

PROTESTERS AT RISK OF EXECUTION, DEATH PENALTY CHARGES OR SENTENCES IN IRAN

9 January 2023

This list includes both officially reported cases and those reported by family members and citizen journalists. Iran Human Rights has been unable to confirm the details of all individual cases and therefore requests that anyone with information about protesters at risk of death penalty charges or sentences contact us on mail@iranhr.net or 0061478494849 on Signal, WhatsApp or Telegram.

Since the December 27 list, nine people released on bail, one who is no longer in custody and two who were executed, have been removed. 21 other protesters who are at risk of death penalty charges, sentences or execution have been added to the current list.

Protesters at risk according to province: Khuzestan: 24 people; Sistan and Baluchistan: 22 people; Tehran: 20 people; Mazandaran: 10 people; Isfahan: 8 people; West Azerbaijan: 7 people; Gilan: 5 people; Alborz: 3 people; Fars: 3 people; East Azerbaijan: 2 people; Chahar Mahal and Bakhtiari: 2 people; Kermanshah: 1 people; Kurdistan: 1 people; Razavi Khorasan: 1 person.

It is important to note that all defendants in the following cases have been deprived of the right to access their own lawyer, due process and fair trials. In cases where they have had managed to make contact or details of their cases reported by cellmates and human rights defenders, all have been subjected to physical and mental torture to force false self-incriminating confessions. In many cases, their forced confessions were aired prior to the commencement of any legal proceedings, violating their right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty. The forced confessions are used as a method of proving guilt at show trials. There is ambiguity in many cases due to the Islamic Republic's lack of transparency. Those no longer at risk have been removed from the list with updates added at the end of the report. Mohammad Mehdi Karami and Mohammad Hosseini were [executed](#) on January 7.

SISTAN AND BALUCHISTAN PROVINCE

The following five individuals are relatives from Cheshme Ziarat village who were arrested in relation to an attack on a nearby IRGC base and death of Behzad Barahouyi.

1. OMID HASSANZEHI, 20 (امید حسن‌زهی)



He had an alibi, was working at his job in a shop that day, which was confirmed by his employer.

CHARGES: Unclear.

STATUS: at risk of death penalty charges.

2. FARSHID HASSANZEHI, 25 (فرشید حسن‌زهی)



He had an alibi, was working at his job in a shop that day, which was confirmed by his employer.

CHARGES: Unclear.

STATUS: at risk of death penalty charges.

3. BEHZAD HASSANZEHI , 26 (بهزاد حسن زهی)



He had an alibi, was working at his job in a shop that day, which was confirmed by his employer.

CHARGES: Unclear.

STATUS: at risk of death penalty charges.

4. JAMSHID HASSANZEHI, 29 (جمشید حسن زهی)



He had an alibi, was working at his job in a shop that day, which was confirmed by his employer.

CHARGES: Unclear.

STATUS: at risk of death penalty charges.

5. ESMAIL HASSANZEHI, 30 (اسماعیل حسن‌زهی)



He had an alibi, he was working as *sookhtbar* (fuel-carrier) that day.

CHARGES: Unclear.

STATUS: at risk of death penalty charges.

6. NEZAMEDIN HOOT, 20 (نظام‌الدین هوت)



Protester arrested in Chabahar.

CHARGES:

Moharebeh and *efsad-fil-arz*.

STATUS: at risk of death penalty charges.

7. MANSOUR HOOT, 25 (منصور هوت)



Protester arrested in Chabahar.

CHARGES:

Moharebeh and efsad-fil-arz.

STATUS: at risk of death penalty charges.

8. MANSOUR DAHMARDEH, 22 (منصور دهمرده)



Disabled bus driver arrested on the route from Zahedan to Bandar Abbas. He was subjected to severe torture for ten days to force self-incriminating confessions.

CHARGES:

Efsad-fil-arz.

STATUS: Sentenced to death on 5 January 2023 which was announced to him in prison.

9. ABDOLMALEK DOUSTI (عبدالمالک دوستی)



Physically tortured to confess to the destruction and arson of a bank and public property

CHARGES:

Moharebeh and efsad-fil-arz.

STATUS: at risk of death penalty charges.

10. MOHAMMAD RAKHSHANI-AZAD, 16 (محمد رخشانی آزاد)



Baluch boy with epilepsy who was arrested the day after Zahedan's Bloody Friday.

CHARGES:

Moharebeh.

STATUS: at risk of death penalty charges.

11. ALI RAKHSHANI-AZAD, 15 (علی رخشانی آزاد)



Mohammad's younger brother who was arrested the day after Zahedan's Bloody Friday.

CHARGES:

Moharebeh.

STATUS: at risk of death penalty charges.

12. SHOEIB MIRBALUCHZEHI RIGI, 18 (شعیب میربلوچزهی ریگی)



Baluch protester.

CHARGES:

Efsad-fil-arz.

STATUS: Sentenced to death.

13. OMID KASHANI, 26 (امید کاشانی)



Sookhtbar (fuel carrier) and close friend of Khodanour Lejei.

CHARGES:

Unclear

STATUS: at risk of death penalty charges.

14. HOSSEIN KASHANI, 29 (حسین کاشانی)



Close friend of Khodanour Lejei, arrested the day after Zahedan's Bloody Friday.

CHARGES:

Unclear

STATUS: at risk of death penalty charges.

15. FARHAD NAKHAEI, 18 (فرهاد نخعی)



Baluch arrested at protest against rape of 15 year old girl Baluch girl by the Chabahar police chief.

CHARGES: Unclear

STATUS: at risk of death penalty charges.

16. MOHAMMAD FOULADI, 18 (محمد فولادی)



Baluch arrested at protest against rape of 15 year old girl Baluch girl by the Chabahar police chief.

CHARGES: Unclear

STATUS: at risk of death penalty charges.

17. ADEL GARGIJ, 22 (عادل گرگیج)



Baluch protester.

CHARGES: *Moharebeh.*

STATUS: at risk of death penalty charges.

The following three individuals were arrested in connection with the death of Friday Imam Sajad Shahraki:

18. MOHAMMADREZA NAROUYI-SHIRANI, 48 (محمد رضا نارویی شیرانی)



He is believed to have been arrested in place of his son, Arash who managed to escape.

CHARGES: Unclear

STATUS: at risk of death penalty charges.

19. ESMAIL SHEHBAKHS, 41 (اسماعیل شه‌بخش)



He was friends with Arash Narouyi-Shirani and Ruhollah Kahrazehi and was arrested after hosting Arash at his home for one night.

CHARGES: Unclear

STATUS: at risk of death penalty charges.

20. RUHOLLAH KAHRAZEHI, 21 (روح‌الله کهرزهی)



He was friends with Arash Narouyi-Shirani.

CHARGES: Unclear

STATUS: at risk of death penalty charges.

21. EBRAHIM NAROUYI, 25 (ابراهيم نارويي)



Zahedan protester arrested for charges of arson of a bank and destroying public property.

CHARGES: Death penalty charges.

STATUS: Sentenced to death.

22. KAMBIZ KHAROUT, 20 (كامبيز خروت)



Zahedan protester arrested at his place of employment on October 1 and subjected to torture to force self-incriminating confessions.

CHARGES: *Moharebeh* and *efsad-fil-arz*

STATUS: Sentenced to death.

TEHRAN

23. MANOUCHEHR MEHMAN NAVAZ, 45 (منوچهر مهمان نواز)



CHARGES:

Arson of buildings with the intention of opposing the Islamic government/moharebeh punishment for throwing Molotov cocktails at a government building

STATUS: Sentenced to death by Branch 28 of Tehran Revolutionary Court, presided by Judge Amouzad.

24. MOHAMMAD GHOBADLU, 22 (محمد قبادلو)



CHARGES:

Efsad-fil-arz through large-scale action against police by crashing into police with a car that caused the death of Farid Karampour Hasanvand and the injury of 5 police officers.

STATUS: Sentenced to death by Tehran Revolutionary Court, presided by Judge Salavati. Sentence [upheld](#).

2nd CASE CHARGES: *Qisas* (retribution-in-kind) for murder.

STATUS: [Hearing](#) took place at Branch One of the Tehran Criminal Court on December 10 where Mohammad's bipolar disorder was raised. Court [reconvened](#) after conducting further investigations but ultimately [relied](#) on the original Forensic Medical Organisation opinion. Awaiting sentencing.

25. SAMAN SEYDI, 24 (سامان سیدی)



CHARGES:

Moharebeh through pulling handgun and firing 3 bullets in the air (pellet gun)

STATUS: Sentenced to death by Tehran Revolutionary Court, presided by Judge Salavati. The Supreme Court has [referred](#) the case back to the court which issued the original sentence (ie. Judge Salavati) based on Article 469(b)(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedures.

26. MOHAMMAD BOROUGHANI, 19 (محمد بروغنی)



CHARGES:

Moharebeh through drawing a machete and attacking the Pakdasht city hall with a mob, arson of city hall, attacking and injuring a government official on duty, causing injury

STATUS: Sentenced to death by Tehran Public Revolutionary Court, presided by Judge Salavati. Sentence was [upheld](#) by the Supreme Court on January 2.

27. MAHAN SADRAT-MADANI (MARANI), 22 (ماهان صدرات مدنی)



CHARGES:

Moharebeh through drawing a cold weapon (knife).

STATUS: Death sentence issued by the Tehran Revolutionary Court, presided by Judge Iman Afshari. The case was [referred](#) to a court of equal standing by the Supreme Court based on Article 474(g) of the Islamic Penal Code.

28. SAHAND NOUR MOHAMMADZADEH, 25 (سهند نورمحمدزاده)

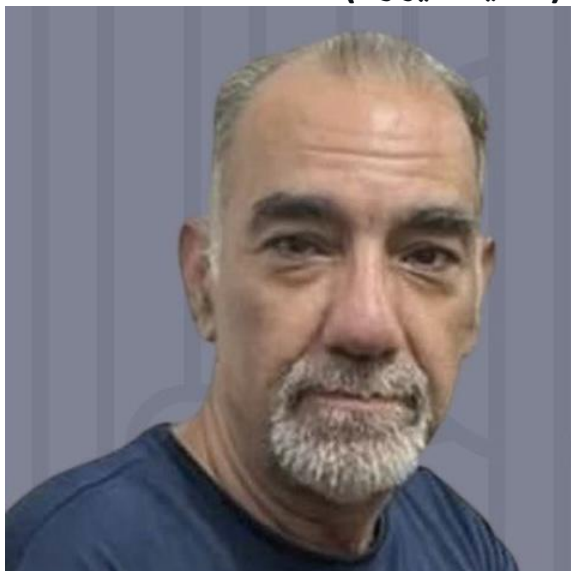


CHARGES:

Moharebeh through destruction and arson of public property to disrupt national order and security and opposing the Islamic government

STATUS: Sentenced to death by Branch 29 of the Tehran Revolutionary Court. The case was [referred](#) to a court of equal standing by the Supreme Court based on Article 474(g) of the Islamic Penal Code.

29. SAEED SHIRAZI (سعید شیرازی)



CHARGES:

Efsad-fil-arz through widespread incitement and encouragement of people to commit crimes against national security and order for sharing a tutorial on how to make molotov cocktails on Instagram.

STATUS: Tried by the Tehran Public Revolutionary Court, presided by Judge Salavati. Verdict unclear.

30. MOHSEN REZAZADEH-GHARAGHOLU, 21 (محسن رضازاده قراقلو)



CHARGES:

Moharebeh through participation in setting fire in a public device in order to disturb public order and security

STATUS: Tried by the Tehran Public Revolutionary Court, presided by Judge Salavati. Verdict unclear.

31. ABOLFAZL MEHRI HOSSEIN HAJILU, 17 (ابوالفضل مهري حسين حاجي لو)



CHARGES:

Opposing the Islamic government by setting fire to a vehicle in public use in order to disrupt national order and security for setting fire to 25 bins.

STATUS: Tried by the Tehran Public Revolutionary Court, presided by Judge Salavati. Verdict unclear.

The following five individuals were arrested in relation to the case of the death of IRGC Arman Ali Verdi in Ekbatan on October 26. According to recently released photos by the Judiciary, there are at least three other unidentified men and a woman in the case.

32. MILAD ARMOUN, 22 (میلاد آرمون)



He is the first defendant in the case.

CHARGES:

Death penalty charges.

STATUS: Charged.

33. ALIREZA KAFAYI (علیرضا کفای)



CHARGES:

Death penalty charges.

STATUS: Charged.

34. MOHAMMAD FEIZI, 27 (محمد فیضی)



CHARGES:

Death penalty charges.

STATUS: Charged.

35. MEHDI HOSSIENI, 27 (مهدی حسینی)



CHARGES:

Death penalty charges.

STATUS: Charged.

36. HOSSEIN NEMATI, 24 (حسین نعمتی)



CHARGES:

Death penalty charges.

STATUS: Charged.

37. AKBAR GHAFARI (اکبر غفاری)



Akbar was arrested for opening his home to fleeing protesters in Falah, Tehran. Under torture, he was forced to sign a confession to the murder of a policeman which he was unable to read due to illiteracy.

CHARGES:

Moharebeh.

STATUS: at risk of death penalty charges.

38. HASSAN FIROUZI, 34 (حسن فیروزی)

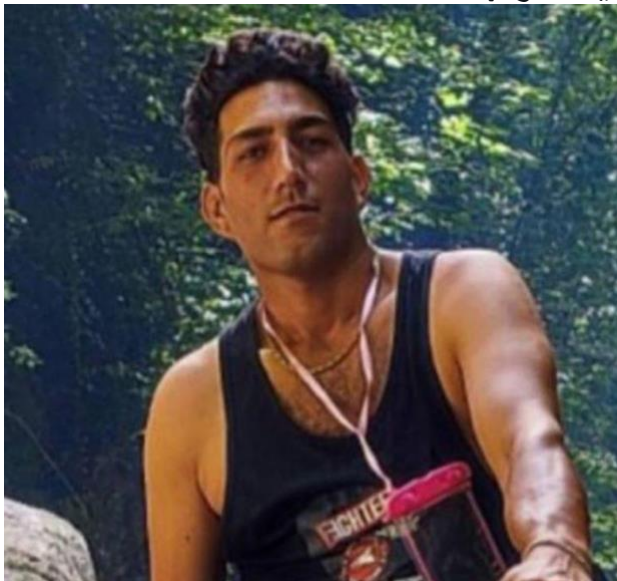


A young father arrested on October 27 when his daughter was 18 days old. He has been subjected to severe torture to force self-incriminating confessions to being a protest leader. He was told that he would be executed once his torture wounds healed. According to his wife, Hassan's family have accepted his death and have chosen to stay quiet so they may be able to receive his body for burial.

CHARGES: *Moharebeh*

STATUS: Unclear, reports of sentence being issued.

39. SAJAD IMANNEJAD, 31 (سجاد ایمان نژاد)



Protester.

CHARGES: *Moharebeh*

STATUS: At risk of death penalty charges.

40. PARHAM PARVARI, 25 (پرہام پروری)

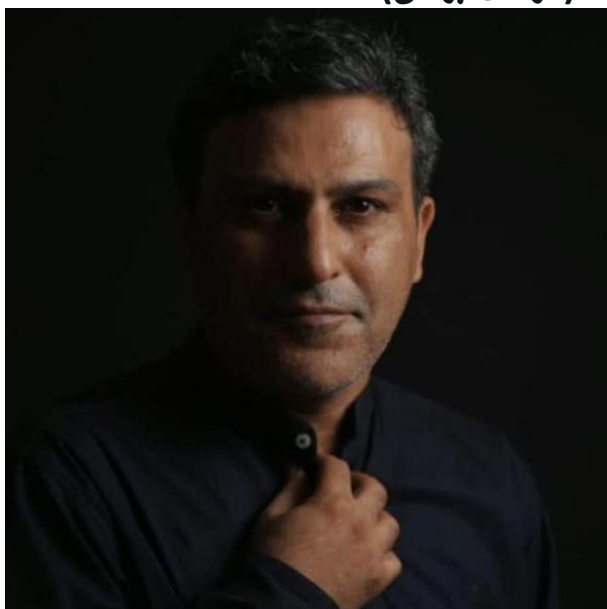


Swimming champion from Saqqez.

CHARGES: *Moharebeh*

STATUS: at risk of death penalty charges.

41. MEHDI BAHMAN (مہدی بہمن)



Writer and artist who worked for friendship amongst religions.

CHARGES: Espionage for interview with Israel's channel 13.

STATUS: Sentenced to death by Branch 28 of the Tehran Revolutionary Court, presided over by Judge Amouzad.

42. RAMIN POURAMIN (رامين پورامين)



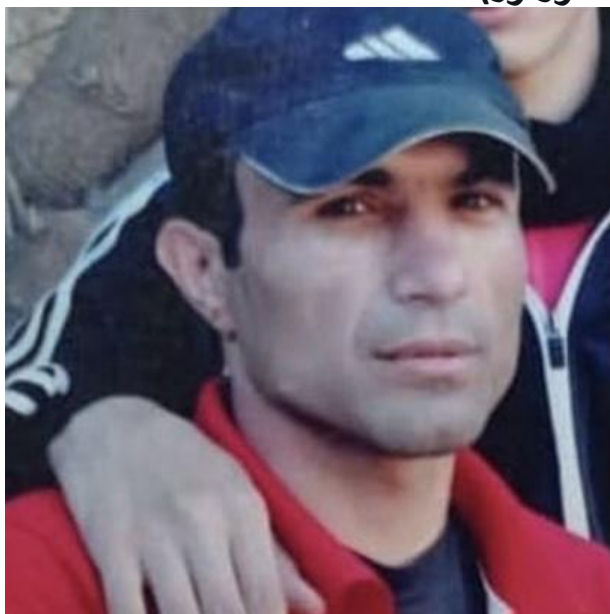
Animal rights activist who has been under torture and verbally informed of charges in prison. His case has reportedly been sent to Branch 15 of the Tehran Revolutionary Court under the presidency of Judge Salavati.

CHARGES: *Moharebeh.*

STATUS: At risk of death penalty charges.

KHUZESTAN

43. MOJAHED KOURKOUR (مجاهد کورکور)



Bakhtiari man arrested and tortured to force confession to killing 10-year-old Kian Pirfalak who was killed by security forces in Izeh on November 17. His forced confessions have been aired.

CHARGES: death penalty charges.

STATUS: Unclear.

The following 23 individuals are protesters from Baghe Malek in Khuzestan who have been indicted for charges of moharebeh and efsad-fil-arz in the same case. No further details are available.

44. AMIN AMIRI (امین امیری)
45. MILAD ZAKAVI (میلاد زکوی)
46. SAEED RAYGANI MAJ (سعید رایگانی ماج)
47. MAJID YOUSEFI HEZARVAND (مجید یوسفی هزاروند)
48. NILOUFAR GHahremani (نیلوفر قهرمانی)
49. MOHAMMAD BAKHSHI (محمد بخشی)
50. SEYEDEH SHIRIN MARASHI (سیده شیرین مرعشی)
51. MOJTABA FARKHAJEH MIRI (مجتبی فرخواجه میری)
52. MOSLEM NOROUZI NASAB (مسلم نوروزی نسب)
53. ARSALAN KORDI (ارسلان کردی)
54. JAMAL GHASEMIAN NASAB (جمال قاسمیان نسب)
55. SEYED MOHAMAD TABATABAI (سید محمد طباطبایی)
56. ELHAM SARIRIZADEH (الهام صریری زاده)
57. SASAN ZANGANEH (ساسان زنگنه)
58. YOUSEF AKH SHEIKH (یوسف آخ شیخ)
59. MOSTAFA KORDI (مصطفی کردی)
60. JAMSHID GHASEMIAN SERESHT (جمشید قاسمیان سرشت)
61. VALIOLLAH ADELZADEH (ولی الله عادل زاده)
62. SAJAD SHAFIEI (سجاد شفیعی)
63. MOHAMMAD JAVAD KORDI (محمد جواد کردی)
64. SALMAN EIVAZINEJAD (سلیمان عیوضی نژاد)
65. HAMZEH SHAFIEI (حمزه شفیعی)
66. MOHAMAD NAZARI (محمد نظری)

MAZANDARAN

67. BITA HAGHANI, 22 (بیٲا حقانی)



Blogger and student.

CHARGES: *Efsad-fil-arz*.

STATUS: Charged by the Sari Revolutionary Court.

The following three individuals are Noshahr protesters who have been sentenced to death by the Sari Revolutionary Court. A fourth person has reportedly also been sentenced to death. The defendants were tortured to force self-incriminating confessions and testify against each other.

68. JAVAD ROUHI, 35 (جواد روحی)



CHARGES: *Moharebeh* and *efsad-fil-arz*.

STATUS: Sentenced to death by the Sari Revolutionary Court.

69. ARSHIA TAKDASTAN, 18 (عرشیا تکدستان)



Forced to confess to leadership of the protest in Noshahr.

CHARGES: *Moharebeh* and *efsad-fil-arz*.

STATUS: Sentenced to death by the Sari Revolutionary Court.

70. MEHDI MOHMMADIFARD, 18 (مهدی محمدی فرد)



Second defendant in the case who was tortured to force confess to leadership of protests in Noshahr.

CHARGES: *Moharebeh* and *efsad-fil-arz*.

STATUS: Sentenced to death by the Sari Revolutionary Court.

The following six individuals are from the village of Ghaleh Sar in Neka, Mazandaran. They were arrested on January 2 and have been accused of arson of the Prosecutor's Office in Neka which they have denied. They are at risk of moharebeh charges:

71. MEGHDAD YAGHOUBI, U25 (مقداد یعقوبی)
72. ALI AKBARJANI, U25 (علی اکبرجانی)
73. ALI ASGHAR FAGHANI, U25 (علی اصغر فغانی)
74. HOSSEIN SHABANI, U25 (حسین شعبانی)
75. MOHAMMAD RASOULI, U25 (محمد رسولی)
76. ALI RASOULI, U25 (علی رسولی)

ISFAHAN

Ten people were arrested in relation to the death of three repressive forces in Isfahan on November 16. According to the [Isfahan judiciary](#), four defendants are being tried by the Criminal Court and the remainder by the Revolutionary Court. The initial verdict in the Revolutionary Court case which was published on January 9 sentenced Amir Nasr Azadani and Soheil Jahangiri to prison terms and the charges against Jaber MirHashemi were dropped. The charges against the four Criminal Court defendants are unknown, though "rape" which also carries the death penalty, was mentioned in the propaganda video against them. The following seven people are defendants in that case:

77. SAEED YAGHOUBI, 30 (سعید یعقوبی)



CHARGES:

Moharebeh through drawing and using a weapon.

STATUS: Sentenced to death by the Isfahan Revolutionary Court on January 9.

78. SALEH MIRHASHEMI, 36 (صالح میرهاشمی)



CHARGES:

Moharebeh through drawing a weapon, forming and running a criminal group with the intention to disrupt national security, and assembly and collusion leading to crimes against internal security.

STATUS: Sentenced to death by the Isfahan Revolutionary Court on January 9.

79. MAJID KAZEMI, 30 (مجید کاظمی)



Hossein Kazemi's brother.

CHARGES:

Moharebeh through drawing a weapon.

STATUS: Sentenced to death by the Isfahan Revolutionary Court on January 9.

80. HOSSEIN KAZEMI, 34 (حسین کاظمی)



Majid Kazemi's brother.

CHARGES:

Unknown.

STATUS: Indicted.

81. FARAMARZ SALEHI (فرامرز صالحی)

CHARGES:

Unknown.

STATUS: Indicted.

82. MEHDI MASHAYEKHI (مهدی مشایخی)

CHARGES:

Unknown.

STATUS: Indicted.

83. ABOLFAZL BADIALAH (ابوالفضل بادی‌اله)

CHARGES:

Unknown.

STATUS: Indicted.

84. HESHMATOLLAH TABARZADI, 63 (حشمت‌الله طبرزدی)



Political activist.

CHARGES:

Moharebeh.

STATUS: at risk of death penalty charges.

WEST AZERBAIJAN

The following seven individuals are protesters from Oshnavieh.

85. FARZAD TAHAZADEH, 26 (فرزاد طه‌زاده)



Brothers and protesters from Oshnavieh

CHARGES:

Moharebeh.

STATUS: Family were informed of their imminent executions which was later denied by [Islamic Republic officials](#) who claim the case has not reached trial stage and nobody has been sentenced to death in Oshnavieh.

86. FARHAD TAHAZADEH, 25 (فرهاد طهزاده)



Brothers and protesters from Oshnavieh

CHARGES:

Moharebeh.

STATUS: Family were informed of their imminent executions which was later denied by [Islamic Republic officials](#) who claim the case has not reached trial stage and nobody has been sentenced to death in Oshnavieh.

87. HEJAR HAMIDI, 35 (هزار حمیدی)



CHARGES:

Moharebeh.

STATUS: Unclear.

88. HIMAN SHAHI (KARVAN SHAHPARVANEH), 23 (هيمن شاهي)



CHARGES:

Moharebeh.

STATUS: Unclear.

89. SHAHRAM MAROUFMOLA, 22 (شهرام معروف ملا)



CHARGES:

Moharebeh.

STATUS: Unclear.

90. REZA ESLAMDOUST, 24 (رضا اسلامدوست)

CHARGES:

Moharebeh.

STATUS: Unclear.

91. AYOUB AGHLIANI (ایوب آغلیانی)



CHARGES:

Death penalty charges.

STATUS: Unclear.

GILAN

92. ALI (MAKAN) DAVARI, 19 (علی داوری)



CHARGES:

Moharebeh, efsad-fil-arz and assembly and collusion against national security. Held in Lahijan Prison.

STATUS: at risk of death penalty charges.

93. OMID BAHRAMI GOURMASULEH, (امید بهرامی گورماسوله)



Rasht resident who was tortured to confess to arson of an IRGC base.

CHARGES: *Moharebeh*

STATUS: at risk of death penalty charges.

94. RAHMAT NOROUZI (رحمت نوروزی)

Rasht resident who was tortured to confess to arson of an IRGC base.

CHARGES: *Moharebeh*

STATUS: at risk of death penalty charges.

95. ARMAN YEKTA FALAH ABADI, 30 (آرمان یکتا فلاح آبادی)



Gilan protester.

CHARGES: *Efsad-fil-arz*.

STATUS: Charged.

96. MAJID SHABDINI (مجید شبدینی)



Lahijan protester arrested on November 3 while severely injured from batons, electric shockers and pellet bullets. While hospitalised, security forces tried to force him into

confessing to participating in the murder of basiji Hamid Pour Norouz, who was allegedly killed that day. He was kidnapped from the hospital after he refused to sign the confession.

CHARGES:

Qisas (retribution in kind) for participating in murder.

STATUS: at risk of death penalty charges.

ALBORZ

The following three individuals were sentenced to death in relation to the death of an IRGC Ruhollah Ajamian at the scene of Hadis Najafi's 40th day memorial on the Karaj-Qazvin motorway next to the cemetery on November 3. The other two defendants in this case, Mohammad Mehdi Karami, 22, and Seyed Mohammad Hosseini, 39, were executed on January 7.

97. HAMID GHAREH-HASSANLU, 53 (حمید قره حسنلو)



Radiologist.

CHARGES:

Efsad-fil-arz (corruption on earth) by committing crimes against national security

STATUS: Sentenced to death by Branch One of the Alborz province Revolutionary Court, presided by Judge Asef Alhosseini. The Supreme Court has [referred](#) the case back to the court which issued the original sentence based on Article 469(b)(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedures.

98. HOSSEIN MOHAMMADI, 26 (حسین محمدی)



Theatre actor.

CHARGES:

Efsad-fil-arz (corruption on earth) by committing crimes against national security

STATUS: Sentenced to death by Branch One of the Alborz province Revolutionary Court, presided by Judge Asef Alhosseini. The Supreme Court has [referred](#) the case back to the court which issued the original sentence based on Article 469(b)(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedures.

99. REZA ARIA, 43 (رضا آریا)



CHARGES:

Efsad-fil-arz by committing crimes against national security, attacking police and basiji forces, assembly and collusion against national security

STATUS: Sentenced to death by Branch One of the Alborz province Revolutionary Court, presided by Judge Asef Alhosseini. The Supreme Court has [referred](#) the case back to the court which issued the original sentence based on Article 469(b)(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedures.

FARS

The following three individuals were arrested in relation to a foiled bomb attack in Shiraz. The forced confessions of four men and a woman have been aired. Mohammad Kheiveh and Dena Sheibani have been released, the following three men are at risk of death penalty charges in relation to the incident.

100. ESHRAGH NAJAFABADI, 30 (اشراق نجف آبادی)



Cycling instructor from Shiraz.

CHARGES: *Efsad-fil-arz*.

STATUS: Unclear.

101. HESSAM MOUSAVI (حسام موسوی)



Rock climbing instructor from Shiraz.

CHARGES: *Efsad-fil-arz.*

STATUS: Unclear.

102. AMIR ARSALAN MAHVADI, 34 (امیر ارسلان مهدوی)



Snowboarding instructor from Shiraz.

CHARGES: *Efsad-fil-arz.*

STATUS: Unclear.

EAST AZERBAIJAN

103. TOHID DARWISH, 27 (توحید درویش)



Kurdish protester forced to confess to setting fire to a bank under torture.

CHARGES: *Moharebeh*

STATUS: Charged.

104. PEJMAN ESLAMI (پژمان اسلامی)



Has been charged with arson of a bank and being a protest leader in Tabriz.

CHARGES:
Moharebeh.

STATUS: charged by Branch 15 of the Tabriz Revolutionary Court.

CHAHARMAHAL AND BAKHTIARI

105. TOOMAJ SALEHI, 32 (توماج صالحی)



Famous rapper and human rights defender.

CHARGES:

- *Efsad-fil-arz* through publishing widespread lies, causing major damage
- Forming and running an illegal group in order to disrupt national security
- Collaborating with a hostile state and inciting and encouraging others to commit violent acts

STATUS: Indicted by the Isfahan Revolutionary Court. His lawyers were granted access to his case on 29 December 2022.

106. ARASH GHANBARI, 29 (آرش قنبری)



He was arrested on December 29 for his anti-regime Instagram posts and videos. His family were told to stop following up on his case as he will be executed.

CHARGES:

Moharebeh.

STATUS: at risk of charges.

KERMANSHAH

107. REZA RASAYI, 34 (رضا رسایی)



Arrested in relation to the death of IRGC Nader Beirami at a ceremony held for Yarsani leader, Seyed Khalil Alinejad, which people used as an opportunity to protest, holding “Women, Life, Liberty” signs. Authorities falsely claim the gathering which they violently crushed, was unrelated to protests. He was tortured to force self-incriminating confessions to the murder. There are other unknown defendants in this case.

CHARGES: *Moharebeh.*

STATUS: At risk of death penalty charges.

KURDISTAN

108. POURIA JAVAHERI (پوریا جواهری)



Worker and protester arrested in Kamyaran, Kurdistan province, and forced to confess to the killing of IRGC Reza Azarbar. More than 50 people testified that he was in his village on the day of the alleged murder and not Kamyaran.

CHARGES: *Moharebeh.*

STATUS: unclear.

RAZAVI KHORASAN

109. MAHSA MOHAMMADI, 22 (مهسا محمدی)



Microbiology student in Sabzevar, Razavi Khorasan province, arrested for a tweet.

CHARGES: *Sabol-nabi* (insulting the prophet).

STATUS: unclear.

Update on protesters removed from the list:

1. NASTOOH NIKKHAH-BAHRAMI was released on bail on 1 January 2023.
2. MEHDI JAHANI was released on bail at the end of November.
3. EBRAHIM RIGI was released on bail on 1 January 2023.
4. MOJGAN KAVOUSI was released on bail on 4 January 2023 after the death penalty charges against her were dropped.
5. DANIAL GHEZELJAYI was released on bail on 30 December 2022.
6. ASHKAN MORAVATI managed to escape from the hospital and has since left Iran.
7. MEISAM MOBARHAN was released on bail on 1 January 2023.
8. AMIR NASR AZADANI was sentenced to imprisonment on January 9.
9. SOHEIL JAHANGIR was sentenced to imprisonment on January 9.
10. JABER MIRHASHEMI was cleared of charges on January 9.
 - MOHAMMAD MEHDI KARAMI and SEYED MOHAMMAD HOSSEINI were [executed](#) on January 7 in what Iran Human Rights described as criminal action.

DEFINITIONS:

Moharebeh

Article 279 of the IPC defines moharebeh (enmity against god) as “drawing a weapon on the life, property or chastity of people or to cause terror as it creates the atmosphere of insecurity.” Article 282 sets out the punishments of “death penalty, crucifixion, amputation of right hand and left leg and banishment” which the judge has the discretion to choose per Article 283. This includes “bandits, robbers and smugglers” who take up arms (Article 281 of the IPC).

Under the previous IPC, which was in force until 2013, the charge of moharebeh was frequently used against political dissidents and people with connections to opposition groups abroad, regardless of whether they had personally used violence or not. The current IPC has provided for their punishment under the vague charges of *efsad-fil-arz* and *baghy*.

Efsad-fil-arz

Article 286 of the IPC defines *efsad-fil-arz* (corruption on earth) as the crime committed by a person “on an extensive level against the physical integrity of others, the domestic or external security, spreads lies, disrupts the national economic system, undertakes arson and destruction, disseminates poisonous, microbiological and dangerous substances, establishes corruption and prostitution centres or assists in establishing them.” However, this article does not provide concrete definitions for the term “crime” and the scope of “extensive” for its purpose, giving judges more power to interpret the law at their own discretion.