
Gross Human Rights Violations Perpetrated by the Iranian Regime against Baloch People in Iran

Security and equality are the most precious and important factors of paving the route of development for the individual and groups' life in a society. Baloch people in Iran face discrimination in all aspects of their lives from birth till death. But the situation of security for Baloch people has become worse, since 2009 when the enforcement of security in Balochistan was formally passed on to the hands of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards of Iran, to be specific, the section called **MERSAAD**, which is part of **QODS** forces, the international branch of the **Islamic Revolutionary Guard**.

Revenge executions of imprisoned Baloch activists by the official prosecutors of Balochistan, (<http://unpo.org/downloads/774.pdf>), or executing all the men in some villages of Balochistan are officially confirmed by the Iranian authorities in national media in Iran during the last few years, (<http://www.euronews.com/2016/02/24/iran-a-whole-village-s-menfolk-executed>) .

Dumping the bodies of executed Baloch prisoners in unknown places, to hide the signs of harsh torture on their bodies from the families and furthermore depriving family members from their last good bye to their beloved ones, has been reported by the families in the past, with the above mentioned killings being one of many reported.

Some of the effects and results of the regime's militarization and discriminatory policies in Balochistan is the high number of arrest and executions of Baloch people; Umar Farooq from the Wall Street Journal wrote in December 2013 that: "Baluchis, who are 2% of Iran's population, have [accounted for at least 20% of executions since 2006](#) . " Those numbers are based on figures gathered by the **Abdorrahman**

Boroumand Foundation, a Washington D.C based group which monitors human rights abuses in Iran“ .The actual number may be much higher, according to Ms. Roya Boroumand, Head of the Abdorrahman Boroumand Foundation: “it is becoming more difficult to track executions of Balochis, as Iranian authorities increasingly move Balochi prisoners outside the region (<http://blogs.wsj.com/indiarealtime/2013/12/05/the-battle-for-sistan-baluchistan/>).

In recent months, the Islamic regime of Iran's security forces have intensified their systematic use of cruel human rights violations against Baloch people, using in particular extrajudicial executions and killings to further terrorize the population of Baloch people. Worse still, the Iranian authorities systematically targets young Baloch men, by first trapping and illegally detaining them, accusing them of drug trafficking, then obtaining false 'confessions' through the use of torture. This labelling of innocent civilians as drug traffickers is a well-known strategy used by the regime in Tehran to physically eliminate the Baloch people and has been used by the regime ever since it seized power. Amnesty International, in one of its reports, also

highlighted that the Iranian regime systematically executes Baloch activists under the pretext of fighting **drug trafficking**¹.

National and international media, as well as the international community remain silent and fail to improve or even just acknowledge the horrible human rights situation in Balochistan. Leaders of the Islamic Republic of Iran interpret this silence as a sign of approval, or at least disregard for the gross human rights violations perpetrated against Baloch civilians. Tragically, it thus does not come as a surprise that Iran has one of the highest rates of executions in the world, while the rate of executions of Baloch people is the highest in Iran.

One example for this deplorable situation is the case of a group of young Baloch fishermen. Being just an ordinary crew member on a fishing boat on the Gulf, they were arrested and accused of drug trafficking, later being executed. Following a kangaroo trial and without even having had access to a defense lawyers or a fair trial. On 11th September 2016 the young Baloch were executed in Bandar Abbas, a city on the northern coast of the Persian Gulf. According to “Balochistan Human Rights Group”, the families of these young men pointed out that their executed family members had been the families’ breadwinners and had been out for a fishing trip when they were arrested and later accused of being drug traffickers.

Extra Judicial Killings in Balochistan:

The government’s Policy of “shoot to kill” in Balochistan that is being enforced by its “Islamic Revolutionary Guards”, is taking the lives of tens of innocent young Baloch people every year under the pretext of drug traffickers and fuel smugglers. The latest example of this policy took place on 20th December 2016 where Military forces in Saravn shoot directly toward a car that led to a death of one Baloch youth. His name is: Mohammad Yasin Sepahi.

There are many examples of extra judicial killings in Balochistan that are taking place on daily bases. We also can mention the recent one here: On 5 December 2016 Military forces in Saravan chased a car that was carrying cans of Gasolin and Petrol. Military forces without trying to stop the car, opened fired toward the car that led into one death and one severely injured. The name of dead person is: Shoaib Shanvazi and the person who severely injured is: Soltan Gamshadzai.

¹ Amnesty International Written statement on the 47th session of the United Nations commission on Human rights Iran, February 1991. AI INDEX: MDE 13/05/91

In another act of cruelty and extra judicial killings, On 21 November 2016, Security forces in Saravan, ambushed toward a car and fired directly toward passengers that led to death of one young Baloch innocent . His name is: Khalil Jahani.

Executions:

As mentioned above, Balochistan has the highest rate of executions; Balochistan Human Rights Group gathered the information of those who have been executed in Iran.

8 Baloch Prisoners charged with smuggling were executed in different cities of IRAN:

- On 19 December 2016, Three Baloch Prisoners were executed in Berjand prison. BHRG just have the names of two prisoners who been executed :

- 1– Nasser Berahoie
- 2– Allah Noor DaroonParvar

- On 14 December 2016, Three Baloch prisoners were executed in Banddar Abbas prion. Their Names are;

- 1– Masoud Karamzaie son of Qader Bakhsh
- 2– Nohtani 65 years old
- 3– Gamshadzaie

- On 24 November 2016, Two Baloch prisoners were executed in Karaj Central Prison. Their Names are:

- 1– Asif SayedZadeh
- 2– Davood Tootalzaie

Further examples are:

- 21 August 2016: Execution of Mr. Habib Jamalzahi Bandarabbas
- 18 August 2016: Execution of Mr. Reza Naroui, in the city of Sirjan

Abductions and Arbitrary Arrests in Balochistan are the main policy of Iranian regime to oppress the voice of Baloch people demanding their basic rights to live normal life and feel equal like other citizens of IRAN. Meanwhile regime wants to spread fear amongst Baloch Human Rights activists and political workers to keep their voices silent, otherwise they will get captured by security forces. Recently BHRG received information about some of the political activists that have been targeted and arrested by intelligence services in different cities of Balochistan.

For Example :

- On 4th January 2017 , Tariq Askani an ordinary Baloch youth abducted by intelligence services from his workplace in Chabahar. Despite of his family's searches and approaches to Intelligence office in Chabahar about him, still his whereabouts remains unknown and security forces denies his arrest.
- On 15th December 2016, Three Baloch youths arrested by security forces in Saravan . They are arrested separately from their homes and jobs. Their Names are:
 - 1 - Ehsan Dilshadi son of Noor Mohammad, 20 Years Old
 - 2 – Farshid Malikzadeh son of Sharif
 - 3 – Abdol Baset Rigi
- On 21th November 2016, Security forces in Sarvan ambushed a car and targeted former political prisoner Emadoddin Molazai and arrested him on the spot. Security forces for searching him wrongly attacked a different car and killed “Khalil Jahani” whose name is mentioned above. In fact, security forces planned to assassinate Emad Molazai but he narrowly escaped from being targeted. Later he was arrested and transferred to Zahedan where he is still under investigation and harsh tortures.

Highest Rate of Bail Demanding in IRAN for Releasing of 10 NasirAbadi Baloch Prisoners:

There are 10 Baloch prisoners from Nasir Abad that are in prison for almost 2 years. Recently, Their Bail passed, but, shockingly the sum which has been passed for their bail is the highest sum in IRAN's judicial bailing history. They are forced to pay 1 billion Toomans equal to about 400,000 US Dollars each person. These prisoners are ordinary farmers, Students, shopkeepers and innocent Baloch citizens that had been captured and imprisoned for false allegations that never have been proved against them.

Forgotten Hostages of Baloch people: Baloch Sailors in custody of Somalian Pirates are crying for Help

Nearly two years ago, Somalian pirates abducted 21 Baloch Sailors belonging to poor Baloch families from Konarak, in Balochistan. Later, Four men managed to escape, four have reportedly died because of extreme torture and lack of adequate food and water. There is No confirmed news about five of them . However, there are evidences that 8 Baloch sailors are still alive in the custody of Somalian pirates but they reportedly have become physically so weak and broken that hardly can stand.



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The names of four of them are as follow:

- 1 – Ibrahim Balouchnia
- 2 – Jalal Jalaldini Dehwari
- 3 – Abdullah Nohani
- 4- Mohammad Sharif Panahandeh

These hostages in an attempt to get the attention of international community and Humanitarian Organizations especially the Iranian government made attentions, forwarded a video footage to appeal for help for their release.

The Iranian Government officials in the period of two years have done nothing for the release of the Baloch hostages. Discriminations and treating Baloch People as a third and fourth class citizens in Iran have made Baloch people to be deprived from basic rights of normal living in IRAN.

It is time for the international community to raise their voices to the gross and intensified human rights violations perpetrated by the Islamic Republic of Iran against Baloch people.

The “**Balochistan Human Rights Group**” **urges the international community to:**

- Put pressure on the Islamic regime of Iran to respect its own laws by allowing the presence of detainees’ defense lawyers in prisons and courts, so that they can defend their clients’.
- Immediately put an end to extra-judicial arrests, detaining and killings of the people of Balochistan.

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