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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.

✓ Execution

In December, at least 24 Baloch citizens were executed in various cities across Iran, with nine of them executed on the same day. According to the annual report of the Balochistan Human Rights Group, at least 184 Baloch prisoners were executed in 2023 on various charges in 26 different cities across Iran. Zahedan prison recorded the highest number of executions with 54 cases, followed by Birjand with 31 cases. Among those executed, at least four were women.

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✓ fuel carriers

In the past month, at least 13 Baloch fuel carriers lost their lives, and four others were injured.

"Fuel carrying is not a choice; it is a necessity." This is a phrase often repeated by civil activists in the region. According to government reports, Sistan and Balochistan remains the most deprived province in Iran. The latest report by the Statistical Center of Iran states that the unemployment rate in the province is 12.2%, while the labor force participation rate is just 34.4%. Sistan and Balochistan ranks as the third province with the lowest economic participation rate and the fourth with the highest unemployment rate.

The real unemployment rate in this province is much higher than the official statistics. Alim Yarmohammadi, a member of parliament from Zahedan, stated that unemployment in some areas of the province ranged from 40% to 65%. For instance:

- In Chabahar and Nikshahr, unemployment affects up to 60% of the population.
- In Qasr-e Qand, it is around 50% to 60%.
- In Iranshahr, it is approximately 40%.

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- In Zahedan, the rate is between 20% and 25%.

These statistics highlight the lack of both industry and agriculture in the region. In Chabahar, where unemployment is 40%, part of the city operates as a free trade and economic zone hosting multinational companies.

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✓ **Baloch Citizens Killed by Security Forces**

In December 2024, at least nine Baloch citizens were killed and six others injured by security forces. According to the annual report of the Balochistan Human Rights Group, in 2023, direct shootings by military forces led to the death or injury of at least 120 Baloch citizens. Among them, 80 lost their lives, and 40 were injured. The victims included nine children and three women.

✓ **Unknown Armed Assailants**

In the past month, at least 12 Baloch citizens were killed and four others injured by unknown armed assailants. These assailants are often armed by security forces, leading to severe insecurity in the western Balochistan region.

In 2023, at least 192 Baloch citizens were targeted in attacks by unknown assailants. Among them, 150 were killed, and 42 were injured. This number includes at least five children and four women.

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✓ **Demolition of Baloch Citizens' Homes**

In December, at least four cases of home demolitions were reported in Chabahar and Zahedan. These demolitions are part of the so-called "Makran Coastal Development Plan," which involves resettling non-local populations and building new townships in Baloch areas.

In 2023, at least 21 cases of home demolitions and land seizures were reported across five cities, with most incidents occurring in Chabahar and Zahedan. These actions violate Article 31 of the Iranian Constitution, which guarantees suitable housing for all citizens, and Article 22, which prohibits the unlawful violation of individuals' homes.

On the morning of Tuesday, December 24, 2024, military and security forces, along with officials from the Housing Foundation, raided Kaliollahabad, a village near Zahedan. They demolished at least 20 homes and an under-construction mosque, using bulldozers and other equipment.

Reports indicate that in 2023, Iranian security and government agencies carried out similar demolitions and land seizures without valid court orders. These actions often aim to apply economic and social pressure on Baloch residents, leaving many families homeless in already marginalized areas.