

Execution of Political Prisoners in Iran: A Clear Violation of Human Rights

This report documents the names, details, and photographs of political prisoners currently on death row in Iran's prisons, highlighting the ongoing enforcement of execution — the most severe and irreversible punishment — against individuals from diverse ethnic backgrounds, age groups, and walks of life, many of whom have been sentenced without the observance of fair trial standards. This systematic practice not only represents a blatant violation of human rights but also exposes Iranian society to the regime's repressive policies. By publishing this list, we aim to raise awareness and draw public attention to the urgent need to prevent these executions.

Distribution of Prisons and Conditions of Detention

Political prisoners facing capital punishment are detained across Iran in notoriously harsh facilities such as Evin, Qezel Hesar, Urmia, Vakilabad (Mashhad), and Sepidar (Ahvaz) prisons. These detention centers have been thoroughly documented by Iran HRM in its previous reports as sites of systemic abuse, including torture, coercive interrogations, denial of access to independent legal counsel, and inhumane living conditions. Such practices are in clear violation of Iran's obligations under international human rights law, including the absolute prohibition of torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment, as well as the fundamental right to a fair trial and legal defense.

Ethnic and Religious Discrimination

Political prisoners on death row in Iran come from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds, including Kurds, Baluchis, Turkmens, Arabs, and Persians. The disproportionate targeting of minorities, particularly from Sistan and Baluchestan, Kurdistan, and Khuzestan provinces, where many face charges of *Baghi* (armed rebellion) or *moharebeh* (enmity against God), reveals a pattern of state-driven repression against ethnic and religious communities. Numerous individuals are sentenced solely for their civic engagement or ideological beliefs, violating the principles of non-discrimination enshrined in international human rights treaties to which Iran is a party, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).

Politically Motivated Charges and Unfair Trials

Political prisoners are frequently charged with vaguely defined and politically motivated offenses such as *moharebeh*, *Baghi*, *efsad fel-arz* (corruption on earth), espionage, or actions against national security. These charges are often leveled without credible evidence and adjudicated in proceedings lacking transparency and due process. Sentences are frequently imposed for mere association with opposition groups or alleged foreign contacts, in direct contravention of the rights to freedom of expression, association, and fair trial guaranteed under international law.

Women on Death Row

While men constitute the majority of political prisoners on death row, women are not exempt from the regime's brutal crackdown. Among those sentenced to death are Pakhshan Azizi, Sharifeh Mohammadi, and Varisheh Moradi condemned for their alleged involvement with opposition movements. Their cases

underscore the indiscriminate nature of Iran's repression, where women, like men, face persecution and the ultimate penalty for exercising their political beliefs and rights.

Execution as a Tool of Political Suppression

The death penalty in Iran is systematically employed as an instrument of political repression, intended to silence dissent, intimidate society, and stifle movements advocating for freedom and human rights. This practice, conducted in violation of due process guarantees and the right to life, has been repeatedly condemned by United Nations bodies and international human rights organizations. Despite international outcry, Iran continues to deploy this irreversible punishment as a means of control.

Iran HRM emphasizes the urgent need for international and domestic efforts to halt this ongoing atrocity. The abolition of the death penalty, particularly in political cases, alongside strict adherence to international human rights standards, is essential to prevent further irreversible injustices.

Individual Case Summaries



Behrouz Ehsani
Esalamloo

Date of Birth: 1955

Place of Birth: Urmia

Date of Last Arrest:
December 2022

Children: Father of 2

Charges: *Baghi* (armed rebellion), *Moharebeh* (enmity against God), *Efsad fel-Arz* (corruption on earth), membership in the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI/MEK), assembly and collusion against national security

Prison: Qezel Hesar Prison

Sentence: 10 years imprisonment and death penalty



Yousef Ahmadi
Date of Birth: 1985
Place of Birth: Baneh
Family: Father of 3 children
Date of Last Arrest:
May 2020

Charges: *Baghi* (armed rebellion) and collaboration with opposition groups

Prison: Sanandaj Prison

Rasoul Ahmad
Mohammad
Date of Birth: Not specified
Place of Birth: Sardasht
Date of Last Arrest:
July 2023

Charges: Espionage for Israel and involvement in transferring equipment for the assassination of Fakhrizadeh

Prison: Urmia Prison



Milad Armon

Date of Birth: 1998

Date of Last Arrest:
December 2022

Charges: *Moharebeh* (enmity against God), involvement in the intentional killing of a Basij member in the Ekbatan complex case

Prison: Qezel Hesar Prison



Idris Ali

Born: 1985

Place of Birth: Sardasht

Date of Last Arrest:
July 2023

Charge: Espionage for Israel

Prison: Urmia

He is a member of Komala and was arrested for involvement in transferring equipment used in the assassination of Fakhrizadeh and has been sentenced to death.



Hatam Ozdemir

Kurdish political prisoner and Turkish national

Date of Birth:
Unspecified

Place of Birth:
Unspecified

Date of Last Arrest: Summer 2019

Charge: *Moharebeh* (waging war against God)

Prison: Urmia



Alireza Barmarz Pounak

Born: 1998

Date of Last Arrest:
November 2022

Charge: Complicity in the intentional murder and injury of a Basij member

Prison: Qezel Hesar

He is one of the detainees from the Ekbatan Complex case.

Naser Bakrzadeh

Date of Birth:
Unspecified

Date of Last Arrest:
January 2024

Charge: Espionage for Israel and collaboration with Mossad

Prison: Urmia



Vahid Bani-Amerian

Date of Birth: 1993

Age: 32

Date of Last Arrest:

January 2024

Occupation:

Management graduate

History: Arrested multiple times since 2017.

Charges: *Baghi* (armed rebellion), collusion and assembly against national security, membership in the PMOI/MEK.

Prison: Evin Prison

He has been sentenced to death and 10 years of imprisonment and denied access to a lawyer and family visits.



Seyed Mohammad

Taghavi Sang-Dehi

Born: 1966

Place of Birth: Tehran

Date of Last Arrest:

March 2025

History: Repeatedly arrested for political activities.

Charges: Assembly and collusion against national security, and membership in the PMOI/MEK

Prison: Evin Prison

Subjected to torture and denied medical care



Ahadreza Jalali

Dual-nationality physician

Born: 1971

Date of Last Arrest:

2016

Charge: Espionage

Prison: Evin

The sentence was confirmed by the Supreme Court in December 2017.



Farshid Hassanzehi

Born: 1998

Date of Last Arrest:

December 2022

Charge: *Moharebeh* (waging war against God) and armed action leading to the murder of two law enforcement officers

Prison: Central Prison of Zahedan



Mehdi Hassani

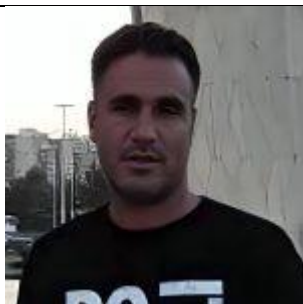
Born: 1976

Date of latest arrest:
September 2022

Charges: *Moharebeh* (enmity against God), *corruption on earth*

Prison: Qezel Hesar

He has been sentenced to death and 10 years in prison.



Hamid Hosseinnejad Heydaranlou

Born: 1985

Place of Birth:

Unspecified

Father of three children and from the village of Sigrik, arrested at the Chalderan border

Date of Last Arrest: April 2023

Charge: *Baghi* (rebellion) through membership in an opposition party

Prison: Urmia



Moein Khanfari

Date of birth: 1994

Date of last arrest:
2019

Charges: *Moharebeh* (enmity against God) and membership in the group *Harakat al-Nidhal* (Arab Struggle Movement for the Liberation of Ahvaz), as well as involvement in attacks on military bases belonging to the Basij and the IRGC (Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps)

Prison: Sepidar Prison, Ahvaz



Amir Mohammad Khosh Eghbal

One of the detainees from Ekbatan Township.

Date of birth:

Unspecified

Date of last arrest:
January 2023

Charges: Participation in murder and intentional assault and battery

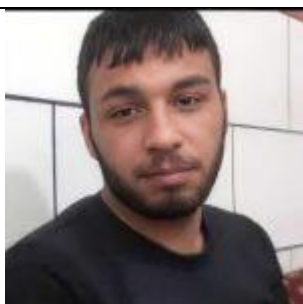
Prison: Qezel Hesar Prison



Akbar (Shahrokh) Daneshvarkar
Father of one child
Date of birth: 1956
Place of birth: Tehran
Date of last arrest: January 2024
Occupation: Civil engineer
History: Arrested in January 2024.

Charges: *Baghi* (armed rebellion), conspiracy and collusion against national security, membership in the *PMOI/MEK*, destruction of public property, and formation of a group

Prison: Evin Prison
He was sentenced to 15 years in prison and the death penalty. He was held in solitary confinement in Ward 209 of Evin Prison and denied access to a lawyer and family visits.



Malek Davarshenas (Seyed Malek Mousavi)
Date of birth: 2000
Date of last arrest: April 2021

Charges: *Moharebeh* (enmity against God) and *Baghi* (armed rebellion) – Attack and arson at the Basij center in Shawwar

Prison: Sheiban Prison, Ahvaz



Mohammad Zein al-Dini
Date of Birth: 2003
Date of Last Arrest: October 2020

Charge: *Moharebeh* (enmity against God) through armed action (killing three IRGC forces)

Prison: Zahedan Central Prison



Habib Deris
Date of Birth: 1983
Place of Birth: Ahvaz
Date of Last Arrest: February 2019

Charge: Membership in the Harakat al-Nidal group

Prison: Shiban Prison, Ahvaz



Abbas Deris

Date of Birth: 1973

Place of Birth:
Mahshahr

Date of Last Arrest:
December 2019

Charge: *Moharebeh* (enmity against God)

Prison: Mahshahr

He is the father of three children, and his wife passed away due to a stroke caused by emotional stress at the time of his arrest.



Pejman Soltani

Date of Birth: 1993

Place of Birth: Boukan

Detained during the 2022 nationwide protests

Date of Last Arrest: April 2023

Charge: Killing a Basij member

Prison: Urmia Prison



Azad Shojaei

Married with three children

Place of Birth: Sardasht

Date of Last Arrest:
July 2023

Charge: Espionage for Israel

Prison: Urmia Prison

He is a member of Komala and was arrested for his involvement in the transfer of equipment used in the assassination of Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, and has been sentenced to death.



Soleiman Shahbakhsh

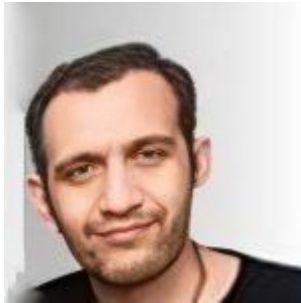
Date of Birth: 2004

Date of Last Arrest:
November 2016

Charge: Participation in the murder of the head of the Basij base in Chah Zard

Prison: Evin Prison

He was 12 years old at the time of his arrest.

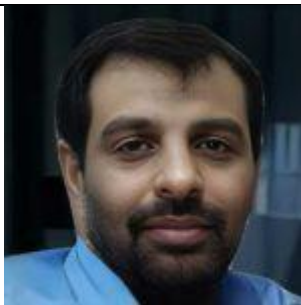


Abdul Ghani Shahbakhsh
Date of Birth: (not provided)

Date of Last Arrest:
2016

Charge: *Baghi* (rebellion) through membership in opposition groups and armed uprising against the regime

Prison: Qezel Hesar Prison, Karaj



Eidu Shahbakhsh
Date of Birth: 1986

Date of Last Arrest:
2016

Charge: *Baghi* (rebellion) through membership in opposition groups and armed uprising against the regime

Prison: Qezel Hesar Prison, Karaj
He was born in Sarjangal, Zahedan, and is the father of five children.



Mehrab (Mehran) Abdullahzadeh
Date of Birth: 2001

Date of Last Arrest:
Fall 2022

Charge: *Baghi* (rebellion) - Killing a Basij member

Prison: Urmia Prison



Ali Obaidavi
Place of Birth:
Mahshahr

Date of Last Arrest:
2019

Charge: Attack on a Basij base

Prison: Mahshahr (Nava) Prison



Pakhshan Azizi
Date of Birth: 1984
Place of Birth:
Mahabad

Date of Last Arrest:
July 2023

Charge: *Baghi* (rebellion) through membership in opposition groups

Prison: Evin Prison



Babak Alipour
Born: 1991
Place of Birth: Amol
Date of last arrest:
 January 2024
Occupation: Law graduate
History: Repeatedly arrested for political activities.

Charges: *Baghi* (armed rebellion), forming a group, membership in the MEK, assembly and collusion against national security, destruction of public property
Prison: Evin Prison
 He has been sentenced to 10 years in prison and the death penalty and subjected to torture and medical neglect.



Isa Eid Mohammadi
Place of Birth:
 Golestan Province

Date of Last Arrest:
 2015

Charge: Rebellion (*Baghi*) through membership in the Al-Furqan Party and the National Unity Front of Sunni Iranians

Prison: Vakilabad Prison, Mashhad



Seyyed Adnan Mousavi Ghabishavi
Date of Birth: 1996
Place of Birth: Shadgan

Date of Last Arrest:
 February 2019

Charge: Killing 2 law enforcement officers, a Basij member, and a soldier – Membership in the Harakat al-Nidal group – Attacking military bases of Basij and IRGC – Moharebeh (waging war against God)

Prison: Sepidar Prison, Ahvaz



Manouchehr Fallah
Date of Birth: 1989

Date of Last Arrest:
 July 2023

Charge: Moharebeh (waging war against God)

Prison: Lakan Prison, Rasht



Pouya Ghobadi

Date of Birth: 1993

Place of Birth: Sonqor

Date of Last Arrest:
March 2025

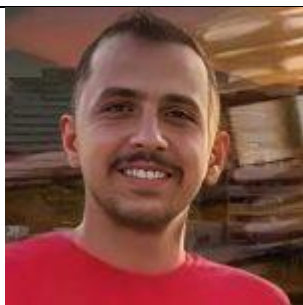
Occupation: Electrical engineer

History: Repeatedly arrested for political activities.

Charges: *Baghi* (armed rebellion), membership in the Mojahedin (PMOI/MEK), assembly and collusion and acting against national security, illegal exit from the country

Prison: Evin Prison

He has been sentenced to 6 years in prison and the death penalty. Subjected to torture and denied legal representation.



Alireza Kafai

Date of Birth: 1989

Date of Last Arrest: Fall 2022

Charge: Participation in intentional murder and injury

Prison: Qezel-Hesar, Karaj

He is one of the detainees in the Ekbatan Township case.



Abbas Korkor
(Mojahed Korkor)

Date of Birth: 1983

Place of Birth: Izeh

Date of Last Arrest:
December 2022

Charge: *Moharebeh* (waging war against God)

Prison: Sheiban Prison, Ahvaz

**The sentence was overturned by the Supreme Court but he has been sentenced to death again.*



Ali Mojadam

Date of Birth: 1983

Date of Last Arrest:
February 2019

Charge: Membership in the group *Harakat al-Nidal al-Arabi* — killing members of the police and Basij forces

Prison: Sepidar Prison, Ahvaz



Mohammad Reza Moghadam

Date of Birth: 1992

Date of Last Arrest:
2019

Charge: Membership in the group *Harakat al-Nidal al-Arabi* — killing members of the police and Basij forces

Prison: Sepidar Prison, Ahvaz



Sharifeh Mohammadi

Date of Birth: 1979

Place of Birth: Mianeh

Date of Last Arrest:
December 5, 2023

Charge: Propaganda against the regime, acting against national security, and *Baghi* (armed rebellion) through membership in an opposition group

Prison: Lakan Prison, Rasht



Saman Mohammadi Khiyareh

Date of Birth: 1990

Place of Birth:
Sanandaj

Date of Last Arrest:
February 2010

Charge: *Moharebeh* (waging war against God)

Prison: Qezel Hesar Prison

**His death sentence for Moharebeh was overturned by the Supreme Court due to lack of evidence, but he was retried on the same charge and sentenced to death again.*



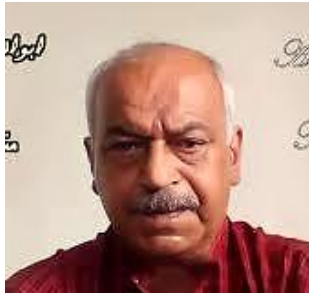
Varisheh Moradi

Date of Birth: 1985

Date of Last Arrest:
July 2023

Charge: *Baghi* (armed rebellion) and membership in opposition groups

Prison: Evin Prison



Abolhassan Montazer
Date of Birth: 1959
Age: 65
Place of Birth: Tehran
Date of Last Arrest:
January 2024
Occupation:
Retired architect.

Charges: *Baghi* (armed rebellion), forming a group, membership in the the People's Mujahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI/MEK), assembly and collusion, and acting against national security
Prison: Evin Prison - He has been sentenced to 10 years in prison and the death penalty and subjected to torture and medical neglect.

History: Repeatedly arrested and imprisoned for political activities since the 1980s



Seyed Salem Mousavi Albushokeh
Date of Birth: 1984
Place of Birth: Shadgan
Date of Last Arrest:
February 2019

Charge: Membership in the *Harakat al-Nidal* group

Prison: Sheiban Prison



Mohammad Amin Mahdavi Shayesteh
Date of Birth: 1998
Date of Last Arrest:
Fall 2023

Charge: Alleged collaboration with the Israeli government

Prison: Qezel Hesar Prison



Adham Narouei
From Lashar Espkeh,
Baluchistan
Date of Birth: 1999
Date of Last Arrest:
2020

Charge: *Moharebeh* through armed action (killing three members of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps)

Prison: Zahedan

The sentence was confirmed by the Supreme Court in November 2021.



Navid Najaran

Date of Birth: 1992

Date of Last Arrest:
January 2023

Charge: *Moharebeh* (waging war against God), involvement in the premeditated murder of a Basij member in the Ekbatan Complex case

Prison: Qezel Hesar Prison



Hossein Ne'mati

Date of Birth: —

Place of Birth: —

Date of Last Arrest:
November 2024

Arrested during the 2022 nationwide protests, a defendant in the Ekbatan Complex case.

Charge: Involvement in premeditated murder, disruption of public order, and intentional assault

Prison: Qezel Hesar Prison

Hossein Ne'mati was released conditionally from prison in February 2024 after one year in detention, on bail of 5 billion tomans. However, he was arrested again in November 2024.



Seyed Mohammad

Javad Vafaie Thani

Date of Birth: 1997

Place of Birth:
Mashhad

Date of Last Arrest:
November 2019

Charge: *Corruption on Earth* — Arson and intentional destruction of specific locations, including the Government Sanctions Office building

Prison: Vakilabad Prison, Mashhad

In December 2022, his death sentence was overturned by Branch 9 of the Supreme Court and referred to an equivalent branch for retrial. However, it was once again upheld by Branch 2 of the Revolutionary Court of Mashhad. The verdict was issued by two judges named Yazdan-Khahar and Sa'di-Makan.
