

Executions of Baloch in IRAN

Recently the Iranian parliament passed an article to not implement the death penalty on those convicted of drug trafficking but astonishingly the Iranian judicial system continue to use the Capital punishment, the death penalty, on Baloch prisoners who are charged with drug smuggling.

* On 13 February 2017, three Baloch prisoners executed in Zabol Prison convicted of drug trafficking.

1- **Mohammad Sarani** 32 years

2- **Zaher Nohtani** 31 years

3- His details have not been disclosed by the authorities.

* On 14 February 2017 **Esmahil Hassanzahi**, son of Abdol Baqi, was executed in Shiraz prison also convicted for drug trafficking. Due to the distance from Balochistan and the families economic resources they could not travel to see him before the execution.

* On 18 February 2017, two Baloch prisoners executed in Birjand prison. Their identities and allegations against them have not been disclosed by the authorities.

* On 7 March 2017, two Baloch prisoners were executed in Zahedan prison, They both were convicted and executed in revenge for murdering someone else.

1- **Gol Mohammad Kiazahi**,

2- **Mehrdad Vazifeh Dad**

Both of them served several years in prison. 7 and 5 years incarcerated before executed.

* On 11 March 2017, **Manouchehr Abkhezr** was executed in Chabahar prison convicted for drug trafficking.

* On 12 March 2017, Three Baloch prisoners were executed in Zahedan prison convicted of drug trafficking.

1- **Yar Mohammad Rigi**

2- **Esmahil Rigi**

3- **Rahim Rigi**

Extra Judicial Killings

* On 27 February 2017, Military forces opened fire on car and left two casualties. **Shirzad Baloch** from Nobandyan district of Chabahar and his friend were severely injured. Their car was burnt and the military forces escaped from scene after they realized that they have targeted innocent Balochs.

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* On 3 March 2017, Military forces in Khash ambushed a car. Five Baloch students were in the car driving to their homes in night. Two of them were left with bullet injuries and the three others were battered by the military forces. The military fired arms for 45 minutes at the car with the students sitting inside.

* On 14 March 2017, Military Coastal Guards in Chabahar fired toward a car which left **Nezar Mohammad Shomeli** severely injured.



The Students name are as below:

- 1-**Asim Shahnnavazi** son of Mohammed Nasir
- 2-**Naim Shahnnavazi** son of Mohammed Nasir
- 3-**Heydar Hassanzai** son of Jan Mohammad
- 4-**Saman Shahnnavazi** son of Mohammad Ali
- 5- **Davood Tagzi Pour** son of Abdol Majid.

Abductions and Arbitrary Arrests

* On 8 March 2017, **Emaduddin Molazahi** (previous Baloch political prisoner) and

Yahghoub Jahani sentenced to 15 and 10 years in jail respectively. Molazahi was a political prisoner who had recently been freed due to his deteriorate health condition as a result of severe torture by the security forces.

Molazahi was in Sarvan with his friend Jahan for his personal affairs when they were ambushed. The were detained by the Intelligent services. Tortured and convicted without a fair trial.



Suicide in Birjand Prison

* On 2 April 2017, Mohammad Nohtani, charged of drug smuggling was held in a cell and tortured for 3 months. He raised objections to the handling of how his case was being processed. He was held in isolation for 3 months which resulted in him hanging himself in prison.