

The Iranian regime accelerated the execution of Baloch prisoners

Iran recently resumed its mass execution of Baloch prisoners in Balochistan and other states. In fact, some of the prisoners have been in prison for a few years now with some only being sentenced to imprisonment, but, due to pressure from the Iranian intelligence service and Iran's revolutionary Guard Corps their sentences were upgraded to execution.

Eight Baloch Prisoners Executed in Balochistan

1. Bahman and Shoaib Rigi were executed on the 19th December 2020 in the Central prison of Zahedan. According to regime sources they were arrested after they had an encounter with the security forces, an accusation that they had rejected. With them was their uncle Hamed Rigi who was also arrested. Hamed Rigi was also sentenced to death. According to their lawyer, Bahman and Shohab Rigi's trial was unjust and their plea for an appeal had been rejected. Their family

had only been informed one day before of all this.



Shoaib Rigi

Bahman Rigi

2. Abdulbaset Khesht, son of Pir Mohammad from Bansonth village, district of Konarak was arrested on December 20th, 2012 charged with manslaughter which he always rejected. He was executed without being given the right to see his family one last time.



Abdulbaset Khesht

3. Abdul Hamid Mirbalochzahi, son of Dadrahim was about 30 years old from Iranshahr district who was arrested in 2013 by the Iran Revolutionary Guards Corps. For about a year he was kept in the IRGC prison before being moved to the security forces prison. He appeared in court where he was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment for firing and killing two members of the Revolutionary Guards in Birk mountain, Balochistan in 2015 and also for being a member of Jaysh ul Adl. According to his family, at the time of the incident in which the two members of the IRGC were killed he was already in prison. Hamid Rejected and appealed the charge that was made against him. According to his family, due to the pressure by the IRGC provincial high court his 15 years prison sentence was changed to execution. He was executed on 26 December 2020 in the Central prison of Zahedan.



Abdul Hamid Mirbalochzahi

4. Mehrban Brahoie, a 60 year old male taxi driver was executed on the 26 December, in the central prison of Zahedan. Whilst going through a checkpoint they found drugs in his taxi. Since Brahoie ever had a criminal record he was not sentenced to execution by the provincial high court, but branch 1 of revolutionary court later changed his sentence to execution. His defence lawyer Mr. Mohsin Afzali had asked for a retrial according to Iran criminal process article 477 and the cancelation of his death sentence. Unfortunately, during the retrial process they were informed that Brahoie has been executed. Although the Islamic republic of Iran

has stopped executing people charged with smuggling in rest of Iran, they still continuing to execute Baloch people charged with smuggling.



Mehrban Brahoie

5. Three prisoner by the of Mohammad Ali Arayesh, Hamid Rast Bala and Kabir Sihadat Jihani of conscious were arrested in 2015. They were charged on the grounds of being members of the two Sunni organisations Hezb ul Forghan and National Solidarity of Ahl Sunnat Iran. They were executed on 2nd January in Mashad. According to information BHRG has gathered, these organisations ceased their activities a long time ago so given the age of these prisoners they could not have been member of the organisations. one of the two people executed in Mashad was from Balochistan and the other one was from the Turkmen region in Iran.

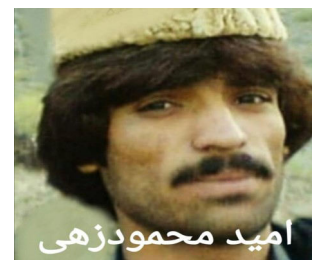
6. On Sunday 3rd January 2021, 3 Baloch prisoner by the name of Elyas Ghalandarzahi, Mohsin Dehwari and Omid Mahmodzahi were arrested on 5th April 2014 and sentenced to death on 19th December 2016 for "Meharebeh" enmity against god. According to their families they were never members of any opposition groups. According to information that BHRG has gathered some of these prisoners had been arrested simply because one of their relative had been members of opposition groups. This is a method that the Iranian regime uses to put pressure so other family members stop their activities against the regime and to force the family to contact opposition activist and ask them to surrender. If they do not cooperate, they will arrest members of the family who will be tortured, harassed and finally executed. These prisoners were executed not because of any crimes they had committed. Some experts consider the recent killing of Baloch prisoners a method of intimidation and revenge against Baloch people,

especially their opposition to the regime's policies for demographical change in Balochistan and the division of Balochistan province, along with the Baloch people's collective opposition to the Iran-China treaty which give control of Balochistan's ports and fishing rights to China in the Balochistan coast.



Elyas Ghalandarzahi

Mohsin Dehwari



Omid Mahmodzahi

BHRG demands the international community to pressurise the Iranian regime to stop arresting innocent Baloch people because of their family members' activities in opposition groups.

BHRG demands that the international community puts pressure on Iran to provide fair trials and access to defence lawyers for all Baloch prisoner who are arrested as prisoner of conscious or on any other charge.