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Systematic violations of the right to life

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

Execution

Young prisoner executed in Bushehr

<https://iranhr.net/fa/articles/3216/>



Ali Kazemi, a child-offender who committed murder at the age of 15, was executed in the Central Prison of Bushehr on the morning of January 30. Ali Kazemi was 22 when he was executed. This execution has not been announced by the official media up till now. (Iran Human Rights - Jan 30, 2018)

At least two prisoners hanged in North-Western Iran

<https://iranhr.net/fa/articles/3214/>

According to a source, on the morning of Sunday, January 28, at least two prisoners were executed at Orumieh Central Prison (Darya). The prisoners were sentenced to death on murder charges. According to Kurdistan Human Rights Network, the executed prisoners were identified as Mehran Behshad from Section 14 and Farhad Alba from Section 3-4. (Iran Human Rights - Jan. 29, 2018)

Iran: Authorities execute man in exceptionally cruel circumstances



<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2018/01/iran-authorities-execute-man-in-exceptionally-cruel-circumstances/>

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Amnesty International is outraged by reports that the Iranian authorities have executed a young man convicted of murder who was only 15 years old at the

time of the crime.

The organization learned that 22-year-old Ali Kazemi was hanged earlier today in a prison in Bushehr province. His execution was scheduled and carried out without any notice given to Ali Kazemi's lawyer as required by Iranian law.

“By carrying out this unlawful execution, Iran is effectively declaring that it wishes to maintain the country's shameful status as one of the world's leading executors of

those who were children at the time of their crime,” said Magdalena Mughrabi, Amnesty International’s Middle East and North Africa Deputy Director. (Amnesty International)

Young man hanged in Yasouj

<http://freedomessenger.com/fa/human-right-fa/%D8%A7%D8%B9%D8%AF%D8%A7%D9%85-%D9%82%D8%AA%D9%84-%D8%AD%DA%A9%D9%88%D9%85%D8%AA%DB%8C/3851-the-execution-of-abbas-rad-29-in-yasouj>



On the morning of January 31, a 29 year old man identified as Abbas Rad was hanged in Yasouj. He was wounded on December 18, 2015 after he was shot and was then arrested by security forces.

In an attack to his place of residence, the locals and women were also beaten by security forces.

His brother and 90 year old father were also shot and arrested. (Freedom Messenger – Jan. 31, 2018)

3 minor offenders hanged in Iran including young bride

<https://iranhr.net/fa/articles/3218/>

<https://www.radiozamaneh.com/379735>



The Judiciary of the Islamic republic of Iran hanged two minor offenders in one day on Tuesday January 30. The last minor to be hanged was identified as Mahboubeh Mofidi.

She was hanged in Noshahr Prison on charges of killing her husband when she was 17.

This is the third execution of a minor in one month in Iran. Prior to this, there were reports on the execution of Ali Kazemi and Amir Hossein Pourjafar who were 15 and 16 when they committed murder. The execution of Mahboubeh and Ali have not been published by state-run media.

There are at least 80 minor offenders in Iran who have been sentenced to death. (Radio Zamaneh, Iran Human Rights Organization – Feb.1, 2018)

State-run media report execution of minor offender without mentioning age

<http://www.inn.ir/News/322655.html>

A young woman who had murdered her husband was hanged in prison. In the initial stages of the investigation, detectives summoned the wife of the deceased for interrogations... In the end, the Mazandaran Penal Court judges sentenced the bride to death as was the request of the victim’s family. The case was upheld by the

Supreme Court and was then sent to the Noshahr court for implementation... Finally, four years after the crime was committed, the retribution sentence was carried out at dawn yesterday in Noshahr Prison in Mazandaran. (Iran Online state-run Website - Feb. 2, 2018)

Arbitrary killing

Detained protester dies under torture in Dezful



<http://www.ppa-iran.com/%D8%B4%D9%87%D8%A7%D8%AF%D8%AA-%D9%81%D8%B1%D8%B2%D8%A7%D8%AF-%DA%86%DA%AF%DB%8C%D9%86%DB%8C-%DB%8C%DA%A9%DB%8C-%D8%AF%DB%8C%DA%AF%D8%B1-%D8%A7%D8%B2-%D9%82%DB%8C%D8%A7%D9%85-%D8%A2%D9%81%D8%B1/>

A detained protester in Dezful identified as Farzad Chegini, was arrested by security forces on December 31 and was taken to an unknown location. After twenty days, his tortured body was handed over to his family. Security forces stressed that the burial ceremony should be carried out quietly. (Political Prisoners Alliance - Jan. 25, 2018)

Chalus Judiciary, site of torture and death of detained protester

<http://www.ppa-iran.com/%D9%85%D8%B1%DA%A9%D8%B2-%D8%B4%DA%A9%D9%86%D8%AC%D9%87-%D9%88-%D8%AE%D9%88%D8%AF%DA%A9%D8%B4%DB%8C-%DA%A9%D8%B1%D8%AF%D9%86-%D8%AC%D9%88%D8%A7%D9%86%D8%A7%D9%86-%D9%82%DB%8C%D8%A7%D9%85-%DA%A9%D9%86/>



The Marzan Abad Judiciary in Chalus, located in the Chalus-Tehran Road is used as torture center for detained protesters. According to a local source, there is a two story building in this road. The first floor is the Natural Resources Office while the second floor houses the Judiciary. Agents brought protest detainees from various Iranian cities to this building, where they were subjected to severe torture. According to reports, a young protester Ali Pouladi who was brought to this center died under torture. He was arrested on January 12. (Political Prisoners Alliance - Jan. 25, 2018)

Another protester dies in Isfahan



<http://www.ppa-iran.com/%D8%B9%D8%A7%D9%85%D8%B1-%D9%81%D9%84%D8%A7%D8%AD%DB%8C-%D8%B4%D9%87%DB%8C%D8%AF-%DB%8C%DA%AF%D8%B1%DB%8C-%D8%A7%D8%B2-%DA%AF%D9%84%DA%AF%D9%88%D9%86-%DA%A9%D9%81%D9%86%D8%A7%D9%86-%D9%82%DB%8C/>

Amer Falahi, who was arrested during protests in Shahin Shahr in Isfahan, passed away. The details into his arrest and death are not known. An image of his gravesite in Section 12 in the Behesht Masoumeh

Cemetery in Shahin Shahr, Isfahan, was recently published. (Political Prisoners Alliance – Jan. 27, 2018)

Sunni civil rights activist gunned down in Zahedan

http://hrdai.blogspot.co.uk/2018/01/blog-post_28.html

On Wednesday, February 4, a Sunni civil rights activist was gunned down and killed by intelligence agents in Zahedan.

Molavi Qanbar Berahui was about 45 years old and opposed the Governance of the Jurist (Velayate Faghih). (Human Rights and Democracy Activists in Iran – Jan. 28, 2018)

Death sentence

Religious authority demands death for protesters

<http://www.farsnews.com/newstext.php?nn=13961113000444>

Head of Friday Prayers in Tehran, Ahmad Khatami, emphasized in his sermon on Friday this week that whoever the seditionists were, whether students, clerics, etc... they had to be dealt with. “I also announced during the 2009 seditions, and I will say it again, that in our jurisprudence, whoever rises up and goes to the streets against a just Islamic ruler, and kills people, is a baghi (rebel) and the sentence for a baghi in our jurisprudence is execution”, he added. (Fars state-run News Agency – Feb. 2, 2018)

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

Twin brothers get flogging sentence

<http://www.ion.ir/News/319807.html>



Two men who are twin brothers were sentenced to flogging and exile in court on charges of harassing a girl in Tehran. They have been identified as Shahruz and Kamran. Each of the brothers were sentenced to 74 lashes and two years of exile. (Iran Online state-run Website – Jan. 26, 2018)

Six tortured political prisoners transferred to Zahedan Prison

<http://www.baluchcampaign.info/%D8%A7%D9%86%D8%AA%D9%82%D8%A7%D9%84-6-%D8%B2%D9%86%D8%AF%D8%A7%D9%86%D8%8C-%D8%B3%DB%8C%D8%A7%D8%B3%DB%8C-%D8%B4%DA%A9%D9%86%D8%AC%D9%87-%D8%B4%D8%AF%D9%87-%D8%A8%D9%84%D9%88%DA%86-%D8%A8%D9%87/>

Six political prisoners identified as Mohammad Saleh Shahdadzehi, 30 year old Farooq Anvari, 40-year-old Idris Jamshidzehi, 30-year-old Abdolaziz Sotvan, 27-year-old Mahmoud Sotvan, and 28-year-old Hashem Zardkouhi who is a former bank employee were transferred to Zahedan Prison after nine months of torture at a detention center run by the Ministry of Intelligence.

The political prisoners were arrested in June 2017 in Iranshahr.

According to an informed source, the prisoners were subjected to various tortures, including de-nailing (pulling out their fingernails) and flagellation on their body and soles of their feet during their nine months of detention. (Baluch Activists Campaign – Feb. 1, 2018)

Prison

Prison conditions

Young Baluch man shot and wounded by prisoners left paralyzed in prison

<http://www.baluchcampaign.info/%DB%8C%DA%A9-%D8%B2%D9%86%D8%AF%D8%A7%D9%86%DB%8C-%D9%81%D9%84%D8%AC-%D8%A8%D8%AF%D9%88%D9%86-%D8%B1%D8%B3%DB%8C%D8%AF%DA%AF%DB%8C-%D8%AF%D8%B1-%D8%B2%D9%86%D8%AF%D8%A7%D9%86-%D8%B3%D8%B1%D8%A7%D9%88/>

Twenty one year old Baluch prisoner, Jasem Baluchi, was shot in the spinal cord by security forces and has become paralyzed from his waist down. Despite this, he has been left without necessary medical attention in Saravan Prison. An informed source said that agents ordered him to stop his car suspecting him of carrying drugs.

“He stopped and came out of his car, but despite not having anything with him, the agents shot him three times. They then detained him”, the source added.

“His family have gone to the prosecutor numerous times to request that he receive medical attention, but the head of the Judiciary and Prosecutor have not accepted”, the source said. (Baluch Activists Campaign – Jan. 26, 2018)

Political prisoners go on hunger strike in protest to death sentence

<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-13990/>

Afshin and Ramin Hossein Panahi, two political prisoners detained in Sanandaj Central Prison, who are brothers, went on hunger strike in protest to the death penalty issued for Ramin Hossein Panahi.

Ramin’s trial was held on January 16. According to his family, he was severely mistreated and tortured during interrogations. (Human Rights Activists in Iran – Jan. 28, 2018)

Kurd man shot and detained for past two months in Marivan

<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-14003/>



A Kurd man was detained close to two months ago in Marivan. Tahsin Dadres was wounded before his arrest. After one week, he was transferred from the Marivan Intelligence Bureau to the Sanandaj Intelligence Agency Detention Center and is still detained there after two months. On November 30, he was shot directly by intelligence agent without prior warning. (Human Rights Activists in Iran – Jan. 28, 2018)

Rajaie Shahr prisoners under increasing pressure

http://hrdai.blogspot.co.uk/2018/01/blog-post_29.html

On orders of the head of Rajaie Shahr Prison in Karaj, most outdoor areas in this prison have been closed. The number of prisoners are over normal capacities and the prison shops have also been shut down and prisoners are unable to provide their daily needs. The conditions in prison are unbearable and prisoners are under severe pressure. (Human Rights and Democracy Activists in Iran – Jan. 29, 2018)

Hunger striking political prisoner severely beaten and transferred to Greater Tehran Prison

https://zandaniran.blogspot.co.uk/2018/01/blog-post_30.html



On Monday, January 29, political prisoner Soheil Arabi was transferred to the Greater Tehran Prison and was severely beaten. According to an informed source, on January 28, Soheil Arabi was summoned and was then transferred to the quarantine in Evin Prison's Section 1. "He was then summoned again and told that he would be transferred to Rajaie Shahr Prison. But at noon, instead of being taken to Rajaie Shahr, he was taken to the Greater Tehran Prisons", the source said. "When they reached the prison at 15:30, prison officials along with 10-12 soldiers tore off his clothes and severely beat him. The guards used batons and kicked him in his back, face and leg continuously with their boots. Soheil Arabi's face, nose and feet were injured and his whole body was bruised", the source added.

After the beatings, prison authorities kept him without clothes in the prison courtyard to force him to give his consent to those that beat him. “Don’t think that this is Evin Prison and you aunties house!” a prison official taunted him. “This is the end of the world and hell! Don’t think that because you’re on hunger strike, your voice will be heard!” he told him. (Zandaniran – Jan. 30, 2018)

Family of political prisoner threatened not to follow up son’s prison leave

<http://www.ppa-iran.com/%D9%81%D8%B4%D8%A7%D8%B1-%D9%88-%D8%AA%D9%87%D8%AF%DB%8C%D8%AF-%D8%A8%D8%B1-%D8%AE%D8%A7%D9%86%D9%88%D8%A7%D8%AF%D9%87-%D8%B2%D9%86%D8%AF%D8%A7%D9%86%DB%8C-%D8%B3%DB%8C%D8%A7%D8%B3%DB%8C-%D9%85%D8%A7/>

Following a request from the father of political prisoner Maher Ka'bi from the Shush district court for a prison leave for his son, the Intelligence Agency called the family threatening them not to follow up such a request.



“Are we supposed to send your son to a hotel?!” agents said, taunting the family. This is while the political prisoner has been imprisoned in Ardebil, which is far away from his home. He is detained in a very isolated section with minimum facilities. Maher, who is now 25 years old, was arrested at 19. He was charged with acting against national security and being a member of the Ahwaz Liberation Organization and was sentenced to 10 years of prison in exile. According to those close to him, he was not affiliated with any organization. His brother Ahmed Ka'bi is also detained in Kerman Prison. The two brothers were severely tortured when arrested. The tortures have led to severe back problems for Ahmad, to the extent that he cannot stand on his legs for even 10 minutes. (Political Prisoners Alliance – Jan. 30, 2018)

Ailing political prisoner denied medical treatment in Ardebil Prison

<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-14030/>



Political prisoner Mohammad Saber Malek Reiesi, who is detained in Ardebil Central Prison is suffering from medical problems including digestive issues as a result of a long term hunger strike. Prison officials refuse to provide medical treatment despite his condition.

The medical ban is such that even when he was allowed to see the clinic medic, the prison doctor told him that he would not visit him. “You could have not gone on hunger strike and you should have thought about the consequences before your strike”, the doctor told him.

Mohammad Saber Malek Reiesi lost about 24 kilos after going on hunger strike for 39 days in protest to limitations and pressures imposed on him by prison officials and being beaten. (Human Rights Activists in Iran - Jan. 31, 2018)

Two prisoners tried in Saravan

<http://www.balochcampaign.info/%D8%AF%D8%A7%D8%AF%DA%AF%D8%A7%D9%87-%D8%AF%D9%88-%D8%B2%D9%86%D8%AF%D8%A7%D9%86%DB%8C-%D8%B3%DB%8C%D8%A7%D8%B3%DB%8C-%D8%AF%D8%B1-%D8%B3%D8%B1%D8%A7%D9%88%D8%A7%D9%86-%D8%A8%D8%B1%DA%AF%D8%B2%D8%A7/>

On the morning of Tuesday, January 30, two political prisoners identified as Emaddin Molazehi and Yaghoub Jahani were tried in Saravan. The two detainees expressed their last defenses without having a lawyer and denied all charges. They also said that they were tortured while in the Intelligence Agency Detention Center. (Baluch Activists Campaign - Jan. 30, 2018)

Hunger striking Kurd political prisoners transferred to solitary in Sanandaj Prison

<http://www.kurdpa.net/farsi/idame/72329>

Ramin and Afshin Hossein Panahi, two Kurd political prisoners at Sanandaj Prison, were transferred to solitary confinement on the fifth day of their hunger strike. The two political prisoners, who are brothers, went on hunger strike in protest Ramin's death sentence. (Kurdpa - Feb. 1, 2018)

Prison sentences

Kurd man sentenced to a year of prison for "acting against national security"



<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-14021/>

Kavan Mahmoudian, a Kurd citizen, was sentenced to one year of prison on charges of acting against national security through cooperation with a Kurd party. His family told the judge that their son was a farmer in their village but Kavan was still accused without heeds to his family's testimony.

Kavan Mahmoudian, is a farmer from Tangsir Village, and was arrested on October 10, 2017. (Human Rights Activists in Iran - Jan. 30, 2018)

Human rights activist and advocate of victims of 1988 political prisoners' massacre sentenced to seven and a half years of prison

<https://www.radiozamaneh.com/379723>



An appeals court on January 3, confirmed the prison sentence of Mansoureh Behkish, which was issued last year. The human rights activist, who lost six members of her family during the 1988 massacre of political prisoners, was sentenced to seven and a half years of prison for pursuing justice for her family. (Radio Zamaneh - Feb. 1, 2018)

Arbitrary arrests

Social arrests

Seven Kurds arrested in Oshnavieh

<http://www.kurdpa.net/farsi/idame/72275>

On Friday, January 26, intelligence agents attacked a village in Oshnavieh and arrested seven Kurd men. They have been identified as Fattah Ali-Kurd, Mamand Ali-Kurd, Omar Nobakht, Kamal Nobakht, Jamal Nobakht, Osman Nobakht and Abu Bakr Nobakht. According to an informed source, the site of the arrest of the men is under siege by security forces. There is no further information on the fate of the detainees. Oshnavieh is a small town in West Azerbaijan Province. (Kurdpa - Jan. 26, 2018)

Woman arrested for taking off mandatory veil in public in act of defiance



<https://www.radiozamaneh.com/379245>

Six Iranian women continued the act of defiance carried out by Vida Movahedi, known as the girl of Enghelab Street (who publicly took off her mandatory veil). Of these woman, a lady identified as Narges Hosseini was arrested. Attorney of law Nasrin Sotudeh confirmed her arrest saying that she would represent her in court. Sotudeh added that on Tuesday, January 30, at the request of Narges Hosseini's family, she went to the Prosecutor's Office in Bukharest Street, but Narges Hosseini was not brought to hear her charges. (Radio Zamaneh - Jan. 30, 2018)

Dervishes arrested in Karaj and Khoram Abad

<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-14022/>

Hamed Rezaei, a Gonabadi Dervish from Karaj, was violently beaten and arrested by security forces in his place of work. He is currently detained in Qezelhesar Prison in Karaj.

Another dervish living in Khoram Abad, Hossein Pirhadi, was arrested by security forces. The reason for the arrest and the whereabouts of this dervish are still unknown. (Human Rights Activists in Iran – Jan. 30, 2018)

**Tehran Prosecutor confirms arrest of women protester**

<http://www.ilna.ir/%D8%A8%D8%AE%D8%B4%D8%B3%D8%8C%D8%A7%D8%B3%D8%8C-3/588726-%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%B2%D8%AF%D8%A7%D8%B4%D8%AA-%D8%8C%DA%A9-%D9%86%D9%81%D8%B1%D8%AF%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%B1%D8%AA%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%B7%D8%A8%D8%A7%D9%85%D9%88%D8%B6%D9%88%D8%B9-%D8%AF%D8%AE%D8%AA%D8%B1%D8%A7%D9%86-%D8%AE%D8%8C%D8%A7%D8%A8%D8%A7%D9%86-%D8%A7%D9%86%D9%82%D9%84%D8%A7%D8%A8-%D8%AA%D8%AC%D8%A7%D9%87%D8%B1%D8%A8%D9%87-%DA%AF%D9%86%D8%A7%D9%87%D8%AC%D8%B1%D9%85%D8%A7%D8%B3%D8%AA>

Tehran Prosecutor Abbas Jafari Doulatatabadi said that a person was arrested and was handed over to the Judiciary in relation to the girls of Enghelab Street protests.

“The Judiciary will act upon its duties”, he said when asked what they would do if these protests continue. (ILNA state run News Agency – Jan. 31, 2018)

29 hijab protesters arrested in Tehran

<http://www.yjc.ir/fa/news/6422698>

<http://www.fanousnews.com/fa/news/112979>



Greater Tehran District police officers were able to arrest 29 people affiliated with the Stealthy Freedom Campaign in Tehran.

“The police arrested 29 people who disrupted social security and introduced them to the Judiciary”, The Tehran Police Information Center announced in a

statement. (YJC state-run Website, Fanous News state-run Website – Feb. 1, 2018)

NOTE: A group of women started a movement about a month ago in Tehran and other Iranian cities against the mandatory veil. It all started when a woman by the name of Vida Movahed took off her scarf and waved it on a stick in Enghelab Street. After this move, other women in Tehran and other cities followed suit and published the images on social media.

Two Hamedan students still in detention after one month

<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-14049/>

Hamedan students Farshid Tajmiri and Majid Rahmat Abadi, who were arrested about a month ago during the



recent protests, are still detained in Hamadan's central prison.

"A few days ago, the families of these two students were told that they would be released on a 100 million toman bail (27000 dollars). Despite providing the bail, these two students have still not be released for unknown reasons", an informed source said. "The judge handling their case has told their family that they were ordered to keep students who have not been released until their cases were seen to", the source added. (Human Rights Activists in Iran - Feb. 1, 2018)



Protesters detained in Kermanshah, Ilam and Orumieh kept in state of limbo

<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-14045/>

Azad Taghizadeh and Gholamali Mosavar, who were arrested during Kermanshah's demonstrations, were transferred to Dizel Abad Prison without trial. In Ilam, the fate of Jawad Khaybar and Laleh Aghaei, who were arrested in this city, is still not known.

Javad Khayeb is a journalist who was arrested on January 3 in Ilam. He was told in that time that he was deliberately covering the news of the demonstrations.

At the same time in Orumieh, security forces arrested Omid Ejlal and took him to an unknown location. There has been no information on his whereabouts since.

According to other reports, Matin Khaledi, Ibrahim Mohammadpour and Amin Zendehtel, who were arrested in Orumieh, were transferred to the Youth Section in Darya Prison. (Human Rights Activists in Iran - Feb. 1, 2018)

Detained protester sews lips shut and goes on hunger strike in Tabriz

https://zandaniran.blogspot.co.uk/2018/02/blog-post_97.html

A detained protester held at Tabriz Prison sewed his lips shut and went on a hunger strike. He has been identified as Babak Jaidari. The political prisoner is detained in solitary confinement. (Zandaniran - Feb. 1, 2018)

Head of Prison Organization gives report on protest detainees

<http://www.mazandmajles.ir/post/read/231442>

Alireza Rahimi, a member of the National Security and Foreign Policy Commission in the Majlis wrote a memo about the visit of a Majlis delegation to Evin Prison.

The memo reads in part:

"Before the visit, the head of the Prisons Organization, while announcing the statistics related to the January incidents (protests), said:

The total number of prisoners in January was 4,972, 73.94% of whom were male and 27.5% of whom were women.

50percent of the detainees were between 19 to 25 years old and 27% were between 25 and 32 years old.

Of the total number of detainees, 4,534 were released and 438 are still in detention. In addition, 55 people are detained in detention centers run by the Ministry of Intelligence.

The remaining detainees are in the provinces of Hamedan, Khuzestan, Fars, Isfahan and Tehran.

A total of four men and two women from Tehran are in temporary custody.

Two of the detainees in Tehran are in custody of the Ministry of Intelligence. (Mazand Majlis state-run Website – Feb. 2, 2018)

Activists arrested by security forces in Iran

<https://iranhr.net/fa/articles/3219/>

Security forces arrested a number of civil rights and human rights activists today in a coordinated measure. Some of these activists are Saied Eghbali, Behnam Mousivand, Mahmoud Massoumi, Shima Babaie and Dariush Zand.

Security guards posed as post office employees to get inside the home of activist couple Shima Babaie and Dariush Zand and arrested them. According to other reports, a source close to Saied Eghbali said that he was arrested and transferred to an unknown location while visiting his ailing father in Kangavar. (Iran Human Rights Organization - Feb. 1, 2018)



Man sentenced to prison for his social media channel content

<https://www.rokna.net/%D8%A8%D8%AE%D8%B4%D9%BE%D8%B1%D9%88%D9%86%D8%AF%D9%87.1/350759.%D9%85%D8%A7%D9%87%D8%AD%D8%A8%D8%B3%D8%A8%D8%B1%D8%A7%DB%8C.%D9%85%D8%B1%D8%AE%D9%85%D8%AA%D8%A7%D9%87%D9%84%DB%8C-%DA%A9%D9%87%DA%A9%D8%A7%D9%86%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A8%DB%8C-%D8%A8%D9%86%D8%AF.%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%B1%DB%8C-%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%A7%D8%AF%D8%A7%D8%B1%D9%87%D9%85%DB%8C-%DA%A9%D8%B1%D8%AF>

Cyber police encountered a social media channel, active under the name of a cultural channel, while the channel content had nothing to do with culture. The suspect, who was 32 years old and married, was arrested, and his case was referred to the judiciary. He was sentenced to four months of prison. (ROKNA state-run Website – Jan. 25, 2018)

There was no mention on where the man was arrested or details of his activities on social media.

Telegram model channel admin arrested in Gorgan

<http://aftabnews.ir/fa/news/505299>

The administrator of a Telegram channel called Gorgan Modeling, which had 1,237 members was identified. Vahid Falahat, the head of Golestan Province's Cyber Police, said that the suspect was identified and arrested after judicial co-ordination. (Aftab News Website – Jan. 28, 2018)

Newspaper found guilty in court



<http://www.mizanonline.ir/fa/news/391528>

Press Jury Secretary Ali Akbar Kasaian said that the editor in chief and writer of Asia daily was found guilty of publishing false content. The case was seen to by the 9th Branch of the Penal Court headed by Judge Mohammadi Keshkoli. (Mizan state-run News Agency – Jan. 8, 2018)

Journalist threatened with arrest in Mahabad

<https://hengaw.net/fa/?p=5194>



The Mahabad Information Office on, Thursday January 25, summoned female journalist and activist Neshteman Asadi, who works for the Mukerian Agency. According to an informed source, the Intelligence Agency said that there is a chance that she would get arrested at the agency.

Prior to this, last December, she was also summoned to the Mahabad Intelligence Agency and told to stop her journalistic activities. (Hengaw – Jan. 29, 2018)

At least four child victims of Kermanshah earthquake die from cold and unsuitable conditions



In recent days, several children and one infant died as a result of government failure to provide minimum facilities to earthquake stricken families in Kermanshah. One of the victims was 2 year old Sarina. She died after suffering a severe fever and seizures and not having warm shelter.

“Despite our request to receive a shelter, nothing was given to us. My daughter Sarina developed a severe cold and fever. Sarina’s persistent seizures worsened her condition by the minute”, Behrouz Zahabi, Sarina’s father said.

“On January 17, Sarina’s condition severely deteriorated and she passed out. Because of the lack of facilities at Sarpol Zahab Hospital and a lack of specialists, they could not do anything for my daughter and said that she had to be taken to Imam Reza Hospital in Kermanshah. The next day, I took her to that hospital but after two hours, my two year old died in my arms”, he added. (Tasnim state-run News Agency - Jan. 24, 2018)

<https://www.tasnimnews.com/fa/news/1396/11/04/1637173>



The second victim was 4-month-old Mohammad. He froze to death in Kermanshah.

"After the earthquake in Kermanshah, our house was completely destroyed and we lived in a tent given to us by other people”, his father Abdullah Seifouri, said.

“Due to the extreme cold in the tent, Mohammad developed a cold. We went to the relevant authorities to give us shelter but they said no. Mohammad got worse on January 5 and was hospitalized until January 13. He left us forever on January 13. This has been a great shock for his mother”, He added. (Tasnim state-run News Agency - Jan. 26, 2018)

<https://www.tasnimnews.com/fa/news/1396/11/06/1638692>

The third victim was a disabled girl identified as Noushin Ahmadi from the city of Kermanshah. "Noushin Ahmadi was disabled and died on January 25. Heart and respiratory cessation was the cause of her death; the doctors who diagnosed her said that that she had a weak immune system and influenza. Noushin was paralyzed from childhood and we had only given her a wheelchair 20 days prior to her death”, Sam

Abbasi, a volunteer in the village of Nawa Farah, said. (Shargh state-run Daily - Jan. 27, 2018)

<http://www.sharghdaily.ir/News/151209>

One year old Matiyar Shamaei was the next victim. Matiyar's mother, 32 year old Shahla Ahmadi, said that her baby died in her arms due to the extreme cold.

“My baby developed a cold during the very first days... During this time, I begged to be given shelter and they told me to write my name and request and wait until it was my turn... I took my child to a specialist in Kermanshah... The doctors came to see him and after a few minutes he started breathing and they said that he was fine... Thirty minutes later, he passed away”, his mother said. (Shargh state-run Daily - Jan. 27, 2018)

<http://www.sharghdaily.ir/News/151209>



Saqez cosmetic shops shut down by police in suppressive plan

<http://www.kurdpa.net/farsi/idame/72293>

On Saturday, January 27, after inspecting a number of malls including the Alain Delon, Africa and Adami shopping centers, the Saqez Premises Administration agents shut down a number of cosmetic boutiques until further notice.

The police agents accused the shop owners of "selling unconventional cultural products, showcasing vulgar images and ignoring previous notices." The Saqez Premises Administration has claimed that it has taken action to "promote social security and fight cultural invasion." (Kurdpa - Jan. 28, 2018)

More than 450,000 street vendors in Iran

<http://newspaper.hamshahri.org/id/5634>

The head of the Chamber of Commerce announced that 450,000 street vendors operated in the country. He said that there was no tool to organize them and that businesses that faced stagnation expressed complaints over this issue.

“Street vending is a fact that cannot be concealed”, Ali Fazeli added. (Hamshahri state-run Daily - Jan. 30, 2018)

Sanandaj University students' cellphones inspected by University Protection agents

<http://www.kurdpa.net/farsi/idame/72328>

The Student Loan Department (probably where students give their mobiles before entering university) of Kurdistan University inspects students' phones trying to get access to their personal information.

An undergraduate student at the University of Kurdistan said that the inspection of students' phones in the Loan Department has been added to the duties of the University Protection Department. The student said that they were trying to identify and monitor student activists and dissidents. (Kurdpa - Feb. 1, 2017)

Prisoner sentenced to reading religious book

<https://www.rokna.net/%D8%A8%D8%AE%D8%B4%D9%BE%D8%B1%D9%88%D9%86%D8%AF%D9%87-3/353126-%D9%85%D8%AD%DA%A9%D9%88%D9%85%DB%8C%D8%AA-%DB%8C%DA%A9%D8%B2%D9%86%D8%AF%D8%A7%D9%86%DB%8C-%D8%A8%D9%87-%D9%85%D8%B7%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B9%D9%87%DA%A9%D8%AA%D8%A7%D8%A8%D8%B4%D9%87%DB%8C%D8%AF%D9%85%D8%B7%D9%87%D8%B1%DB%8C>

The advocates of the Southern Khorasan County Appeals Court, in line with the imposition of alternative sentences, sentenced an offender to the mandatory reading of *Insan -e- Kamel* (The Complete Human) by Motahari...

The court advocates sentenced him to three years of suspended prison in accordance to the offender's conditions including not having a criminal record, repenting, getting the complainants agreement not to press charges, cooperating with the investigation and having economic problems.

After providing and studying the book, the accused has to report to the Implementation Department of the Penal Court every six months on how he read the book, how much he read and the results of reading the book. He also has to provide a summary of the book in his own handwriting.

After the end of the second six month report, an exam will be held under the auspices of the Cultural Justice Department and if he passes the test, the assignment will be completed. If he does not pass, the assignment will continue until he passes. (ROKNA state-run Website - Feb. 1, 2018)

Note from Wikipedia: Motahari is considered to have an important influence on the ideologies of the Islamic Republic, among others. He was a co-founder of Hosseiniye Ershad and the Combatant Clergy Association (Jāme'e-ye Rowhāniyat-e Mobārez). He was a disciple of Khomeini during the Shah's reign and formed the Council of the Islamic Revolution at Khomeini's request.

Religious and ethnic minorities

Baha'i woman detained to serve one year prison term

<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-14004/>

Sima Kiani, a Baha'i citizen residing in the city of Ray, who was arrested in March 2016 and released on bail in April this year, was sentenced to a one-year imprisonment in Tehran's Revolutionary Court yesterday and was taken to prison to serve her prison term. According to reports, all her books, articles, CDs and computer were seized by security forces when she was arrested. (Human Rights Activists in Iran - Jan. 28, 2018)

Zoroastrian couple with dual Iranian American citizenship sentenced to hefty prison terms and property confiscation

https://www.radiofarda.com/a/iran_karen_vafadari_afareen_neisari_prison/29004923.html



Afarin Nisari, the Zoroastrian director of the Ann Art Gallery in Tehran was sentenced to 16 years of prison while his wife Karen Vafadari who has dual Iranian-American citizenship, was sentenced to 27 years in prison and the confiscation of property. They were charged with acting against national security. (Radio

Farda - Jan. 29, 2018)

Violence against women

Tired of Their Veils, Some Iranian Women Stage Rare Protests

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/29/world/middleeast/head-scarf-protests-iran-women.html>

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TEHRAN – Climbing atop a five-foot-tall utility box in one of Tehran's busiest squares on Monday, an Iranian woman removed her head scarf, tied it to a stick and waved it for all to see. It was no small feat in Iran, where women can be arrested for publicly flouting the Islamic requirement that they cover their hair. But there she stood, her curly hair blowing in the breeze. No one protested. In fact, she was applauded by many people. Taxi drivers and older women took her picture.

“My hands were trembling,” the 28-year-old

said, asking not to be named out of fear of arrest. “I was anxious and feeling powerful at the same time. And proud, I felt proud.”

She was not alone. On Monday several other women, a total of six, according to social media accounts, made the same symbolic gesture:

At least one of the women protesting on Monday was arrested by the police, a shopkeeper who witnessed the arrest said.

And some said this might just be the beginning. “My guess is that more of these protests will follow,” said Nasrin Sotoudeh, a lawyer and human rights activist. “It’s obvious that some women want to decide for themselves what to wear.”

The Islamic head scarf, or hijab, is seen by Iranian ideologues as a pillar of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The law regarding the scarf has been enforced since the 1979 Islamic Revolution, and a head scarf is obligatory for every woman in the country, even tourists and visiting foreign dignitaries. (the New York Times)