamic Republic of Iran has intensified its pressure on Sunni clerics. On Wednesday, June 19, 2024, Moulavi AbdolhakimSeydzahed was interrogated by Saravan's IRGC intelligence for urging Sunni Muslims to boycott the presidential elections. Additionally, four teachers from the Ahnāf seminary in Khaf were arrested on June 12, 2024, and Moulavi Abdol-Ahad Parsa was dismissed and banned from preaching. These measures highlight the ongoing suppression of Sunni voices advocating for justice and inclusion.

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#### √ Home Demolitions in Zahedan

On Wednesday, June 19, 2024, officials from District Four Municipality in Zahedan destroyed the home of Behzad Ashofteh, a laborer with five young children, due to his failure to pay a bribe. The demolition caused physical harm to Behzad's brother and a heart attack on his mother. This event is part of a series of home demolitions targeting Baloch locals, causing significant distress and highlighting systemic oppression.

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### ✓ Death Under Torture: Mohammad Gorgij

On Friday, June 14, 2024, Mohammad Gorgij, a 31-year-old resident of Shirabad, Zahedan, died under torture after being arrested by military forces and transferred to the Anti-Narcotics Detention Center. His family was informed of his death three days later without any explanation or viewing of the body. Mohammad's family believes he was killed under torture and has filed a complaint against the officers.

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# ✓ Child Drowning in Dashtiari County

On Saturday, June 15, 2024, Helina Jadgal, a young Baloch child, drowned in a hotag in Kuh Dim village, Pirsarhab district, Dashtiari County. The lack of proper water supply networks forces residents to rely on such water pits, leading to tragic incidents. This highlights the urgent need for proper water infrastructure in the region.

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## ✓ Military Shooting Incidents

On Friday, June 14, 2024, FayzollahEkhlasi, a fuel carrier, was shot dead by security forces in Minab County without prior warning. Similarly, on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, Ayoub Gorgij was killed by Iranian border forces without warning. These incidents reflect the dire and dangerous conditions faced by Baloch fuel carriers and border residents.

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#### √ Water Crisis in Balochistan

The water shortage in Balochistan has escalated into a severe crisis, with summer temperatures reaching 45 to 50 degrees Celsius. Despite abundant rainfall, poor water management and insufficient infrastructure have exacerbated the situation. Access to clean water is a fundamental human right, and the government's neglect in addressing this crisis violates international human rights commitments. Urgent measures are required to construct dams, develop water management systems, and ensure equitable access to water resources.

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## ✓ Call to Action

The Balochistan Human Rights Group calls for an immediate halt to the illegal and brutal actions against the Baloch people. The international community and human rights organizations must act to end these atrocities and support the rights and dignity of the Baloch people. Justice and respect for human rights must be prioritized, and those responsible for these atrocities must be held accountable.

We invite all those who believe in justice and human rights to raise their voices in support of the Baloch people and strive to end this genocide. Only through collective efforts and global solidarity can we achieve a better and more just future for all communities, including the Baloch.

# ✓ Editorial Note

This newsletter aims to highlight the ongoing human rights violations faced by the Baloch people in Iran. We urge readers to stay informed and support efforts to bring justice and peace to the region.

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