

## NCRI Human Rights Center Weekly Bulletin

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### Systematic violations of the right to life

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

#### Execution

##### **Execution at Babol Prison**

<https://www.ilnanews.com/%D8%A8%D8%AE%D8%B4-%D8%B3%DB%8C%D8%A7%D8%B3%DB%8C-3/619034-%D8%A7%D8%AC%D8%B1%D8%A7%DB%8C-%D8%AD%DA%A9%D9%85-%D9%82%D8%B5%D8%A7%D8%B5-%D8%AF%D8%B1-%D8%B2%D9%86%D8%AF%D8%A7%D9%86-%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%A8%D9%84>

Younes Hosseini, Public and Revolution prosecutor of capital of Mazandaran Province (north of Iran) informed about the nemesis of a person alleged to murder in the yard of Babol Prison: “The convict A-F, son of Sheidollah was hanged in the yard of Babol Prison in presence of the victim’s family. The decree was carried out after it was issued by the province’s penal court, endorsed by the Supreme Court and permitted by the head of judiciary”. (ILNA state-run News Agency- May 5, 2018)

##### **Prisoner Executed at Rajae-Shahr Prison in Karaj**

<https://iranhr.net/fa/articles/3316/>

On Wednesday morning, May 9, 2018, a prisoner was executed at Rajae-Shahr Prison in Karaj. The prisoner convicted of intentional murder and sentenced to execution (nemesis) is identified as “Reza Hamidi”. Reza was transferred from ward ten of this prison to solitary confinement on May 7th.

An informed source said: “Reza was condemned to execution for killing his mother-in-law. He wasn’t able to gain the forgiveness of those who complained till the last moment”. This execution is not announced by Iran’s media up to the publishing of this news. (Human Rights Organization - May 9, 2018)

##### **Two Executions in Gorgan**

<http://www.iribnews.ir/fa/news/2125664>

Two convicts; charged with murder in Golestan and Mazandaran provinces were hanged this morning at Gorgan Prison. Hadi Hashemian, the head of Golestan Judiciary said: “The execution decree for the primary convicts of this 8000-pages file was endorsed at the country’s Supreme Court. The third-in-row culprit, who was

found guilty was exiled”. “The culprits were arrested during a strike”, he added. (State-run broadcasting news agency; Seda & Sima- May 12, 2018)

### Arbitrary killing

#### **70th Baluch Citizen Killed in 17 Months**

<http://www.balochcampaign.info/%d8%a9%d8%b4%d8%aa%d9%87-%d8%b4%d8%af%d9%86-70-%d9%85%db%8c%d9%86-%d8%b4%d9%87%d8%b1%d9%88%d9%86%d8%af-%d8%a8%d9%84%d9%88%da%86-%d8%af%d8%b1-%d8%b7%db%8c-17-%d9%85%d8%a7%d9%87-%da%af%d8%b0%d8%b4%d8%aa/>



Parviz Zare Zehi, citizen of Khash Township (southeast of Iran) was killed by the direct shooting of Relief Unit agents on Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

The agents left the scene after shooting.

During the last 17 months this is the 70th Baluch killed by Disciplinary agents.

There has been no positive reaction so far from the officials to solve this acute problem and the report of killings is censored in internal media. (Baloch Activists Campaign- May8, 2018)

### **Two Border Porters Wounded in Border Regions**

<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-15240/>

A group of border porters at zero border point were raided at by border patrol. Being chased by these patrols Naser Nojavan fell off the height and was severely injured in neck and head. Naser was transferred to Orumieh medical centers and his is reported to be in dire condition.

On May 5, 2018 a border porter from Piranshar Township, Rahman Tafakhor, 45 years old, was directly shot at by border patrols in Kani Khoda Heights and was wounded in leg. (Human Rights Activists in Iran- May 8, 2018)

### **Innocent Citizen Killed in Agents Shooting**

<http://www.balochcampaign.info/%d8%af%d8%b1-%d8%aa%db%8c%d8%b1%d8%a7%d9%86%d8%af%d8%a7%d8%b2%db%8c-%d9%85%d8%a7%d9%85%d9%88%d8%b1%d8%a7%d9%86%d8%8c-%db%8c%da%a9-%d8%b4%d9%87%d8%b1%d9%88%d9%86%d8%af-%d8%ad%d8%a7%d9%85%d9%84-%d8%a8/>

Last night Saravan (in Sistan & Baluchistan Province) police shot at a vehicle carrying 4 bags of rice and killed a Baloch youth. He is not identified yet. Clip received from eye witnesses show that people protest the act and police forces are preventing them from taping the scene. During the last 17 months this is the 71st Baloch who has been killed or wounded in the shooting by Disciplinary agents. Last month in such a shooting at a vehicle with Afghan immigrants as passengers, 19 people were killed and wounded. (Baloch Activists Campaign- May 20, 2018)

## Death sentence

### **Nasrin Sotoodeh: 3 Times Execution of Mohammad Saleth to Evoke Fear and Horror**

<http://irankhabarnews.com/2018/04/30/%d9%85%d8%ad%d9%85%d8%af-%d8%ab%d9%84%d8%a7%d8%ab/>



There is a trial going on for Mohammad Salath, one of the Dervishes who were arrested during the events of Feb.19, 2018 at Pasdaran St. (Tehran). The file was sent to the Supreme Court after the decree was

issued. One year imprisonment, 74 cable strokes and three times execution was endorsed.

In an interview regarding this case, Nasrin Sotoodeh, Jurist and lawyer said: “In criminal cases, usually it’s the court that is responsible for the details of the case. This is a routine in all judiciary communities. But in the case of dervish Mohammad-Yavar Salath, the court has issued three times execution only in two sessions and with an unbelievable speed this verdict has been studied over and endorsed”.

She added: “It seems that this sentence is for evoking fear and horror...”. (Iran News Agency- April 30, 2018)

## **Women Prisoner 15 Years on Death Row**

<https://hengaw.net/fa/news/%D8%AC%D9%85%DB%8C%D9%84%DB%95-%D8%B5%D8%A7%D8%AF%D9%82%DB%8C-%D8%B3%D8%A7%D9%84-%D8%AF%D8%B1-%D8%A7%D9%86%D8%B8%D8%A7%D8%B1-%D8%A7%D8%B9%D8%AF%D8%A7%D9%85>

Jamiley Sadeghi, woman prisoner from Qarveh (in Kurdistan Province) jailed for 15 years in Sanandaj Central Prison has not been on any leave so far. An authentic source said that this woman was arrested in 2003 accused of murdering her husband. Jamileh was condemned to death after detention, by Qarveh Township’s penal court and is on death row since then. (Hangaw- May 10, 2018)

## Prison

### Prison conditions

#### Farzad Sahraee Serving at Qom Prison

<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-15190/>



Fazad Sahraee, arrested during national protests on January 2018 and arrested in the city of Qom started serving his two years imprisonment on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>.

He was arrested in front of his residence being beaten by security forces and after a few days of interrogation along with mayhem he was transferred to ward 12 of Langrood Prison. Being freed on bail he was eventually tried by judge Qhasemi at branch one of Qom Province's (so-called) Revolutionary Court in two session and only for few minutes.

It is to be mentioned that two other protesters; Ali Ebadi and Hassan Badi'I who were arrested at the same time but in different cases were condemned to 10 and 2 years imprisonment respectively. Due to act 134, known as assemblage of decrees 5 years of Mr. Ebadi's sentence will

be enforced. (Human Rights Activists in Iran- May 5, 2018)

#### Labor Activist Transferred to Saghqz Central Prison

<http://www.kurdpa.net/farsi/idame/73017>

Osman Ismaili, a Kurd labor activist from Saghez Township was transferred to the central prison of the township. This activist was arrested four days ago during the events of the Labor Day by intelligence forces.

On Tuesday May 1, 2018, plainclothes raided workers who had gathered for celebrating the Labor Day at Chami Valikhan square, a place for construction workers. After a one hour clash Osman Ismaili and some others were arrested. The plainclothes also confiscated cell phones of some of the protesting workers. (Kurdpa- May 5, 2018)



### The average age of inmates is 17 to 37 years old

<http://www.irna.ir/fa/News/82905644>

At'hareh Nejadi, President's deputy in programing and coordinating women and family affairs said: "Based on visits we had from country's prison(s), women are not under proper conditions in jails. Unfortunately mothers who have committed unintentional crimes are in jail with their small children. Children who only remember life as inside the prison walls..."

About the average age of women according to her visits she said: "By the existing information, the average age was between 17 and 37. Of course there were also elderly women too." (IRNA state-run News Agency- May 5, 2018)

### Detained Environmental Activists Visit Their Families in Presence of Security Agents

<https://www.radiozamaneh.com/394527>



The families of Sam Rajabi, Nilofar Byani and Alireza Farhad-zadeh visited them at Evin Prison. These visits which were about 10 to 15 minutes were in presence of security agents.

An informed but anonymous source said on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> that in the visit which was yesterday, Nilofar Byani, a wild life specialist was

not in good psychological condition. She was sad and nervous.

In mid-January a group of environment activists: Homan Joekar, Amir Hossein Khaleghi, Sam Rajabi, Taher Ghadirian, Nilofar Byani, Sepideh Kashani, Morad Tauhbaz and Kavoos Seyyed Imami were arrested. Two weeks later judiciary officials announced that Kavoos Seyyed Imami has committed suicide at the prison.

After a while, about a month and a half later, Hasan Raq, Aref Zare, Hasan Zare, Abdolreza Koochpaye and Alireza Farhad-zadeh, also environment activists were arrested too. The spokesmen of Judiciary and Tehran's prosecutor announced that these people are charged with espionage.

Kaveh Madani, the resigned deputy of Environment Organization who was also arrested with the first series of these activists from "Parsian Wild Life" institute for a

short time and was interrogated, left the country two months later on April 16<sup>th</sup> and posted a tweet announcing his resignation. (Zamaneh Radio- May 8,2018)

### Political Prisoner Back to Cell without Receiving Medical Treatment

<http://irankhabarnews.com/2018/05/09>



Hamidreza Amini, political prisoner, who was deployed to Farabi Hospital for his eye problem along with some other prisoners, was returned to the prison without receiving any treatment.

He suffers from weakness of vision and pain in his knees while in jail.

Hamid is known as Aryo-Barzan (an Iranian hero) in virtual space and was arrested at noon of Dec. 2,

2017 at his residence and was transferred to prison. He was interrogated at Evin Prison; he didn't cooperate with the agents and was exiled to Fashafooyeh Prison. (Iran News Agency- May 9, 2018)

### 8 Detainees on Hunger Strike

<http://fa.iran-hrm.com/index.php/2018/05/10/eight-detainees-on-hunger-strike-in-khuzestan-demonstrations-in-shiban-prison/>

It is for several days that eight people arrested in Khozestan's peaceful demonstrations have gone on hunger strike to protest prison's dire conditions and heavy bails.

They are: Adeh Obayavi-poor, 25; Mehdi Majdi Obaydavi, Bagher Obaydavi, Bashir Tamimi, Hamzeh Saedi, Mohammad Shakhi, Ali Shakhi and Ahmad Afri, 29.

These people are from city of Hamidieh and are arrested because they are Sunnis.

They have been kept in Shayban Prison in Ahwaz for 10 months under custody without their files being referred to court. Their detention is constantly extended.

Prison officials told them and their families who followed their case, that "in case they continue their hunger strike they will be transferred to solitary confinement."

It is to be mentioned that during the demonstration of Arab citizens in Khozestan that lasted several days, at least 500 people have been arrested amongst them kids between 11 to 15 years old. More than 250 of them have been transferred to Shayban Prison in Ahwaz.

They are all kept in a separate ward in 10 quarantine sections. Each section has seven cells and in each cell the prisoners are in harsh condition. They are deprived of having connection with other prisoners and are banned from any visit. (Monitoring Human Rights in Iran- May 9, 2018)

### Iran: 50 Prisoner Adding Up Each Hour

<https://www.radiozamaneh.com/391008>

<https://www.isna.ir/news/97022111444>

As each hour 50 people add to the crowd of prisoners, the head of Social Relief Association emphasized on replacement punishments to ease the consequences of accumulation of criminals in prisons. Pointing to the fact the each year between, 420 to 430 thousand criminals enter prisons, Hasan Mosavi Chalak added: “One of the new and positive changes in judicial systems in the world is that they don’t sent people to prison for all kind of crimes. This is not a trend in our country...”

Before that he had cited that increase in number of prisoners is a sign of “deteriorating moral values”. He has said: “15 million judicial files shows weakness of social morale in Iran”.

As Islamic Republic’s Prisons Organization had announced, the number of prisoners in Iran in year of 1395 (2016-2017) has been 224,000 and 70% of the prisoners were less than 40 years old.

On Monday April 16, 2018, Reza Mahboobi, deputy in social damage affairs of Iran Social Affairs Organization announced: “500,000 people enter Iran’s prisons on yearly basis.” As he put it 200,000 of them stay there. (ISNA state-run News Agency; Radio Zamaneh- May 11, 2018)

### Nazanin Zaqari; the Latest Status

<https://www.mehrnews.com/news/4290386>



Qolam-Hosseini Ismailee, the head of Tehran’s Judiciary declared the latest status of Nazani Zaqari’s case as: “This person is condemned for a part of her case and is serving her time but there is another case for her in the court which is still open”.

Ismailee had announced before: “This person has

another case which is sent to the court and is in process. This file is still open in the court and the judges are looking into it. No special timing is appointed for it.” (Mehr state-run News Agency- May 11, 2018)

### Prison sentences

#### **250 Women Enter Prisons Yearly in Accordance with Unintentional Crimes**

<https://www.isna.ir/news/97021507954>

At'hareh Nejadi, President's deputy in programing and coordinating women and family affairs said: “By the estimate given by Prisons Organization in average about 250 women are imprisoned in the country by yearly bases for unintentional crimes. As they are freed almost the same amount are substituted”. She also said that the ransom for the prisoners is high”. (ISNA state-run News Agency- May 5, 2018)

#### **A Five Years Sentence Confirmed at Revision Court for Saman Karimi**

<https://hengaw.net/fa/news/%D8%AA%D8%A7%DB%8C%DB%8C%D8%AF%D8%AD%DA%A9%D9%85-%D8%B3%D8%A7%D9%84-%D8%AD%D8%A8%D8%B3-%D8%B3%D8%A7%D9%85%D8%A7%D9%86-%DA%A9%D8%B1%DB%8C%D9%85%DB%8C-%D8%AF%D8%B1-%D8%AF%D8%A7%D8%AF%DA%AF%D8%A7%D9%87-%D8%AA%D8%AC%D8%AF%DB%8C%D8%AF%D9%86%D8%B8%D8%B1>



On Tuesday, May 8, 2018, Sanandaj Province's revision court confirmed a five years postponed imprisonment for Saman Karimi.

Mr. Karimi was sentenced to this on Jan.1st by branch 101 of the (so-called) Marivan Revolutionary Court on charges of “propagation against the establishment and disrupting public opinion”. Saman Karimi, 28, is a civil activist who has been arrested on Sep. 6, 2016 and freed after 15 days on bail. (Hengaw- May 8, 2018)

#### **13 People Arrested in Famenin Township**

<https://www.mehrnews.com/news/4290488>



Ali Hasan Heidari, Disciplinary commander in Famenin Township said the social security plan is activated in this township.

Haidari said: “In addition to arresting 13 convict in this plan, 14 motorbikes and cars have been confiscated. “The convicts have been introduced to judicial bodies after their cases were filed,” he added.



Famenin Township is one of the townships in Hamedan Province, Northwest of Iran. (Mehr state-run News Agency- May 7, 2018)

## Arbitrary arrests

### Political arrests

#### **A Young Man Arrested for Anti Regime Activities**

<http://www.magiran.com/npview.asp?ID=3739799>

<http://www.irna.ir/fa/News/82906177>

Note: State-run media announced on May 7, 2018, a person has been arrested on charge of “activities against the regime”. They said this person is affiliated to PMOI (Iranian Regime’s opposition) - end of the note.

...Regarding the case, Judge Hasan Haydari, political and security deputy of prosecutor’s office in the capital of Khorasan Razavi province said: “A person affiliated with the Monafeghin grouplet (PMOI in regime’s words) was arrested in Mashhad”.

“This person had the intention to infiltrate among different guilds just before the Labor Day and Teachers Week to organize anti security measures,”he added.

“The accused, 37 years old, who was under scrutiny from a while ago for having connection with the agents of terrorist Monafeghin was arrested based on judiciary order after the information were collected. He is in under interrogation,” cited Haidari. (Kayhan state-run daily, IRNA state-run News Agency- May 7, 2018)

### Social arrests

#### **Baneh Intelligence Summoned Bazaar Shopkeepers on Strike**

<http://www.kurdpa.net/farsi/idame/73047>

Baneh’s intelligence bureau, summoned and threatened bazaar shopkeepers on strike, to end their strike. An informed source said: “Intelligence forces threatened the shopkeepers that they have to end their strike as soon as possible.”

Since Sunday April 10th Bazaar’s shopkeepers and other guilds in city of Baneh have gone on strike in protest to the closure of small bazaars along the border and to

escalation in price of tariffs. It is about 24 days that they are on strike. (Kurdpa- May 8, 2018)

### Architect Student Summoned to Court for “Collusion Against the Establishment”

<http://daneshjuonline.com/%d8%b3%d9%be%db%8c%d8%af%d9%87-%d9%81%d8%b1%d9%87%d8%a7%d9%86-%d8%af%d8%a7%d9%86%d8%b4%d8%ac%d9%88%db%8c-%d9%85%d8%b9%d9%85%d8%a7%d8%b1%db%8c-%d8%a8%d9%87-%d8%a7%d8%aa%d9%87%d8%a7%d9%85-%d8%aa%d8%a8/>

Sepideh Farhan, an architect student was once again summoned to court on charges of “collusion against the establishment”. This civil activist was arrested on Jan. 2, 2018 for participating in anti-regime demonstrations and kept in ward 209 of Evin Prison for 47 days. Eventually she was freed on a 250 million Tomans bail on Feb. 17th. Currently intelligence agents have threatened Sepideh’s parents that if they inform the press this would harm her. They have also emphasized that her family have no permission for any kind of interview in that regard. (Iran News Agency- May 8, 2018)



### Labor Activist Arrested in City of Sanandaj

<https://hengaw.net/fa/news/%D8%A7%D8%B1%D9%85%DB%8C%D9%86-%D8%B4%D8%B1%DB%8C%D9%81%DB%95-%D8%AF%D8%A7%D9%86%D8%B4%D8%AC%D9%88-%D9%88-%D8%A7%D8%B2%D9%81%D8%B9%D8%A7%D9%84%DB%8C%D9%86-%DA%A9%D8%A7%D8%B1%DA%AF%D8%B1%DB%8C-%D8%A7%D9%87%D9%84-%D8%B3%D9%86%D9%86%D8%AF%D8%AC-%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%B2%D8%AF%D8%A7%D8%B4%D8%AA-%D8%B4%D8%AF>



Labor activist and a member of Sanandaj’s workers’ syndicate, Armin Sharifi was arrested on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, after being summoned to the intelligence bureau of the city.

As an informed source puts it, Armin has been transferred to an unknown location after detention and there is no news of his faith so far.

He is a student of Payame-Noor University in city of Sanandaj. (Hengaw- May 8, 2018)

### Two Young Girls Detained in City of Ravansar

<http://www.kurdpa.net/farsi/idame/73060>

On Tuesday, May 8, 2018, two Kurd girls by the names of Rizan Ba’waysi, 28 and Fatemeh Ba’waysi, 26, were detained by intelligence forces and transferred to an unknown location. These two were from Qhori Qhale village from Ravansar. They were detained on charges of having connection with “ISIS”.

Up to the publishing of this news there is no accurate news of their faith and whereabouts. (Kurdpa- May 9, 2018)

## Basic freedom and rights abused

### Chief Editors of Iran and Etemad Newspapers Were Convicted

<http://hamshahrionline.ir/details/404695>

Chief Editors of Iran and Etemad daily were convicted by Tehran province's press jury by majority of votes, on charges of "publishing lies to perturb public opinion".

Ahmad Momeni Rad, the secretary of the jury cited: "The members of the media court's jury held Mohammad Fazeli, chief editor of Iran daily and Elyas Hazrati, the chief editor of Etemad daily as guilty and said that they didn't deserve any commutation."

The court was held in branch nine of the 1st penal court of Tehran province, judged by Mohammad Kashkooli. (Hamshahri Online state-run Web Site- May 6, 2018)

### Telegram Activist Deprived of Medical Treatment

<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-15193/>



Aliraza Tavakoli who was active in Telegram and now jailed for two years, is deprived of medical treatment; though he is suffering from joint pains and pain in his intestine. The prison doesn't count itself responsible to provide the prisoners with advance medication and gives them no alternative either; eventually the prisoner does not receive the treatment he/she needs.

It is to be mentioned that Mr. Tavakoli, Mohammad Mohajer and Mohammad Mehdi Zaman Saleh, three Telegram activists were detained in 2016 and each were sentenced to 12 years imprisonment.

After they protested against the decree, the revision court applied act 134 of Islamic Punishment Law and the sentence for "insulting the sacred" was counted as the highest punishment for them and their sentence was reduced to five years. (Human Rights Activists in Iran- May 5, 2018)

### Sentence for Seyyed Tabib Taghizadeh in "Baztab Emrooz" Website Case

<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-15195/>



Seyyed Tabib Taghizadeh, journalist and an official of Baztab Emrooz news website was arrested in 2015 and eventually sentenced to two years postponed

imprisonment for having connections with dissident media. This journalist who received his final sentence in recent days has been cooperative with medias such as Payam-e-Azadegan, Tadbir News, Borana, Ebtekar and Golden Look monthly. After he was arrested in 2015, he was transferred to ward 209 of Evin Prison and kept in solitary confinement for 36 days. This journalist with a long time background in this area is charged with “acting against national security through cooperating with dissident media. A source close to Mr. Tabibzadeh said: “Every court session was less than two minutes. The last session was on March while the sentence was read to him in person about ten days before that.” (Human Rights Activists in Iran- May 5, 2018)

### **Larijani Defended Telegram Blockage**

<http://www.irna.ir/fa/News/82908153>

The head of judiciary openly defended the blockage of Telegram. He admitted that Iranian regime’s officials expect that this network would cooperate with them.

IRNA state-run News Agency wrote on May 7, 2018:

On Monday Sadegh Larijani, the head of Judiciary talked about the recent blockage of Telegram in a meeting with high judiciary officials. He said: “Judiciary has taken step in favor of the people’s rights in this regard and in other cases”.

Describing the reason of this blockage he cited: “I won’t enter political discussions in this case because I find it against the country’s unity”.

“We made contact with Telegram officials and asked them to help us in identifying the criminals and in introducing them to us, but we received none”, added Larijani.

Larijani continued: “About the blockage of Telegram we don’t have any ratification endorsed by the Supreme Leader that would say do not block (network) messengers.” (IRNA state-run News Agency- May 7, 2018)

### **Network Activist Arrested**

<https://www.isna.ir/news/97021809984>

A person using a cell phone messenger as disguise and having 3000 followers who published immoral subjects was identified in Astaneh-Ashrafieh Township (north of Iran) and was arrested.

Mohammad Khani the head of FATA (cyber police) in Gilan Province gave the news and said: “With technical and police force follow ups, the main manager of this messenger, a 25 years old male was identified. After getting necessary judicial permits he was arrested in a surprise attack in Astaneh-Ashrafieh Township and transferred to FATA police.” (ISNA state-run News Agency- May 8, 2018)

### 15 Years Old Pupil Still Under Arrest

<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-15238/>

[https://zandaniran.blogspot.co.uk/2018/05/blog-post\\_19.html](https://zandaniran.blogspot.co.uk/2018/05/blog-post_19.html)



Maedeh Shabani-nejad, a 15 years old high school student in Abadan who was arrested for activities in virtual networks in month of Bahman (January- February) 2018 by the intelligence agents is kept in Ahwaz's Sepidar Prison.

After 3.5 months her health is deteriorating.

Though she is suffering from stomach bleeding she is deprived of medical treatment. In addition to that, they renew her detention period constantly.

It is said that her family cannot hire a lawyer for her or cannot commute between Abadan and Ahwaz to visit her and follow her case due to financial problems.

Some of her relatives have been arrested along with her in Ahwaz for giving her refuge. (Her aunt) Mahnaz Amoori Faisali, and (her uncle) Mahmood Amoori are still in detention. (Human Rights Activists in Iran, No to Execution- No to Prison; May 8, 2018)

### Bamdad, a student publication was seized

<http://www.sharghdaily.ir/fa/main/detail/186958/%D8%AE%D8%A8%D8%B1>

The observing board of Medical School in Hamedan stopped Bamdad student publication, from running for six months with majority of votes. The chief editor of this publication is deprived of his chair for six months. Bamdad is the organ of "Progressive Islamic Association of Hamedan University".

The observing board find the content of the 7th copy as offensive and mocking.

It is to be mention that this decree came after the chief editors of Bassij publication, the Islamic Association of Tahkim Vahdat members and four other bodies have laid their complaints. They complained that the publication "showed that the country's situation and the achievements of 40 years of Islamic Revolution were doomed", it "caused disappointment among the young students", "claimed that people participated by force in the anniversary march of Islamic Republic as the greatest symbol of the dedication of people to the revolution" and "used the name made up by foreigners for those who participated in it" and so on. (Shargh state-run News Agency- May 8, 2018)

### 343 Village Water Sources Dried in Sistan & Baluchistan

<https://www.isna.ir/news/97021507564>

The CEO of Villages' Water and Sewage in Sistan & Baluchistan said: "343 water sources for villages in Sistan & Baluchistan have completely dried out.

Abdol-Ahad Rigi added: "1232 villages have water problems. Delivering water with tankers requires especial credits."

Regi also said that 3024 villages lack any kind of water delivery: "Drinkable water for these villages is provided by tankers". "Yet again 348 water delivery systems for the villages of Sistan & Baluchistan have become inactive," he mentioned. (ISNA state-run News Agency- May 5, 2018)

### Pishin Dam in Sarbaz Dried Out

<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-15248/>

<http://www.irna.ir/fa/Photo/3629727>



Pishin Dam in Sarbaz Township, south of Sistan & Baluchistan Province dried out due to draught and decrease in the amount of rain.

This dam was built with the capacity of 175 million m<sup>3</sup>. Its goal was to accumulate the seasonal rain for preventing a flood and reviving agricultural lands of Bahokalat Dashtyari lands.

The Deputy for Planning and Construction Affairs of Sarbaz cited: "Right now the amount of water is

less than 25 million m<sup>3</sup>, 18 million m<sup>3</sup> of which are sediment and unusable".

"Sarbaz Township is facing many problems, having no water and draught. So far there has been irreversible damage to different sections", he said. (IRNA state-run News Agency- May 9, 2018)

## Religious and ethnic minorities

### Residence Search and Summoning of Enisa Motahar, a Baha'I Citizen in Isfahan

<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-15200/>

On Monday April 30, 2018, security agents of Isfahan referred to Ms. Enisa's residence having a writ in hand.

An informed source said: "The writ was issued on April 3rd but these agents have entered the residence complex by force when someone was exiting it on April 30th."

“Eventually they left there after confiscating all the books and traces that would show that she is a Baha’i. They also took away her lap top, personal identification documents and her mother’s lap top,” the source also explained.

It’s about three years that Ms. Enisa Motahar is living in Tehran and she only travels to Isfahan to meet her parents, relatives and friends. (Human Rights Activists in Iran-May 6, 2018)

### **Tehran Exhibition Center Represents Books against Baha’is**

<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-15223/>

After a few days of opening of Tehran International Book Exhibition, the number of books regarding Baha’i faith have noticeably increased. These books have titles such as “The Astray Sect of Baha’i”.



In that regard, The Center of Islamic Revolution Documents has presented a book package aiming at “knowing different aspects of Baha’i sect”. Also the Center of Baha’i research, having two pavilions there is dedicating its book to such cause.

Escalation in introducing such books by organs with huge governmental budgets at Tehran’s book exhibition comes at a time when Baha’is have no right to express their believe in Iran, no right to have religious organization and are deprived of having their rituals. Currently tens of Baha’i citizens are either in jail or are facing several years imprisonment in Iran for expressing their believes or participating in Baha’I office works. (Human Rights Activists in Iran- May 7, 2018)

### **Still No News of Three Arrested Baha’is in Abadan**

<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-15232/>

Neda Sabeti, Noshin Afshar and Forogh Farzaneh, are three Baha’is from Abadan and Ahwaz who have been arrested on Sunday May 6, 2018 by Intelligence agents of Ahwaz and Abadan in their residents and still there is no news of their situation.

An informed source said: “During the arrest their residences were searched and their personal belongings and their computers and their family members’ computers have been confiscated”. There is no information about the charges and their whereabouts. (Human Rights Activist in Iran- May 8, 2018)

### **A Baha’i Citizen Arrested in Tehran**

<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-15279/>



On Friday, May 11, 2018, Mehrdad Heyrani, a Baha'i citizen residing in Tehran was arrested and transferred to an unknown location by intelligence agents after his residence was searched and his personal belongings such as computer and religious books were confiscated.

Announcing this news, an informed source said: "Mr. Heyrani was first arrested in his friend's

house in Fardis (neighborhood) in city of Karaj by intelligence agents and was then taken to his home. While searching the house they confiscated his personal belongings including religious books and computer... and then he was transferred to an unknown location". (Human Rights Activist in Iran- May 12, 2018)

### Suppressive maneuvers

#### Two Baloch Pupil Wounded by Police

<http://www.balochcampaign.info/%d8%b2%d8%ae%d9%85%db%8c-%d8%b4%d8%af%d9%86-%d8%af%d9%88-%d8%af%d8%a7%d9%86%d8%b4-%d8%a2%d9%85%d9%88%d8%b2-%d8%a8%d9%84%d9%88%da%86-%d8%af%d8%b1-%d8%aa%db%8c%d8%b1%d8%a7%d9%86%d8%af%d8%a7%d8%b2%db%8c/>

Police shot two Baloch pupil on Sunday April 29, 2018. The two, from Sadeghi Bijar High school in city of Zabol (southeast of Iran) were riding in a car that agents from disciplinary forces shot at them. They were severely wounded and hospitalized at the emergency section of Amir Al Momenin Hospital in Zabol.

These two boys from "Barani" clan were wounded in head and shoulder.

The agents left the scene after shooting. (Baloch Activists Campaign- May 6, 2018)

#### Teachers Gathering Protest under Attack, Several Arrested



Active and retired teachers gathered in protest in 12 cities of Iran against lower-than-poverty -line wages and deficiency in educational budget.

In Tehran six teacher activists were arrested in a raid by security forces including Mohammad Taghi Fallahi, the secretary of Tehran Guild Club; Mohammad Habibi; Ismail Gerami; Ali Zolfi; Ali

Pirooz; Mohammad Hasan Poore. Some reports say that Rasoul Bodaghi and Alieh Eghdamdoost (fe) are amongst the detainees.

Eye witnesses said that the agents 'savagely' beat the participants.



Banners read of protest against wages lower than poverty line and deficiency in educational budget. They also demanded free education for kids and protested against putting educational affairs in hand of private section. (Zamaneh Radio- May 10, 2018) <https://www.radiozamaneh.com/394897>



ILNA state-run News Agency wrote about this gathering: "Since 10 am today (May 10th) active and retired teachers gathered in protest in Tehran and other provinces in the event of Teachers Week.

One of the participants in front of Educational Bureau in Fars Province describes their demands as: "I am retired and I demand to be treated equally, I

demand pension higher than poverty line and insurance. We, the participants demand increase in educational budget and we want educational affairs to be the first priority for those who make the decisions; may we witness a better future..."

A teacher participant called ILNA and informed it of six arrests in Tehran. There is no information of the reason of the arrests and the whereabouts of the

detainees. (ILNA state-run News Agency- May 10, 2018)

<https://www.ilnaneews.com/%D8%A8%D8%AE%D8%B4%DA%A9%D8%A7%D8%B1%DA%AF%D8%B1%DB%8C%9/621163%D8%AA%D8%AC%D9%85%D8%B9.%D9%85%D8%B9%D9%84%D9%85%D8%A7%D9%86%D8%B4%D8%A7%D8%BA%D9%84%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%B2%D9%86%D8%B4%D8%B3%D8%AA%D9%87%D8%AF%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%B3%D8%AA%D8%A7%D9%86%D9%87%D8%A7%DB%8C%D9%85%D8%AE%D8%AA%D9%84%D9%81%D8%AF%D8%B3%D8%AA%D9%85%D8%B2%D8%AE.%D8%A8%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A7%D8%AA%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%B2%D8%AE%D8%B7%D9%81%D9%82%D8%B1%D9%86%D9%87%D8%AA%D9%85%D8%B5%D9%88%D8%B5%D8%8C.%D8%B3%D8%A7%D8%B2%DB%8C.%D8%A2%D9%85%D9%88%D8%B2%D8%B4%D9%85%D8%B7%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%AA%D8%A7%D8%B5%D9%84%DB%8C.%D8%B3%D8%AA>

## Statements Issued by Council for Coordination of Scholars Guild and Teachers Guild Club

<https://www.radiozamaneh.com/395016>



SSF (social security forces) and Plainclothes raided at the protest gathering of teachers yesterday (Thursday) injured some and detained a few of teachers guild activists.

The Council for Coordination of Scholars Guild and the Teachers Guild Club issued separate statements demanding immediate and unconditional release of the detained teachers.

The Council for Coordination of Scholars Guild said in its statement: "The gathering of May 10th of teachers in Tehran was guided by registered guild clubs of Tehran and Alborz (province), like in all other provinces it was a civil act and a

peaceful protest to revive the deteriorating education and the oppressed rights of working and retired teachers all across the country.

This gathering turned into a chaotic one when it encountered an organized attack by SSF and Plainclothes.”

Tehran’s Teachers Guild Club, describing the event on Thursday in its statement said that the teachers didn’t go out of the park as the police force requested but they suddenly encountered a raid by Plainclothes: “SSF and Plainclothes dragged the teachers on the street to suffocate their voice which sought justice and the face of women were covered with blood”.

“The Teachers Guild Club while condemning the attack, demands immediate and unconditional release of the detained teachers and demands an end to treating all teachers as such”. (Zamaneh Radio- May 11, 2018)

### Detained Teachers Transferred to Evin Prison

<https://www.radiofarda.com/a/f8-teachers-sent-to-evil-jail/29221109.html>



While according to reports, at least six of the detained teachers of Thursday gatherings are transferred to Evin Prison’s court chained in hands and feet, the Iran’s education minister said that this gathering was “without proper thinking and unjust”.

One of the teachers’ guild rights activists told Radio Farda that Mohammad Taghi Fallahee,; the secretary of Tehran Teachers Guild Club, Rasool Bodaghi, Rahman Abedini, Ismail Gerami, Hossein Qolami and Alieh Aghdam- Doost (fe) are transferred to Evin Prison.

A person close to Mohammad Habibi, a teacher’s guild’s right activist told Radio Farda that there is no news of his status and whereabouts since his arrest. (Radio Farda- May 11, 2018)

### The Latest Status of the Recent Teacher Detainees in Tehran

<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-15280/>



Seven arrested at teachers gathering in front of Planning & Budget Organization in Tehran on Tuesday were transferred to Evin Prison. Amongst them, Mohammad Taghi Fallahi the head of Tehran Teachers Guild Club, Rasool Bodaghi the inspector of this club, Rahman Abedini a member

of the board of directors of Alborz Province Teachers Guild Club, Alieh Aghdum-Doost (fe) a member of the Retired Union, Ismail Gerami the husband of a retired teacher, Hossein Qolami an activist of the Retired Union, Javad Zenoozi, a teacher from Kermanshah were taken to Evin's court on Friday. A bail of 50 million Tomans was appointed for them all. After they didn't accept the bail, they were all transferred to Evin Prison. (Human Rights Activists in Iran- May 12, 2018)

### Disciplinary Patrols Equipped with Uniform Cameras

<https://www.isna.ir/news/97022011166>

Mohammad Sharafi, the head of NAJA (Disciplinary Force of Islamic Republic) cited that police budget has escalated to equip its patrols with uniform cameras asap in the current year.

He said: "About the uniform cameras, fortunately under special auspices of the commander of NAJA, 4000 cameras are predicted for the current year."

This senior NAJA official underscored: "All the patrols are tasked with having the cameras on during their patrol and have to tape all the events continuously. The head of police stations must check the files with precision and follow and archive the necessary events."

"There are special vehicles dedicated to this job in addition to usual tasks of NAJA which have lots of other efficiencies and can fill for deficiencies in this accord. (ISNA state-run News Agency- May 10, 2018)

## Violence against women

### Two women deprived of Singing

<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-15215/>



Afsaneh and Nazli Jahanigiri two singers from Qhashqhaee Tribe who were to sing on Friday, May 4, 2018 at the cultural and art festival of the tribe at Besharat Hall of Gachsaran Township were prevented from singing. This came at a time that the program was announced and people had gathered in the hall.

Amin-allah Hejazi, Gachsaran's Friday prayer's imam was against this and security forces intervened to stop the singing.

A person close to Afsaneh Jahangiri explained: "Those responsible for the festival have invited Ms. Afsaneh Jahangiri and her sister, Nazli Jahangiri from before. But

though they had the permit, they were prevented from singing the last minute and the program was cancelled”.

Afsaneh Jahangiri is born in 1956 in Firozabad in the Fars Province and is a popular singer of the tribe. She has been singing in cities of Tehran, Shiraz, Ahwaz, Yasooj and some northern cities.

Gachsaran Township is located in Kohkiluyeh & Boyerahmad Province in Southwest of Iran. (Human Rights Activists in Iran-May 6, 2018)

### Shaparak Shajari-zadeh from “the Girls of Enghelab St.” Arrested Again



<https://www.radiozamaneh.com/394607>

<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-15241/>

Shaparak Shajari-zadeh was arrested along with her 9 years old son during an entertainment trip to city of Kashan. Kashan police arrested her charging her with unveiling. Nasrin Sotoodeh, her lawyer specified that this arrest is an arbitrary arrest and above the law, and

the arrest of her 9 years old son is a case of child abuse.

Shaparak Shajari-zadeh was under detention for one week in month of Esfand (February-March) 2018 for taking her scarf off and putting it on the tip of a stick in a protesting act. (Zamaneh Radio, Human Rights Activists in Iran- May 8, 2018)

### 37,000 Marriage under 15

<http://www.irna.ir/fa/News/82908548>

Parvaneh Salahshori, the head of Majlis’s (parliament) women’s fraction said: “Statistics show that during last year 37,000 girls have married while under 15. In this time interval 2000 women have either divorced or become widows”.

“Marriage of girls under 15 causes several problems; divorce and becoming widows intensifies these problems,” added Salahshori.

She cited: “Marriage of girls in early years of their lives makes them to suddenly enter the life of grownups and they will not enjoy the education and skills needed for a life”.

“Divorce statistic last year is the highest so far; 175,000. Divorcing in the early years of life has unpleasant consequences”, Added Salahshori.

The head of women’s fraction also said: “By the given statistics about 2.5 to five million single parent women exists in the country. Not having a job and lack of necessary services causes them many harms”. (IRNA state-run News Agency- May 8, 2018)

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