

astray and the driver, Ramin Gorgij, 26 and a 25 year old Rashed Baluch were killed. (Baloch Activists Campaign- May 25, 2018)

Death sentence

Appeal for Ramin Hossein Panahi to Supreme Court

<https://www.isna.ir/news/97030100397>



New Agency- May 22, 2018)

Hossein Ahmadi-nyaz, the lawyer of Ramin Hossein Panahi said that he had filed an appeal at the Supreme Court for him and said: “This is the natural right of a client. Ramin was arrested on July 23, 2017 in city of Sanandaj and was condemned to death at branch one of its revolution court. (ISNA state-run

A Kurd Woman in Danger of Execution at the End of Ramadan



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<https://hengaw.net/fa/news/%D9%81%D8%B1%DB%8C%D8%AF%DB%95-%D8%B5%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AD%DB%8C-%D8%B3%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AF%D8%B1-%D8%A7%D9%86%D8%AA%D8%B8%D8%A7%D8%B1-%D8%A7%D8%B9%D8%AF%D8%A7%D9%85-%D8%B9%DA%A9%D8%B3%D9%88-DA%AF%D9%81%D8%AA%DA%AF%D9%88>

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Zainab Taheri Summoned to Court

<https://www.radiozamaneh.com/396731>



Jurist, Zainab Taheri, the lawyer of Mohammad Salath, a Gonabadi dervish accused of murder was summoned to branch 2 of Prosecutor’s Office for Culture and Media, charged with “disrupting public opinion and publishing lies”.

Ms. Taheri posted a clip on internet regarding the

innocence of her client. She has also recently criticized the filtering of Telegram. It is said that these are the reasons of her summoning. (Zamaneh Radio- May 24, 2018)

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

Detained Civil Activist Tortured

<https://ir.voanews.com/a/iran-human-rights-justice/4402045.html>



Taymoor Khaledian, a civil activist said on Saturday, May 19, 2018 that he has been “severely beaten and sexually tortured” at a NAJA base during his detention last winter, when he was arrested in protest gatherings. He explained that the agents used shocker, baton and fist to beat him and kicked him. He was so tortured

that he didn’t have the power to sit for a while. Mr. Khaledian has been arrested in 2015 and 2016 for sending Malayer prison’s news to media defending human rights and the other time he was imprisoned for six months charged with “propagating against the establishment”.

He is supposed to be put on trial in a near future for charges of “gathering and collusion to act against national security” and “propagating against the establishment”. (VOA- May 20, 2018)

Cable Strokes & Exile for a Convict

<http://www.javanonline.ir/fa/news/908096>

Tehran Province’s branch 5 of NO. 1 penal court sentenced a man identified as Parviz, having unlawful relations with a woman to receiving cables and exile.

As Javan Online reports the judiciary board cleared the convict of charge of rape but sentenced him to receive cable strokes and to exile for having unlawful relations. (Javan Online state-run Web Site- May 21, 2018)

Sentence for Mozafar Naghdi; jail, cable strokes & fine

<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-15430/>

Branch 36 of Tehran Province’s revision court sentenced civil activist, Mohammad Mozafari, who was charged with “propagation against the establishment” to serve two years in jail,



receive 74 cable strokes and pay a two million tomans fine; endorsing the same sentence issued by the preliminary court. The sentence was imparted to his lawyer today. Mr. Mozafari was formerly arrested on Feb. 15, 2015 and was transferred to ward 2A of IRGC's intelligence detention center at Evin Prison. (Human Rights Activists in Iran-May 22, 2018)

Prison

Prison conditions

18,000 Inmates of Unintentional Crimes

<https://www.farsnews.com/news/13970230001164>

Asqar Jahangiri, the head of Prisons Organization said: "As of today we have 29,000 prisoners charged with intentional and unintentional financial crimes. From this 18,000 belong to the second category," he added: "the second in rank of unintentional financial crimes, about 3000 people are those who owe dowry..."

He cited: "360 women are prisoned on financial unintentional charges, that's 2%".

"70% of the inmates of unintentional crimes are below 40,...86% are married", (Fars News Agency- May 20, 2018)

Poverty; the Reason of 73% Imprisonments

<https://www.mehrnews.com/news/4303862>

Asqar Jahangir, the head of Prisons Organization pointed at the result of a questionnaire and said: "73% of prisoners have said that poverty is the reason for their imprisonment". "43% of prisoners are illiterate and suffer from cultural poverty. 17% of them are jailed for dangerous behaviors," he added. (Mehr state-run News Agency- May 22, 2018)

Nazanin zaqari: Second Trial

<https://www.mehrnews.com/news/4303618>

Qolam-Hosseini Ismaili, the head justice of Tehran province imparted of the second trial for Nazanin Zaqari.

"Her case has two parts. Regarding the first part the sentence is intact. The second part is still open and her trial will be held soon," he cited.



Nazanin Zaqari British-Iranian citizen was arrested at Khomeini Airport in Kerman on April 3, 2016 and was first transferred to Kerman and then Tehran. (Mehr state-run News Agency- May 23, 2018)

770 Financial Culprits in Jail in City of Ardebil

<http://www.irna.ir/fa/News/82923807>

Mohammad Ali Qhasedi, the head justice for Ardebil Province (in northwest of Iran) said: “Currently the province’s jails confine 770 prisoners sentenced for financial crimes. From this number 245 are there for not paying dowry, 78 for not paying alimony and 436 for other issues”. “Unfortunately the number of financial convicts are more and there are 35,000 of them whose files are under scrutiny in different judicial systems,” he cited. (ILNA state-run News Agency- May 23, 2018)

After 24 Years; Freedom Only After Repenting

<http://www.kurdpa.net/farsi/idame/73205>



IRGC opposed release of one of the oldest political prisoner. An informed source from Orumieh Prison said: “When Mohammad Nazari was on hunger strike at Rajae Shahr Prison, the prosecutor met him and promised that he will free him but IRGC prevented the act.”

The source added: “IRGC has asked for letter of repentant instead of his freedom.” The political prisoner has rejected and announced: “I am in jail for 24 years while innocent, how can I now repent for the crime I have not committed”. Mohammad Nazari, Kurd political prisoner from Shahin Dezh was arrested by Abozar’s IRGC’s security agents in Bukan (northwest of Iran) charged with “supporting and propagating for Kurd opposition groups” on May 30, 1994 and was condemned to death at Orumieh’s revolution court presiding judge Jalil-Zadeh, without having a lawyer.

The decree was commuted one degree in 1999 to life-in-prison and since then he has been jailed in Orumieh prisons and Karaj’s Rajae- Shahr prison without any leave. (Kurdpa- May 23, 2018)

Political Prisoner Deprived of Essential Medical Treatment

<http://www.kurdpa.net/farsi/idame/73219>

Physical conditions of Kurd political prisoner, Amir Payqami is reported as dire at Orumieh prison but the IRGC agents oppose his treatment outside prison.



“His ailment is a severe one and has spread to other parts of his body and he is in need of urgent treatment,” said an informed source.

A year ago, his physical condition was reported as: “He has a history of ailment in the lymphoid nodules of his left leg and was under treatment in Shiraz and Tehran

before his detention; he received none afterwards. This exacerbated his problem and as it is said he is suffering from a severe edema from his sole up to the knee which in addition to a great pain prevents his movement.”

Amir Payqami, 28, was detained by intelligence forces affiliated with IRGC’s intelligence protection forces on May 29, 2017, charged with cooperation with Kurdish opposition parties. He was sentenced to 4 years imprisonment. (Kurdpa-May 24, 2018)

Political Prisoner under Pressure of Intelligence Agents

http://hrdai.blogspot.co.uk/2018/05/blog-post_25.html



Political prisoner, Shapoor Rashnour, 43, is under pressure of intelligence agents. This prisoner has a law degree and is the former head of Mother Library in Andimeshk. Intelligence ministry’s interrogators have charged him with having connection with POMI. They intend to open a new case for him and sentence him again.

Mr. Rashnour is suffering from severe digestive problems and these agents are using it as a leverage of pressure against him instead of treating him. He has been arrested about 3.5 months ago. (Human Rights and Democracy activists in Iran- May 25, 2018)

1000 Inmate in a Jail with the Capacity of 200

<http://hamshahrionline.ir/details/406405>

Yahya Kamalipoor a member of Judicial and Legal Commission of Majlis (parliament) said: “A prison is built for 200 inmates but right now it confines one thousand. One cannot build silos after silos beside the prison and put the inmates in them in contrary to legal criteria.” (Hamshahri Online state-run Website- May 25, 2018)

Prison sentences

Civil Activist Sentenced to 7.5 Years Imprisonment

<https://www.radiozamaneh.com/396460>

Ali Noori, civil activist and former political prisoner who was arrested last winter and freed on bail after 36 days from Karaj's Rajae Shahr prison is sentenced to 7.5 years imprisonment. (Zamaneh Radio- May 22, 2018)



Two Environmental Activists Sentenced to Jail

<https://hengaw.net/fa/news/%D8%B5%D8%AF%D9%88%D8%B1-%D8%AD%DA%A9%D9%85-%D8%AD%D8%A8%D8%B3-%D8%A8%D8%B1%D8%A7%DB%8C-%D8%AF%D9%88-%D9%81%D8%B9%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%AD%DB%8C%D8%B7-%D8%B2%DB%8C%D8%B3%D8%AA-%D8%AF%D8%B1-%D8%A8%D9%88%DA%A9%D8%A7%D9%86>



Two environmental activists from Bukan Township, Hamed Sepehri and Jafar Ibrahim who were arrested last year were sentenced to jail. They are sentenced to one year and 6 months imprisonment respectively and are charged with “propagation against the establishment”. (Hengaw- May 24, 2018)

Arbitrary arrests

Social arrests

The Lawyer: 20 Environmental Activists Detained

<https://www.isna.ir/news/97023117000>



In regard to a case known as ‘Environmental Activists’, Payam Dorfeshan, the lawyer of Kavuos Seyed Imami, explained: “Having in mind the situation of the families of these captives who are tirelessly following their cases, some said that they were able to have a few words with their children but I have been informed based on other information that about 20 other activists have been arrested in south of the country in relation with the same case. The main reason for their arrests is unknown”. (ISNA state-run News Agency- May 21, 2018)

Ten Boys and Girls Arrested in a Party in City of Rasht

<https://www.rokna.net/%D8%A8%D8%AF%D8%B4%DA%AF%D9%88%D9%86%D8%A7%DA%AF%D9%88%D9%86-22/382327-%D8%AF%D8%AE%D8%AA%D8%B1-%D9%BE%D8%B3%D8%B1-%D8%AF%D8%B1-%D9%BE%D8%A7%D8%B1%D8%AA%DB%8C-%D8%B4%D8%A8%D8%A7%D9%86%D9%87-%D8%A8%D9%84%D9%88%D8%A7%D8%B1-%DA%AF%DB%8C%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%86-%D8%B1%D8%B4%D8%AA%DA%86%D9%87-%D9%85%DB%8C-%DA%A9%D8%B1%D8%AF%D9%86%D8%AF>

Yesterday (May 20) NAJA forces broke into a party in Rasht's Gilan boulevard and arrested more than 10 young girls and boys and surrendered them to judiciary authorities. (Rokna state-run Web Site- May 21, 2018)

Basic freedom and rights abused

NAJA Confronts Café Nets Using Anti-Filters

<https://www.tasnimnews.com/fa/news/1397/02/30/1730491>

Mehdi Mir-Mehdi the head of Tehran's Computer Techs Guild Union cited the increase in use of anti-filters during these days and said: "The new chief of site-police of NAJA has notified the union about the regulations of prohibition of using VPN and anti-filters in café nets".

Emphasizing that NAJA is the only organ that can inspect guild units, he said: "So all guilds must comply with the announced rules of this organ..."

Regarding as how wrongdoers might be treated, Mir-Mehdi said that as most of the activities of these units are in months of June and July the wrongdoers will not be allowed to have any activity. In other months, their units will be sealed from 15 days to one month.

He emphasized: "As a reminder, I am aware that in addition to inspections by NAJA, there will be a common patrol formed of this union and NAJA during the year which will inspect the guild units. In this patrol all systems in café nets will be inspected".

Answering the question: "So far how many wrongdoers you have confronted?" he said: "For example last year 25 café nets have been sealed". (Tasnim state-run News Agency- May 20, 2018)

General Prosecutor: Twitter Ban Will Persist

<https://www.isna.ir/news/97030100656>

Montazeri the country's general prosecutor restated amongst the reporters: "On judicial decree, Twitter is filtered and thus it is not possible to lay out the issue in the workgroup as subjects having criminal content..."

“As long as Twitter’s criteria is as before this decree will prevail,” he added. (ISNA state-run News Agency- May 22, 2018)

Dance Teachers’ Instagram Account Blocked in Iran

<http://www.bbc.com/persian/iran-44187770>



According to a judiciary decree the Instagram account of some known dance teachers in Iran are blocked.

In the accounts belonging to Ms. Shadab, Ms. Elnaz Qhasemi, Ms. Maedeh Hozhabri and some others it’s posted: “This account is blocked on the order of honorable judiciary official for publishing criminal content”. Almost all dancing clips are omitted from

these pages. In Shadab’s Telegram you can read: “There will be no dance class today”. (BBC- May 30, 2018)

Arman Daily Convicted

<https://www.mehrnews.com/news/4301545>

Ali Akbar Kasaeyan, a member of press court’s jury said Arman daily is convicted of violating the resolution of High Council of National Security.

He said: “Today Arman daily, ILNA news agency, Asr-e-Iran news site, Asr-e- Khaber news site and Hour 24 faced trial”.

He specified: “ILNA was tried in its absence, it was counted as guilty without any commutation...24 was charged with publishing false articles like three other cases and was held guilty. Kasaeyan pointed at the complaints against Arman newspaper and specified: “This daily was counted as guilty with majority of votes and without any commutation, for violating the resolution of High Council of National Security”. (Mehr state-run News Agency- May 20, 2018)

Civil Activist Summoned to the Culture & Media Court

<https://humanrightsiniran.com/1397/53661/>



Based on a subpoena received by Mehrdad Garivani on May 16, 2018, he must go to branch 2 of interrogation office of Culture & Media Court in five days to offer his last defense. He refused and announced: “I believe that a government that is based on theft, corruption and treason towards its people has no right to judge”.

Mehrdad, civil activist and a physics student at Qom University was first arrested on Jan. 26, 2017 and was freed on Aug. 2, 2017 from Evin prison after five months of interrogation and imprisonment and three times extension of his illegal detention time. During that time he was confined at wards 2A and 240 of Evin prison. The reason for his detention is his revelation about Saeed Tooshi's acts. (Human Rights in Iran - May 19, 2018)

Saeed Toosi, Khamenei's famous Qoran reader has been the subject of complaints of many youths for his mal treatment towards and raping of young Qoran readers.

Municipality Agents Attacked Khozestani Photographer



<http://www.irna.ir/fa/News/82922812>

Khozestani photographer, Morteza Yaghooti was beaten by Municipality agents of region one in Ahwaz as he was taking pictures from a fire in Rabie Park around Karoon River. Describing the event he said: "I was taking pictures that Municipality agents from region one tried to stop me. I showed them my card as a journalist but three agents clashed with me. Hit me hard on the ground and beat me...They tried to make me embark on their vehicle by force." (IRNA state-run News Agency- May 22, 2018)

Journalist, Ibrahim Ismaili Summoned to Court

<https://www.hra-news.org/2018/hranews/a-15463/>

Journalist and political activist, Ibrahim Ismaili was summoned to Shazand's prosecutor's office by judge Abdollah Sha'abani on May 17, 2018 for clarification.

He is charged with "propagation against the establishment", "spreading lies to disrupt public opinion, offending the leader (Khamenei) and IRGC and publishing articles in favor of the establishment's dissidents.

Shazand is located in Central Province. (Human Rights Activists in Iran- May 22, 2018)



Showing Soccer Games Is Prohibited in Cafés

<https://www.tasnimnews.com/fa/news/1397/03/01/1732136>



The chief of Great Tehran's police pointed to showing soccer matches in cafés and said: "Cafés are not allowed to

do that”. “To show soccer games in public places and special guilds demands necessary permissions from NAJA”. (Tasnim state-run News Agency- May 22, 2018)

A Play Stopped in Iran

<https://www.ilnnews.com/%D8%A8%D8%AE%D8%B4%D9%81%D8%B1%D9%87%D9%86%DA%AF%D9%87%D9%86%D8%B1-6/626269-%D8%A7%D8%AC%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%B9%8C-%D9%86%D9%85%D8%A7%D8%B9%8C%D8%B4-%D8%AF%D8%B1-%D8%AA%D8%A7-%D8%A7%D8%B7%D9%84%D8%A7%D8%B9-%D8%AB%D8%A7%D9%86%D9%88%DB%8C-%D9%85%D8%AA%D9%88%D9%82%D9%81-%D8%B4%D8%AF>



The performance of a play; entitled “Der” produced by Shahab Mehrban, performing since May 13, 2018 at Paliz Playhouse was halted. This play was supposed to be on the stage till June 20. (ILNA state-run News Agency- May 24, 2018)

More than 80% of the Kids in South Khorasan’s Villages Suffer from Skin Problems

<https://www.ilnnews.com/%D8%A8%D8%AE%D8%B4-%D8%A7%D8%AC%D8%AA%D9%85%D8%A7%D8%B9%DB%8C-5/626419-%D8%A8%DB%8C%D8%B4-%D8%A7%D8%B2-%D8%AF%D8%B1%D8%B5%D8%AF%DA%A9%D9%88%D8%AF%DA%A9%D8%A7%D9%86-%D8%B1%D9%88%D8%B3%D8%AA%D8%A7%D9%87%D8%A7%DB%8C-%D8%AF%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%B3%D8%A7%D9%86-%D8%AC%D9%86%D9%88%D8%A8%DB%8C-%D8%A7%D8%B2-%D9%85%D8%B4%DA%A9%D9%84-%D9%BE%D9%88%D8%B3%D8%AA%DB%8C-%D8%B1%D9%86%D8%AC-%D9%85%DB%8C-%D8%A8%D8%B1%D9%86%D8%AF>



Mohammad Bagher Ebadi, MP from Birjand cited that more than 80% of the kids in the villages of South Khorasan Province (east of Iran) suffer from skin problems and added: “I have seen them from close, times and again during the last three months. Unfortunately due to water shortage the people there don’t have enough hygiene and cannot have a bath

correctly. ...About 480 villages at South Khorasan province suffer from water shortage and they receive water by tankers. Many of the watercourses there have dried out.” (ILNA state-run News Agency- May 24, 2018)

Religious and ethnic minorities

Two Girls Dismissed from University Being Baha’i

<https://persian.iranhumanrights.org/1397/03/sadaf-vojdani-and-kiana-sanaei-were-fired-due-to-being-bahai-students/>



Sadaf Vojdani, a Baha’i student said that she was dismissed from Razi University in Kermanshah for her beliefs. She has been asked to change his religion in the admission forms to Moslem but she didn’t accept

Sepideh Kiaee, mother of Kyana Kiaee as student at private university of Mirdamad in city of Gorgan (north of Iran) imparted the dismissal of her daughter on the pretext of being a Baha'i and said: "A week after Javad Zarif expressed in New York that Baha'is face no problem in Iran, my daughter was dismissed". (Iran Human Rights Campaign- May 23, 2018)

Iran: Prison doctors abuse and deny treatment to persecuted women

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2018/05/iran-prison-doctors-abuse-and-deny-treatment-to-persecuted-women>



Women prisoners of conscience from Iran's Gonabadi Dervish religious community are being subjected to verbal abuse, including sexual slurs, and denied proper medical treatment by doctors and other health professionals at Shahr-e Rey prison on the outskirts of Tehran, Amnesty International revealed today.

The organization has received testimonies indicating that doctors at the prison, a former industrial chicken farm in Varamin, are routinely dismissing the women's complaints of pain and discomfort as "fake" while refusing to prescribe them medication on a timely basis or carry out thorough diagnostic tests. They are also failing to ensure that medical equipment in the prison clinic is functioning properly and poses no threat to patients' health.

"Deliberately denying medical treatment to any prisoner is unlawful, cruel and inhuman and can amount to torture. These women from Iran's Gonabadi Dervish community should not even be imprisoned in the first place. It is deplorable that the Iranian authorities are seeking to intimidate and torment them further," said Philip Luther, Amnesty International's Research and Advocacy Director for the Middle East and North Africa.

"The Iranian authorities must ensure all individuals in custody receive adequate health care and are treated with respect and dignity. Any prison staff suspected of abusing or withholding medical treatment from detainees must be investigated and prosecuted in trials that meet international standards".

At least 10 women from Iran's Gonabadi Dervish community have been arbitrarily detained in Shahr-e Rey prison in inhuman conditions, without access to their lawyers, since February 2018. They were arrested for their peaceful participation in a protest in Tehran by members of the persecuted minority, which turned violent

when security forces used water cannons, firearms and tear gas to disperse the crowds.

As a result of their ill-treatment by security forces, these women have had a range of health problems in custody, including head injuries, broken arms and vaginal bleeding. They also have been denied adequate treatment for pre-existing medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes and high blood pressure.

According to reports received by Amnesty International, the women have been subjected to hostile interrogation-style questions about their court cases and insults over their beliefs by doctors at Shahr-e Ray prison. There are concerns that doctors have also sought to degrade the women by exploiting cultural taboos around sexuality, asking the women intrusive questions about their sexual relations, such as whether they have “boyfriends” or are “sleeping around with men.”

A source told Amnesty International that women requesting emergency medical care in the evening or at night have been refused treatment by doctors and nurses until the following day and even berated for purportedly disturbing the medical staff's sleep in the middle of the night.

There are concerns about the reliability of medical equipment at the prison clinic, as, during the last three months, it has shown prisoners as having normal blood pressure even when they were experiencing symptoms of high blood pressure, including severe headaches, vision problems, chest pain, difficulty breathing and an irregular heartbeat. High blood pressure exposes people to the risk of stroke and heart disease.

Detainees also said a lack of stretchers and wheelchairs has resulted in fellow detainees being forced to carry sick prisoners out of their rooms and into the clinic, which has led to falls and other accidents.

“Prisoners’ access to health care is a right enshrined in both international and Iranian law. The international community, including the European Union, must demand that the Iranian authorities urgently grant access to international monitors including the UN special rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iran, so that they can carry out unannounced inspections of Shahr-e Rey prison, including private interviews with prisoners,” Philip Luther said.

There are concerning reports that in a further deliberate attempt to abuse and degrade the prisoners, the Gonabadi Dervish women have also been forced to pick weeds in the prison yard with their bare hands as a condition for being permitted telephone calls with their families and a couple of hours of fresh air during the day.

Shahr-e Rey prison is a disused chicken farm that holds hundreds of women convicted of violent offences in conditions falling far below the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules). Common complaints include urine-stained floors, lack of ventilation, insufficient and filthy bathroom facilities, prevalence of contagious diseases, poor quality food containing small pieces of stone and salty water. (Amnesty International - May 25, 2018)

Suppressive maneuvers

“Promoting Virtue and Preventing Vice” Patrol Starts Its Work in Ardebil Province

<https://www.jamran.ir/%D8%A8%D8%AF%D8%B4%D8%A7%D8%B1%D8%AF%D8%A8%DB%8C%D9%84-193/927128%D8%AF%D8%B4%D8%AA%D8%B7%D9%84%D8%A7%DB%8C%D9%87%D8%AF%D8%A7%D8%B1%D8%A7%D9%86%D8%A7%D9%85%D8%B1%D8%A8%D9%87%D9%85%D8%B9%D8%B1%D9%88%D9%81%D9%86%D9%87%D8%AF%D8%A7%D8%B2%D9%85%D9%86%D8%A9%D8%B1%D8%AF%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%B1%D8%AF%D8%A8%DB%8C%D9%84%D8%A2%D8%BA%D8%A7%D8%B2%D8%A8%D9%87%D8%A9%D8%A7%D8%B1%D9%85%DB%8C%DA%A9%D9%86%D8%AF>

Naser Atabati, Ardebil’s prosecutor said: “In harmony with Bessij (Iranian regime’s paramilitary force) and IRGC of the province, patrols for “Promoting Virtue and Preventing Vice” will start their activities in the province.

“We will guide and warn mal-veilers in different districts...” (Jamran state-run Web Site- May 23, 2018)

Kurd Border Porters Were Barraged

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

IRGC forces in Piranshahr Township (in West Azerbaijan Province) barraged at a group of Kurd border porters and sellers on May 23, 2018, as a result of which two border porters were severely injured. One of them is identified as Morad. The forces confiscated the goods of 20 of them. (Hengaw- May 24, 2018)

Baluch Woman Wounded during Agents Shooting

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

Friday May 25, 2018, at noon, NAJA forces pursuing a vehicle started shooting while in the crowded Friday Bazaar wounding a woman in the leg. The woman was taken to emergency room. She is not identified yet. (Baloch Activists Campaign- May 25, 2018)

Security Agents Stopped Writers Club’s Ceremony

<https://www.radiofarda.com/a/iranian-writers-association-meeting/29251256.html>

Security agents prevented the Writers Club from holding its 50th anniversary on Friday, May 25, 2018. A member of this club, Akbar Masoom Baigi explained that security agents “Savagely raided” the house where the ceremony was to be held in and blocked the street there. The report also says that they confiscated all the posters, souvenirs and other stuff that the members have collected during a year for this ceremony. (Radio Farda- May 25, 2018)

Violence against women

Women Banned from Entering Cinemas

<http://www.ghanoondaily.ir/fa/bghanoon/19/%D8%A8%D9%8A-%D9%82%D8%A7%D9%86%D9%88%D9%86>

There are news published in state-run media of broadcasting soccer World Cup matches at cinemas.

Qhanoon state-run daily pointing to the ban of women entering sport stadiums wrote in its first page: “World Cup matches will be broadcasted in cinemas; (this means) banning women from entering cinemas”. (Qhanoon state-run daily- May 23, 2018)



Appendix

Situation of Ahwazi Detainees

The following report speaks of the latest news regarding detainees of the vast demonstrations in Khozestan in March 2018.

Ahwazis staged demonstrations to protest against the offense that one of the state-run TV channels made against them and what they call “racialist behavior”.

Method & quantity of arrests

These were all arbitrary arrests. A detainee cited that the agents arrested the whole family even children and transferred them to detention centers.

For example; Jalil Hawaii (Saedi) was arrested along with his wife, son in law, daughter, his 12 years old son; Heydar and his three years old child. They were all transferred to Fajr Prison.

A detainee speaking on condition of anonymity said: “Only in Sheyban Prison we were 500 detainees in one separate ward. More than 25 youths were transferred to Fajr Prison or Youths Center.

Amongst us were disabled people from Mullah Shieh and Eigndou (Seyed Karim) regions. For example; Saeed Nemati was a retard from Mullah Shieh and there was a mentally ill person from Eigndou who has just left a psychiatric hospital...”

Detention and torture centers

The detainees were under pressure, interrogation and torture in these prisons and detention centers:

- Sepidar Prison (men and women wards)
- Sheyban Prison (Ahwaz Professional Training Complex)
- Ahwaz’s intelligence bureau’s detention center at Chahar Shir

The state officials have reopened old and remote detention centers and transferred the detainees there; including:

- Golf Detention Center (belonging to IRGC at Modares Boulevard in Ahwaz)
- Ahwaz’s Corps No. 6 detention center
- Youths Center (previous Fajr Prison)

Conditions of detention

- Men under 18 are jailed at Fajr Prison (Youths Edification Center)
- Women are jailed at Sepidar Prison in Ahwaz. The number reaches 150, 15 of which have been arrested during Ahwaz demonstrations; including:
 - Khadijeh Naysi
 - Ayesheh Naysi
 - Leila Barvayeh
 - Ezat Ka’abi
 - Nadia Mohammadi Poor (Hamidi)
- The bails issued are 100 to 500 million tomans. Many families cannot provide such money so their children have remained in jail. (No to Prison, No to Execution- May 23, 2018)

https://zandaniran.blogspot.co.uk/2018/05/blog-post_25.html

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