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Systematic violations of the right to life

Executions, arbitrary killings, deaths in custody, and death sentences

Arbitrary killing

Three kolbars (border porters) were killed and wounded in West Azerbaijan

<http://www.kurdpa.net/farsi/idame/73320>

In the direct shootings of government forces towards the Kurdish kolbars in West Azerbaijan, two were injured and one lost his life. The deceased kolbar who was married and had children was identified as Assad Hassanzadeh, from Piranshahr.

He was shot dead at 10:00 PM on Wednesday June 6, 2018 by the government

forces. According to a source, his corpse was discovered by the people on the afternoon of June 7, 2018 after the government's armed forces had hidden the assassinated body. In addition, two other kolbars known as Shams al-Din J., 32, and D.I., 28, were wounded as a result of the forces shootings. The two Kurdish kolbars were injured in the leg and chest. (Hengaw, Kurdpa- June 7, 2018)



Death sentence

Two death sentences issued in one day in Ramadan

Only in one day, the Government Medias have published the announcement of two death sentences that has been issued. Shargh Government Newspaper stated on June 3, 2018 that a young boy named Maziar has been sentenced to death on charges of killing another young person.

He was sentenced to death while he explained the story that I didn't know how it happened as I just hit the person, and I didn't know it would cause the death of the opponent. According to Shargh Newspaper, at the end of the trial, in the judiciary council, Maziar was sentenced to retaliation. (Death)

In another case, a young boy was sentenced to death of being accused in murdering a motorcycle driver who was driving fast.

<http://www.sharghdaily.ir/fa/main/detail/188821>

Rokna State-run Website reported on June 3, 2018 that a 32-year-old boy named Farid was found guilty and arrested following a clash in North Dilman Street in Tehran. Farid was charged with murder and was sentenced to death in the trial for that purpose.

The death sentence of a young boy was confirmed in Tehran

<http://www.iran-newspaper.com/newspaper/item/469403>

A young boy named Sasan was sentenced to death in Tehran for murder.

The Iranian government newspaper, in a news release devoted to this topic, and introduced him as a student. According to the newspaper, in total, three people, one named Yavar and two students, Sasan and Milad, were arrested in the course of the event. Two girls were also involved in this case because of their family relationship. The case was investigated in the fifth branch under the chairmanship of Judge Baba'i and a supervisor. After the trial, the suspect, Sasan, was accused of murder and sentenced to death. Yavar received 15 years imprisonment for assisting Sasan in the case and Milad along with the two girls were sentenced to 3 years imprisonment. The verdict has been verified by the Supreme Court. (Iranian government newspaper- June 2, 2018)

The Ministry of Intelligence is filing for the execution of a political prisoner



According to the reports, the Ministry of Intelligence is preparing and providing a documentary on Ramin Hussein Panahi to introduce him as a terrorist person who has taken guns and killed people. Amjad Hussein Panahi, the brother of this political prisoner has assumed that it is believed the Ministry of Intelligence intends to prepare public opinion for Ramin by assembling photographs and films of him. (Iran News Agency (khabar news) - June 6, 2018)

Inhumane treatment and cruel punishments Amputation, flogging, torture and humiliation

Malayer court sentenced Teymur Khaledian to 23 months in prison

<https://sahba.news/2018/06/05/12648/>



The first branch of the Revolutionary Court, chaired by Judge Behnam Rezawandi, without considering the subject of beatings and sexual harassment during the arrest, sentenced Teymur Khaledian to twenty months of imprisonment and three months suspended imprisonment on charges of participating in the national protests of January 2018. Teymur Khaledian, 35, a designer and manufacturer of furniture in Malayer, was detained on December 31, 2017 during the national protests. He was released on January 21, 2018 after 20 days on bail.

This human rights activist before the court, revealed in a conversation about his torture and sexual harassment at the Malayer police station and said that after being transferred to the police station of the Tehran's Revolutionary Guards known as the Kalantari Park (a police station), he was tortured by brutal and ruthless soldiers. He mentioned that ten men took him under electroshocks and batons. They also kicked and punched, and then mumbled him with violence and beat him with baton. Then, put and pressed the baton on his back and started pushing it on his pants so hard which was painful, and he felt like dying and was left when he was almost dead. The high pressure of the batons caused a traumatic injury leaving the coccyx bone (tailbone) broken and for forty days, in addition to the pain and burning, sitting is still difficult for him. (Sahba News- June 5, 2018)

Former political prisoner died under torture

A former political prisoner from Oshnavieh, was killed under torture after being arrested and transferred to the Detention Center of Khoy's city. Rahman Ghorbani was arrested on Saturday June 2, 2018 by the security forces of Iran and transferred to Khoy city's Detention Center. According to an informed source, Rahman lost his life due to numerous electric baton strikes and heart failure during the torture. The body of this citizen, who was also a former political prisoner and held for fourteen years in the prisons of Shanno (Shanwai) and Orumieh, was given to his family after

three days. Orumieh's legal practitioner has not given a specific answer to Rahman's family after an autopsy. (Hengaw June 7, 2018)

Prison

Prison conditions

Death of a prisoner in Saravan Prison due to electric shock



A 25 year old Baloch prisoner, identified as Abdul Hameed Naghibi died in Saravan Prison due to electric shock. He was arrested for drug-related crimes and imprisoned for 5 years in Saravan Prison. An informed source said: "Abdul Hameed Naghibi had repeatedly told Iraj Nourbakhsh, the Head of Saravan Prison, that the prison's carwash has electricity problems and should be fixed. But each time he was dismissed and neglected until May 26, 2018, when he got shocked by the electricity and lost his life". He added: "Iraj Nourbakhsh the Head of the Prison has told the defendant's family that your son lost his life for using drugs. This aggravated the family and they transferred the body to Zahedan's forensic physician and they were told by the physician that the body had no signs of drug usage". (Baloch Activists Campaign- June 3, 2018)

Tortured political prisoner transferred to Zahedan Central Prison

<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-15616/>

Masoud Ghanbarzehi, 28, was arrested on charges of acting against national security by cooperating with opposition groups and was transferred to Zahedan Central Prison. An informed source said that Massoud was tortured for 3 weeks in Zahedan's Detention Center and after being beaten and confessed by the miracle bed style, he was transferred to Ward 6 of Zahedan Central Prison for a week. The miracle bed is one of the common methods of torture to catch a confession from a prisoner, especially in Zahedan's Detention Center. In this type of torture, the defendant is tied to a bed, and the information personnel lashes the accused with the cable as much as possible till the defendant loses his ability to resist. The purpose of this torture is to force one to confess against himself. (Herana- June 5, 2018)

Female prisoner's condition has been reported worryingly

<http://www.kurdpa.net/farsi/idame/73302>



Zainab Jalalian, a Kurdish political prisoner detained in Khoy Prison, is deprived of having access to medical services and her general condition is getting worse day by day. The Kurdish political prisoner is suffering from pterygium (pink eye disease), Foot- and -Mouth Disease (feverish fever), and severe infections and has been opposed to receive medical treatment outside the prison .She is serving her 11th year of

imprisonment in Khoy.

Zainab Jalalian is from Maku town and was arrested on February, 2008 in Kermanshah city. The Iranian judiciary convicted her of being a Moharebeh (a person against God) and for membership in a Kurdish party. She was first sentenced to death, and then to life imprisonment. (Kurdpa- June 5, 2018)

Three telegram activists prevented from early release, due to the intervention of the Ministry of Intelligence

<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-15618/>

The Ministry of Intelligence by the judicial authorities opposed to the request for the conditional release of three telegraphic activists named, Alireza Tavakoli, Mohammad Mohajer, and Mohammad Mehdi Saleh who have been detained in Evin Prison since 2017. The individuals are sentenced to 5 years imprisonment as prisoners of conscience. Close sources to these prisoners assumed that two months ago, on the orders of the head of the prison, it was forbidden to enter any belongings, such as drugs or clothing, for the prisoners, and it is still unclear till when this limitation will continue. (Herana- June 5, 2018)



The Telegram Channel Manager was transferred to Evin Prison

<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-15611/>



Hamid Reza Amini, director of a telegram channel who has been detained since December 2 last year, was transferred from Fashafiyeh Prison to the quarantine of Evin Prison on Sunday, June 3, 2018. Amini was arrested on December 2, 2017, on charges of disseminating lies, and insulting holy things and officials in the Islamic Republic .He was

also on a dry hunger strike for five days following his illegal transfer from Evin Prison to Fashafiyeh Prison on February 17, 2018.

Suedabeh Namdar Zanganeh, spouse of Hamid Reza Amini, had already said about her husband's case that during this period of time, she had come to and approached the court every day, but they did not give her any specific answers about his condition. The court just tells her to go home, wait there, and don't say a word. If you want to talk or say something, it will become bad for yourself and you will be joining your husband's case by going to jail. (Herana- June 5, 2018)

About 600 innocent children in Iran are imprisoned

<http://www.tabnak.ir/fa/news/805435>



Tabnak's website wrote: "Among one of the problems that the prisons are facing in the country, is the amount of young residents who are considered as child prisoners. These children are somehow jailed or detained since their mothers are in imprisoned". Tabnak added: "Out of every seven married female prisoners, one of them has no choice but to bring her child to prison with her". According to a general statistical basis, about 600 child prisoners reside in the prisons of the country at different locations. Children who are definitely exposed to a lot of danger. (Tabnak state-run Website- June 5, 2018)

Most prisoners that are imprisoned due to financial problems are married and have children

<http://www.asriran.com/fa/news/613322>

In a poll among prisoners in the country, 73 percent of prisoners are detained due to poverty. According to statistics, 86% of the inmates are married, of which 82% have children. With this in mind, more than twice the total number of prisoners were involved with financial crimes. (Asr Iran state-run Website- June 6, 2018)

Abdolfattah Soltani's case on Tehran Prosecutor's Desk

<https://www.isna.ir/print/97031707579>



Abdolfattah Soltani's attorney stated that his client's case with two terms of probation and leave during Ramadan was handed to Jafari Dolatabadi, Tehran's Prosecutor to be decided on. Saeed Dehghan also stressed that Mr. Soltani has been sentenced to 10 years in prison and 7 years has passed of his service. He has been subjected to conditional release for a long time, but this decision is postponed every time for some reasons, and I'm

concerned about my client to go on a hunger strike again. (Isna state-run Website June 7, 2018)

Prison sentences

Shayma Babaei was sentenced to imprisonment and fines

<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-15606/>



Shayma Babaei, a civil activist, was sentenced to two months of imprisonment and a fine of one million tomans (238 USD) for the charges of publishing vulgar content in the internet and unwitting attendance of not wearing a veil in public. The civil activist, on Monday, June 4, 2018, posted a video on her Instagram page that her trial was held last week and the verdict was issued and handed to her on Monday. On February 1, 2018, Shayma was detained by the security forces along with six other civil activists. (Herana- June 4, 2018)

Four detainees from the protests were sentenced to imprisonment



<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-15626/>

The second branch of the Revolutionary Court of Tabriz, headed by Judge Ahrar, issued a group verdict for four citizens of the city detained from the national protests of January 2018. They were charged for gathering and colluding to commit a crime against the national security. The names of the four detainees were identified as Sedigh Ali Bigi Zahed, Reza Farokhi, Amir Sattari Rouf, and Mohammad Emami Mayan Oliya. Reza, Amir, and Sedigh were all sentenced to 7 months imprisonment and Mohammad was sentenced to 5 months imprisonment. (Herana- June 6, 2018)

Arbitrary arrests

Social arrests

An unidentified fate of a citizen after a year's imprisonment

https://zandaniran.blogspot.com/2018/06/blog-post_7.html



Despite the fact that more than a year has passed since Ahmad (Amin) Motevari from Khorramshahr has been detained, till now his family is not aware of his fate and condition.

He was arrested on May 17, 2017 by the Intelligence Guards. The detainee's family has had no success on the follow-ups and approaches from the security agencies and the courts. Ahmad was beaten by the intelligence agents during his arrest in front of his family's eyes. (No to prison, no to execution- June 7, 2018)

A student was detained by agents in Mashhad



On Thursday the security guards detained a student identified as Milad at a high school in Mashhad. He was arrested after his speech behind the high school's podium mentioning that instead of Hijab in Iran, I wished honor was enforced. It has been reported that he was threatened by the guards at the time of the

arrest. (Daneshju (student) Online- June 7, 2018)

Basic freedom and rights abused

Seven trade units sealed in Harsin City

<http://www.tabnakermanshah.ir/fa/news/614972>

The Police Chief of Harsin City announced the closing of seven trade units in Harsin from the beginning of Ramadan to the end of the seventeenth day.

Hemmat Ali Shekari said that the city police will take serious action, against those and the ones who are fasting if they don't pay attention and observe the affairs in this month. According to this, seven various business units, including grocery, beer, and coffee shops, have been sealed. (Tabnak state-run Website- June 3, 2018)

Increased immigration of educated people from Iran

<http://www.baharnews.ir/news/151498>

Iran's population has doubled, and the number of Iranian immigrants has reached to about 7 million people, equivalent to 140 times. The amount of elites leaving the country is unbearable.

According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Iran ranks first among the 91 countries in terms of brain drain and employs up to 180,000 people a year with higher education who emigrate from the country.

The National Elite Foundation of Iran announced that 308 Olympiad holders and 350 of the top national analyzers have emigrated the country from the years 2003-2007. The IMF has also mentioned that there are now more than 250,000 Iranian engineers and physicians in the United States.

According to the official statistics of the passport office, in 2008, every day, 15 graduate students, 4 doctoral degrees, and yearly 5,475 graduates have emigrated from the country. In 2012, about 150,000 students applied for exit, in which most of them were PhD students. Also, 64% of the Iranian Olympiad medalists have emigrated from Iran over the past 14 years! (Bahar News state-run Website- June 3, 2018)

Over 70% of the wetlands dried and 50% of the wildlife destructed

<http://www.icana.ir/Fa/News/387160>

Ali Akbari, MP, criticized the country's environmental conditions as becoming very fragile and said that unfortunately, with the production of non-standard gasoline, air and water pollution has been provided. In one way, due to the entry of urban and industrial wastewater, the life of the seas, rivers, and wetlands have been threatened and in another way because of the nature collapse by cutting the trees and structures, as well as non-metallic damages, many environmental problems are occurring. The parliamentarian, criticizing the fact that the landslide has caused more than 70 percent of the wetlands to be dried and 50 percent of the wildlife destructed, restated that unfortunately, the condition of other wetlands and wildlife in the country are also becoming critical and human factors have seriously damaged the environment. (Khaneh Melat state-run Website June 4, 2018)

The condition of Anzali's wetland is terrible

<http://www.asriran.com/fa/news/613309>



Zahra Jensi, deputy secretary of the environmental network of Guilan province, pointed to the extremely terrible condition of Anzali's wetland and said that unfortunately, for many years, the depth of many deep sections in Anzali has reached a meter, while this year there are not half a meter of water in these areas. She continued that Anzali is one of the

strategic wetlands and also considered as an international wetland. If it dries, it will bring a lot of economic and social consequences for the people. (Asr Iran state-run Website- June 6, 2018)

Introducing a new UN human rights reporter for Iran

<https://www.radiofarda.com/a/un-human-rights-new-iran/29271045.html>



The United Nations Human Rights Council has nominated Javid Rahman, a Pakistani-British human rights activist, as the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Iran. According to a human rights activist, the decision will be finalized, on July 6, on the final day of the thirty-eighth session of the UN Human Rights Council.

Javid Rahman is a professor of law at Brunel University in London and a Pakistani-British human rights activist. (Farda Radio- June 5, 2018)

Nasrin Sotoudeh: The judiciary list is a farewell to the right of defense

<https://sahba.news/2018/06/05/12642/>



Nasrin Sotoudeh, attorney of law, assumed on June 4, 2018 that the judiciary has communicated a list to the prosecutors in which according to Article 48 of the Criminal Procedure Code, out of 20,000 lawyers in the Bar Association, only 20 trusted lawyers are located in the judiciary. So the political and security suspects who are in the preliminary research phase, have to choose their lawyer exclusively from the list. Not even one name of the female attorneys and lawyers for political and civil activists are in the list. Nasrin continued that by presenting the list of twenty people, the defense rights that so far was halted to the political and security detainees will be eliminated, and the implementation of this note is a goodbye to the law bureau in Iran. (Sahba News- June 5, 2018)

Religious and ethnic minorities

Exerting pressure by the agents on Dr. Nazila Nuri, a Dervish woman in prison



<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-15641/>

On June 8, the agents of the Gharchak Prison's Defense Department handcuffed and chained Dr. Nazila Nouri, a Dervish female prisoner on the hospital's bed at Milad Hospital. The Dervish woman has been denied from the right to visit and telephone call from the time she was admitted. The pressures by the prison's authorities comes at a time when Mrs. Nuri has been recommended for a surgery by the doctors. (Herana- June 8, 2018)

Suppressive maneuvers

Police attacked the protesters in Ahwaz

<https://www.radiozamaneh.com/398146>

On Sunday, June 3, nearly 500 workers from Ahwaz Steel National Industrial Group gathered in front of the Khuzestan Governorate building on the fourth day of their protests following a protesting rally on the streets of Ahwaz.

The workers carried textiles written on them: "We, the workers of the Steel National Industrial Group have not received our allowance for several months".

According to a Telegram Channel of the Free Union of Iranian Workers, police attacked the protestors and one of the workers in front of the governorate mentioned that a number of workers were injured. The channel posted a video of a bloody face of one of the protesters.

The workers said that the police tried to argue and interfere with the protesters two times and according to one of the workers, police officers attacked the workers near the Palestine square in Ahwaz. He also said that a number of workers were beaten during the attack. (Zamaneh Radio- June 3, 2018)

Police officers in Gilan province carry out a summer repression campaign

<https://www.isna.ir/news/97031306407>

The Social Deputy of the Police Chief of Gilan Province announced the implementation of a special law enforcement plan in the coastal cities, saying that the implementation of the plan to promote moral safety on the coast, requires the active participation of all executive agencies.

Mohammad Reza Jafari Kheirkhah stated: "The duty of the law enforcement force in the sea plan, is to establish social and moral security, and to deal with abnormalities ... Regardless of the emphasis on the issue of chastity and hijab, this issue is a cultural matter and its realization at the community's level, requires the participation of all

executive agencies". He also stressed that the police would forcefully take action and deal with it. (Isna state-run Website- June 3, 2018)