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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, 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 at Least 14 Baloch Citizens in November 2024

According to reports by human rights organizations, Baloch citizens constitute the highest proportion of executions in Iran, despite accounting for only 5-6% of the country's population. Most of those executed are charged with drug-related offenses and come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, often serving as the primary providers for their large families.

In 2023, at least 184 Baloch prisoners were executed across 26 cities in Iran. Zahedan Prison recorded the highest number of executions, with 54 cases, followed by Birjand Prison with 31 cases. Among those executed were at least four women.

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Name	Age	Charge
Aref Kamali	32	Murder
Zakaria Alizahi	27	Drug trafficking
Mohsen Nezhadi Moghadam	30	Drug trafficking and murder
Parviz Barahui	28	Drug trafficking
Mohammad Bamari	36	Murder
Osman Dahmardeh	26	Drug trafficking
Davood Mohammadi Takht-Shah	33	Drug trafficking

- Fuel Carriers (Sohktbar)

In November 2024, at least eight fuel carriers lost their lives, and ten others were injured. Fuel carrying, a perilous and unstable occupation, is often pursued out of economic necessity. These individuals become pawns in a deadly

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game of intersecting systemic oppression and exploitation. Their plight reveals the nexus of political power, systemic violence, and the vulnerability of marginalized and securitized communities.

This form of exploitation disproportionately affects the impoverished Baloch community, further entrenching them in cycles of poverty and vulnerability. Fuel carriers are condemned to a life resembling that of the walking dead, as state authorities leverage their power to justify targeting these marginalized individuals. Often labeled as "smugglers" and perceived as threats to national security, fuel carriers are exposed to ongoing violence and deprivation.

According to an annual report by the Baloch Human Rights Group (BHRG), between January and December 2023, at least 321 fuel carriers were killed or injured in various incidents. Military forces directly shot and killed 28 fuel carriers, wounding 17 more. Traffic accidents claimed 194 lives and injured 58 others. Additionally, attacks by unidentified armed individuals resulted in eight deaths and two injuries. Other incidents, including floods, fires at fuel storage sites, and one unspecified case, left at least 14 people killed or injured.

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- Over 15 Baloch Citizens Arrested in November 2024

in November 2024, more than 15 Baloch citizens were arrested across Westren Balochistan, often subjected to violence and detained without judicial warrants or charges.

On November 1, military forces raided the Goharkuh area in Taftan County, arresting four family members, including Raheemeh Dahmarde (36), her husband Gol-Mohammad Qaljai (41), their son Aref Qaljai (18), and her brother Younes Dahmarde (29). The family was beaten and taken to an undisclosed location. In Sarbaz County, IRGC intelligence forces detained Abdullah Balochi (25) on November 8, also without a warrant, and his whereabouts remain unknown.

In Mirjaveh, on November 6, Molavi Seyed Agha Isaghzehi (31), a religious teacher, was arrested violently by IRGC forces, leaving his family, especially his children who suffer from thalassemia, in distress. On November 13 and 14, two men, Zahid Damani (28) and Shaker Damani (25), were arrested in Mehrestan County after Zahid was detained at a military checkpoint and Shaker was raided by IRGC forces at his home.

Molavi Fathi Mohammad Naqshbandi, a prominent Sunni scholar, remains imprisoned since August 2023 despite his health issues, sentenced to five years by the Special Clergy Court. Lastly, on November 24, Imran Hosseinbor (24) was arrested by plainclothes IRGC forces in Saravan County without explanation.

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- Shooting by Security Forces

Shooting by Security Forces in November 2024: At Least Six Baloch Citizens Killed and Four Injured

Ismail Balochi (Nov 29, 2024) 15-year-old Ismail Balochi was shot in the heart and killed instantly by security forces near the Zangutan River in Nikshahr, when they opened fire on the car he was in.

Elyas Narouei (Nov 28, 2024) Elyas Narouei, 37, was shot dead by police at Station 11 in Bambur after allegedly trying to take a gun from an officer. However, witnesses say he was unarmed, suggesting the military's narrative was fabricated.

Shooting at Fuel Carriers in Pirkur (Nov 13, 2024) Military forces in Rask County ambushed fuel carrier vehicles, injuring one person in the leg.

Amir Natuzehi (Nov 5, 2024) Border forces ambushed fuel carriers in Khash County, shooting and killing 23-year-old Amer Natuzehi, a fuel carrier from Saravan.

Alireza Balochi (Nov 4, 2024) Intelligence forces in Rigan shot and wounded 26-year-old fuel carrier Alireza Balochi, who later died from his injuries in the hospital.

In 2023, shootings by security forces in Balochistan resulted in at least 120 casualties, including 9 children and 3 women. Among the victims, 80 were killed, and 40 were injured.

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- Demolishing homes of Baloch citizens

In November 2024, at least six incidents of home demolitions have been reported in Balochistan, particularly in Chabahar. On November 5, municipal, Housing Foundation, and military forces raided Muradabad in Chabahar, destroying several homes and claiming the land for the "Makran Coastal Development" plan. This plan, aimed at relocating non-local populations to Baloch areas, has led to the displacement of many local Baloch citizens. Similarly, on November 22, another raid occurred in Moradabad, where families were forcibly evicted without notice.

These demolitions are part of a broader pattern across Balochistan, where government entities have seized lands and destroyed homes to make way for non-local settlers. In Houtabad, Chabahar, for example, hundreds of hectares of Baloch land were seized in October, and settlements are being planned for non-local populations. These actions, including the forced eviction of Baloch citizens, are in violation of the Iranian Constitution, which guarantees the right to adequate housing.

In 2023, at least 21 incidents of home demolitions and land confiscations were reported across five cities in Balochistan, with the highest number occurring in Chabahar and Zahedan.

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- A Key Opportunity to Amplify the Voices of the Baloch at the International Level

At a recent session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, Sabah Bandoui, representative of the Balochistan Human Rights Group, raised serious concerns about the widespread violations of the cultural, linguistic, and religious rights of the Baloch people in Iran. She emphasized that the right to freely express one's culture, language, and religion is systematically denied to the Baloch, limiting their participation in society and threatening their cultural identity.

Bandoui highlighted repressive measures such as extrajudicial killings, torture, arbitrary arrests, and the denial of identity documents to hundreds of thousands of Baloch. She also criticized the deprivation of Baloch children's right to learn their mother tongue, with punishments for speaking it in schools.

In her conclusion, Bandoui called for the immediate implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Minorities by the Iranian government and urged accountability during the Universal Periodic Review in January 2025.

This speech represents a unique opportunity to ensure the voices of the Baloch are heard at the international level, pressing for real change in Iran's treatment of ethnic minorities.