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- **Introduction to Balochistan Human Rights Group (BHRG)**

Balochistan Human Rights Group (BHRG) is an independent and non-profit human rights Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) that works on providing information to fill the gaps caused 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.

- **13th Anniversary of the Execution of 16 Baloch Prisoners**

13th Anniversary of the Execution of 16 Baloch Prisoners, Including Two Children, at Zahedan Central Prison, On 26 October 2026, the 13th anniversary of the execution of 16 Baloch prisoners at Zahedan Central Prison was commemorated. The prisoners were executed on 26 October 2013, one day after an armed attack on a border post in the Saravan region. Eight of those executed had been convicted in political cases, while the other eight were sentenced in drug-related cases. Two of the political prisoners had been children at the time of their arrest.The executions took place after the armed attack, and the then Public and Revolutionary Prosecutor of Zahedan described them as an act of "retaliation". The executions were met with condemnation from human rights organisations and international activists.Thirteen years later, this incident remains a deeply concerning example of collective punishment and the use of capital punishment in retaliation for an armed attack.

The case underscores the importance of protecting the right to life, ensuring judicial independence, upholding fair trial standards and prohibiting the punishment of individuals for the actions of others.

- **Execution of 11 Baloch Citizens**

At Least 11 Baloch Prisoners Executed in Prisons Across Iran, During October 2026.Those executed included prisoners convicted in political and security-related cases, as well as individuals convicted in other cases. The executions, alongside concerns regarding judicial proceedings, access to legal representation and the right to a fair trial, have once again highlighted the human rights concerns surrounding Baloch prisoners sentenced to death.

  - Abolhasan Ranjbar – executed on 13 October 2026 at Minab Prison, Hormozgan Province.
  - Habibollah Ghanbarzehi-Farjad – executed on 12 October 2026 at Kerman Prison.
  - Amir Darzadeh-Pour – executed on 17 October 2026 at Zahedan Central Prison.
  - Abdullah Narouei – reported executed at Vakilabad Prison, Mashhad.
  - Isa Narouei (Lakzehi) – 30, executed on 20 October 2026 at Vakilabad Prison, Mashhad.
  - Habib Rakhsh-Mah (Noti-Zehi) – 52, executed on 14 October 2026 at Amirabad Prison, Gorgan.
  - Umar Dorostaran – executed following a political and security-related case.
  - Habibollah Davoudi – 26, executed on 27 October 2026 at Vakilabad Prison, Mashhad.

- ***Extrajudicial Killings / Direct Shootings***

During October 2026, at least four Baloch citizens lost their lives in two shooting incidents by security forces in Zahedan and two fuel-carrying vehicle incidents along the Kahnuj and Iranshahr routes.

The victims were identified as Mohammad Rigi (Sanjarani), 22; Aziz Rigi, 23, also kno; Hassan (Musa) Makhsai, a father of four; and Erfan Zabardast, 25.

According to the reports received, direct gunfire at vehicles, including fuel-carrying vehicles, led to vehicles overturning and the deaths of their occupants. In the Zahedan incident, local sources reported that security forces opened fire on two individuals after they had indicated their surrender. These incidents have intensified concerns over the use of lethal force and the need for independent investigations and accountability.

- **At Least Nine Baloch Citizens Arrested During Security Raids Across Balochistan**

During October 2026, at least nine Baloch citizens were arrested in three separate incidents in Bampur, Konarak, Zabol and Zahedan by military and security forces. During a raid by

military and security forces on a Baloch family's home in Bampur County, six male members of the family were arrested, those arrested were identified as Jom'e Narouei, 76; Abolhassan Narouei, 43; Nazarmohammad Narouei, 41; Rostam Narouei, 36; Zobair Narouei, 31; Ali Narouei, 26; Shabir Rigi Jarizehi, 25; Mobin Shahlibar, approximately 21, a physics student at the University of Zabol; and Yasin Shahbakhsh, approximately 30.

In the reported incidents, security forces carried out arrests without presenting judicial warrants and transferred some individuals to undisclosed locations. The continued lack of information provided to families regarding the whereabouts and conditions of those detained has heightened concerns about potential human rights violations and the risk of ill-treatment in detention.

- **Baloch Citizen Remains Imprisoned in Oman for Eight Years Despite Completing His Sentence**

Murad Mohammad Qanbarzehi, a 60-year-old Baloch citizen from Nookabad, Bazpiran region, in Iranshahr County, remains imprisoned in Oman despite completing his original three-year sentence.he has reportedly spent approximately eight years in an Omani prison. The absence of identity documents and the failure of Iranian authorities to issue the necessary documentation have prevented his release and return to Iran.his family has repeatedly sought to obtain identity documents for him over the past several years, but these efforts have so far been unsuccessful.his continued imprisonment, five years beyond his original sentence, highlights the serious consequences of lacking identity documents and the difficulties faced by individuals whose nationality and identity have not been officially recognised.

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