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✓ **An introduction of Balochistan Human Rights Group (BHRG)**

Balochistan Human Rights Group (BHRG) is independent and non-profit human rights Non-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.

✓ **At Least 11 Baloch Citizens Executed in Iran in August**

It is noteworthy that in 2023, at least 184 Baloch prisoners were executed on various charges in 26 different cities across Iran. The prisons of Zahedan and Birjand had the highest number of executions, with 54 and 31 cases respectively. Among these prisoners, at least four were women.

The Baloch people, who make up only 2-3% of Iran's population, are subjected to severe human rights violations, including a disproportionately high rate of executions. Despite their small share of the population, Baloch prisoners face a much higher risk of capital punishment, often under vague or politically motivated charges. This pattern highlights the broader marginalization and discrimination experienced by the Baloch community. They also suffer from widespread economic hardship, social exclusion, and lack of access to fair legal representation, exacerbating their vulnerability.

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✓ **In August at least 23 fuel carriers lost their lives and 12 were injured.**

Fuel carrying is one of the few jobs that many Baloch citizens in various parts of Balochistan turn to, despite the constant threats to their lives from military and security forces' gunfire and frequent road accidents.

According to an annual report compiled from the beginning of 2023 to the end of the year, at least 321 fuel carriers were killed or injured in various incidents. Of these, 28 died and 17 were injured in direct shootings by military forces. Road accidents claimed the lives of 194 individuals and left 58 others injured. Additionally, 8 people were killed and 2 injured in shootings by unidentified armed individuals. Other incidents, such as floods, fuel storage fires, and one unidentified case, have resulted in at least 14 casualties and injuries.

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✓ **At Least 26 Baloch Citizens Killed and 17 Injured by Unknown Armed Assailants in August**

In August alone, at least 26 Baloch citizens were killed and 17 others injured by unknown armed assailants. Among the victims were a woman and a child, and one of the injured was also a woman.

It is worth noting that the rise in killings and insecurity caused by unknown armed individuals across various cities in Balochistan has escalated since the "Bloody Friday" massacre in Zahedan, followed by widespread public protests.

According to reports compiled in 2023, at least 192 Baloch citizens were targeted by unknown armed attackers, with 150 killed and 42 injured. Among the victims were at least five children and four women.

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✓ **At Least 10 Baloch Citizens Killed and 13 Injured by Security Forces in August**

In August alone, at least 10 Baloch citizens were killed, and 13 others were injured by security forces. Among the victims were a woman, her two young children, and her husband. Among the injured was a 16-year-old teenager.

According to reports from 2023, direct shootings by military forces have led to the deaths or injuries of at least 120 Baloch citizens. Of these, 80 people were killed and 40 were injured, including 9 children and 3 women. This continued violence highlights the severe risks faced by the Baloch community and the increasing toll on innocent civilians, including vulnerable groups such as women and children.

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✓ **At Least 40 Baloch Citizens Arrested in August**

According to statistics from the Balochistan Human Rights Group, at least 40 Baloch citizens were arrested in August, with most of these arrests being unlawful and carried out without court-issued warrants. Additionally, no information has been provided by security forces regarding the whereabouts of most detainees.

Among those arrested was a woman who had protested against the rape of a Baloch girl by a security officer; she was sentenced to one year in prison. Another detainee was a teenager from the family of a victim of the nationwide protests.

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