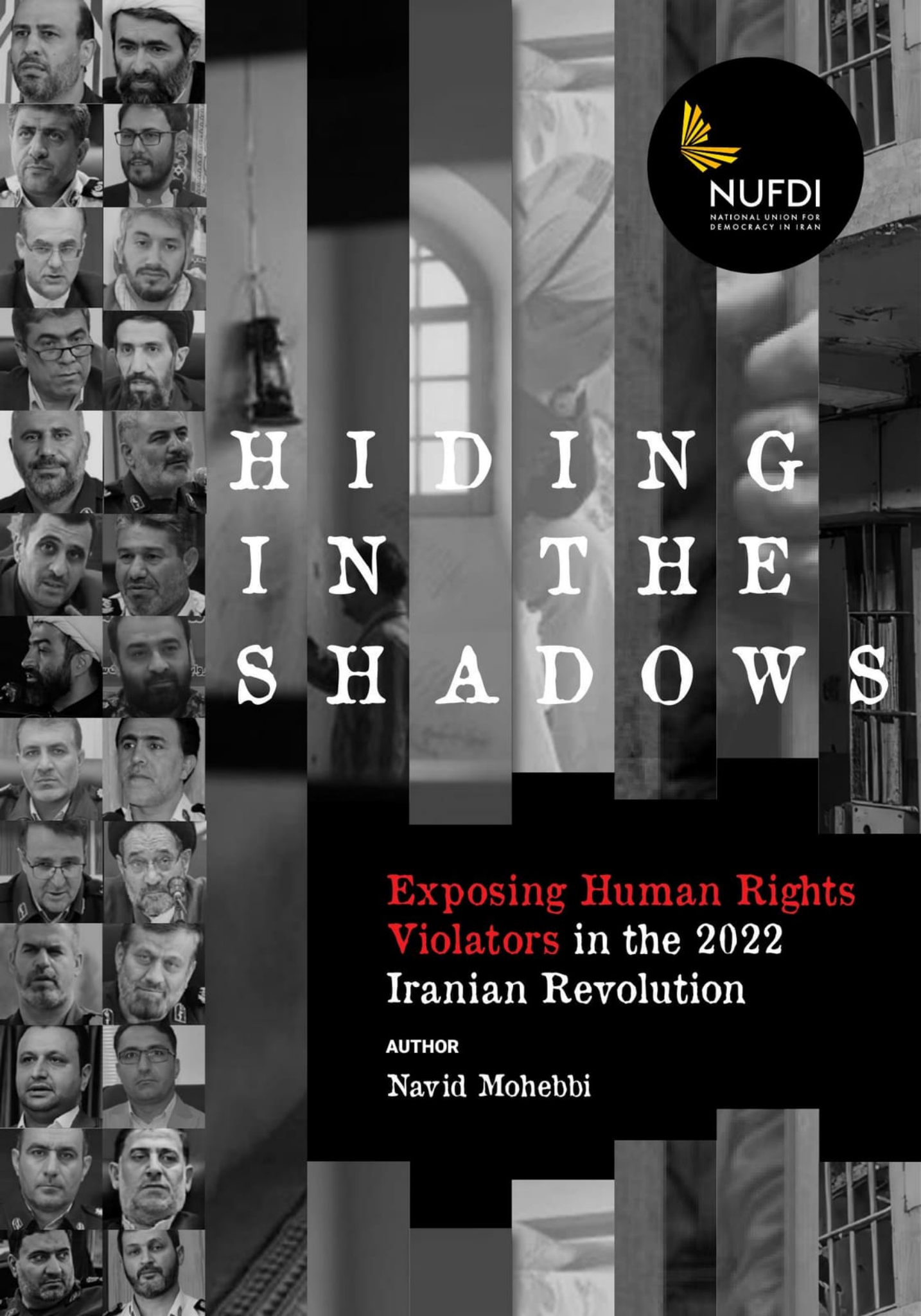


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Exposing Human Rights Violators in the 2022 Iranian Revolution

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This report is dedicated to the families of the martyrs and the victims of the nationwide uprising of 2022 who are seeking justice and have sacrificed everything for the freedom of Iran and the establishment of democracy.

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The year 2022 was marked by a sweeping, nationwide uprising in Iran that dared to challenge the Islamic Republic's 44-year-long rule.

Catalyzed by the state murder of Mahsa Amini, this surge of dissent was unlike any before it. The movement united Iranians from various tribal and linguistic, gender, class, and sexual orientation backgrounds under the banner of "Woman, Life, Freedom."

But this national, collective cry for liberty did not emerge in a vacuum; it was the culmination and the crescendo of ongoing, nationwide protests beginning in December 2017. The revolution the world is witnessing across Iran was reignited by the flame of anger that spread throughout the country after Mahsa's murder, but it did not start there.

The revolution includes several prior incidents that were critical in shaping public opinion against the regime and fanning the flames of resistance. Among them were the July 2018 protests, the "bloody protests" of November 2019, nationwide protests following the shooting down of Ukrainian Airlines flight PS752, and repeated demonstrations across Khuzestan, Isfahan, Mashhad, and Charmahal and Bakhtiari provinces. Each of these took aim at one or another of the aspects of the regime's corruption, mismanagement, and criminality. In the face of these continuous uprisings, the regime regularly resorted to extreme measures, including lethal force. In these previous uprisings, thousands were murdered in streets of cities across the country.

Since Mahsa's murder, at least 537 protesters have been killed, at least 19,262 arrested, and seven executed. Many more have been sentenced to death. Hundreds have received lengthy prison sentences.

This report is a response to these widespread human rights violations and crimes against humanity. The result of a months-long investigation by the NUFDI team, this report has two aims. The first is to identify those individuals, at the national, provincial, and local levels who are responsible for these heinous crimes against the Iranian people. The second is to offer this research to policymakers both in the United States and across the free world as a resource to impose meaningful sanctions on these rights violators.

This report contains the names of 100 human rights violators across each of Iran's provinces. They are officials in the judiciary, police force, Revolutionary Guards, and other regime entities who have played an active and direct role in the suppression of the Iranian people and the violation of their fundamental rights. Their involvement, in most cases, is documented in this report based on their own public comments and confessions.

It is our sincere hope that this report will serve as a resource for policymakers in holding the Islamic Republic to account for its crimes and as proof to the Iranian people that their oppressors do not do so in the shadows, any longer. They will be exposed.

Given the limitations of open-source research, the depth of information available for each individual varies. We have also converted the Iranian calendar dates to the Gregorian calendar for international accessibility. Therefore, in some cases the exact dates may not be available or may have slight discrepancies.

One component of this project that is not presented in this public version is the National ID numbers and other specific, identifying information for many of these violators. This information was withheld from the public information but has been provided to the U.S. Government and will be shared with other government agencies and sanctioning authorities upon request.

In our analysis, we observed a pattern in which the regime frequently accuses protesters of inciting violence, rioting, or causing public disturbances. These baseless claims include accusations that protesters were armed, attacked officers, or used drugs. Such claims are a typical tactic the regime has used against its opponents since its inception in 1979.

As we delve into the specifics of this report, it is crucial to remember the human cost that underlies each case and data point. Beyond the numbers and statistics are real lives irrevocably altered by the actions of those named herein.









METHODOLOGY

The information contained in this report is primarily the result of open-source research, aiming to document human rights violations committed during the 2022 nationwide uprising. We targeted individuals involved in the arrests, oppression, and violent crackdowns on protesters, focusing on 100 specific names. Roughly ninety percent of our sources are directly connected to the regime, including written or televised interviews, official statements, and publications.

For each individual, we present their name, position, and records concerning recent and past human rights violations. These records serve as irrefutable evidence, often using the accused's own public admissions. The report maintains its originality and primary evidence by citing these confessions and declarations, and they do not represent NUFDI's own claims.

What follows is a rigorous examination of individuals implicated in human rights abuses during Iran's nationwide uprising.

We present the facts not just as an academic exercise but as a call to action, urging policymakers and the international community to hold these individuals accountable for their crimes against the Iranian people.



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NUFDI POLICY DIRECTOR

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Seyed Hossein Hosseini

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Head of Judiciary, Kurdistan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

According to the IRGC-affiliated Fars News Agency, Seyed Hossein Hosseini, Head of the Kurdistan Judiciary, announced, "From the beginning of the unrest, the judicial system of the province has identified the leaders and instigators in both the real and virtual space and is dealing with them decisively..." Hosseini also ordered, "surveillance and screening of arrested individuals", during his meeting with the detainees of last year's protests. He emphasized his intention to rush through the cases of, "those who caused the unrest and those who have damaged public property." According to the rhetoric of the Chief Justice, the cases of the main elements of the unrest were dealt with swiftly and decisively.

Again, on December 3, 2022, he threatened, " that the Judiciary will deal with the main instigators, in accordance with the motive and actions of these individuals in the riots, the necessary and decisive action will be taken." According to the Human Rights Organization, Hengaw, which focuses on Kurdish cities, at least 38 protesters in Kurdistan Province were killed by regime agents, and thousands were arrested.

PREVIOUS RECORD

Seyed Hossein Hosseini was appointed as head of the Kurdistan Province judiciary on November 5, 2020. Prior to that, he had served as the head of the judiciary in Najafabad, Isfahan Province. Hosseini is sanctioned by the EU.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Seyed Mohammad Karimi

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Prosecutor General and Revolutionary Prosecutor of Sari, Mazandaran Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Prosecution of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

According to Tasnim News Agency, Karimi announced that his forces had arrested 450 protesters. He describes the organizers of the protests as those who aim to commit massacres in order to undermine the government's authority, going as far as to falsely connect the protesters to ISIS. Additionally, he has been involved in the prosecution of political activist Abbas Sharifi in Sari, resulting in a one-year prison sentence and two years of exile. In November 2022, he was the prosecutor in a case that led to the issuance of verdicts for 18 individuals arrested in Mazandaran Province, including death sentences for three of them.

PREVIOUS RECORD

On September 8, 2020, an individual was arrested on charges of spreading false information on social media under Karimi's order. His office stated that Karimi personally issued the judicial order. On September 17, 2020, under his direct orders, the "Supervision and Monitoring of Virtual Space Task Force" was established within the central province of Mazandaran. Karimi described the purpose of this task force as serious monitoring of the content of the virtual space. He also issued a warning to those he referred to as "violators of the virtual space," indicating that they are under observation and monitoring. Previously, he has held the positions of Deputy Prosecutor and Prosecutor General and Revolutionary Prosecutor of Amol County.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Ali Zahed	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Prosecutor of Bukan, West Azerbaijan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Prosecution of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

As the prosecutor of the city of Bukan, Zahed has been involved in the trials of numerous protesters following the 2022 Iran uprising. Zahed also issued charges against families seeking justice for their children who were killed during the protests, resulting in prison sentences. For instance, Hashem Saadi, the father of Sarina Saadi who lost her life during the protests, was sentenced to six and a half months of imprisonment and 40 lashes by the criminal court in Bukan. Similarly, Hassan Amini, the brother of Mohammad Amini who was also killed during the protests, was sentenced to six and a half months of imprisonment and 40 lashes on charges of "disturbing public order." Similar prison sentences were issued for Abdulrahman Naseri and Arman Habibi, who had lost their son and brother respectively during the protests. He has also pressured the signatory lawyers of the supportive statement for the family of Mahsa Amini, attempting to force them to retract the statement. Despite the pressure, the lawyers refrained from retracting the signatures and were subsequently summoned to the Branch 2 of the General and Revolutionary Prosecutor's Office in Bukan due to Zahed's accusation of "spreading content contrary to public chastity."

PREVIOUS RECORD

Since his appointment as the prosecutor of Bukan in the Fall of 2021, he has been involved in the cases of political prisoners Shirkou Ahmadpour and Kamal Abbasi Vand, both of whom were sentenced to six months of disciplinary imprisonment for "actions against national security." In February 2022, Zahed emphasized his support for the police's actions "in all operational areas, especially dealing with disturbers of societal peace." He also claimed to be the organizer of the "Special Deputy Prosecutor's Office for Combatting Norm Violators and Disruptors of Public Order and Security" in the Bukan prosecutor's office, which is responsible for countering protests.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Jafar Tavan	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Special Governor, Saqqez, Kurdistan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Videos (1 and 2) published on social media show that security forces under the command of Governor Jafar Tavan maintained a strong presence and indiscriminately shot at protesters. In some of these videos, the sound of security forces shooting can be clearly heard. Dozens of people in the city of Saqqez have been injured by gunshots from forces under Tavan's authority. Furthermore, there are numerous reports of the governor subjecting bazaar protesters in particular to harassment and abuse. He also referred some names of protesters to judicial authorities for sham trials.

PREVIOUS RECORD

Jafar Tavan has held numerous government positions including mayor, in cities like Bukan, Saqqez, and Marivan. According to human rights watchdog reports, during his tenure as the special governor of Divandareh, he directly filed a complaint against journalist Faridoun Aghaei, resulting in a two-year prison sentence for Aghaei in 2018.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Asadollah Jafari

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Chief of Judiciary in Isfahan, Isfahan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Issuing prison sentences to protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Jafari accused Amir Nasr Azadani, a former player of Isfahan's Zob Ahan and Tabriz's Tractor Sazi football teams, of "rebelling against authorities" and "assisting illegal groups in combat," due to his presence in public protests.This ultimately led to a 16-year prison sentence for Azadani.

On December 11, 2022, Jafari said of Azadani's case: "According to the issued indictment, Amir Nasr Azadani is accused of rebellion. He, along with three other individuals, organized and participated in an armed group to confront the Islamic Republic of Iran's system." Since then, Amir Nasr Azadani, along with eight other citizens, have been deprived of their basic rights such as meetings with family and the right to make phone calls. According to some sources, Azadani has been severely tortured. On December 6, 2022, Jafari accused rapper Toomaj Salehi, who was arrested for supporting the public protests, of "engaging in propaganda against the system, forming and leading illegal groups to disrupt national security...", and many more charges that led to a six-year and three-month prison sentence for Toomaj Salehi.

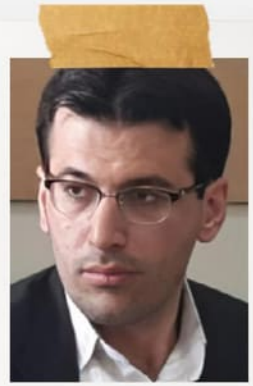
PREVIOUS RECORD

Jafari announced on November 21, 2022, the issuance of a criminal complaint against 316 people and the issuance of a court verdict against 12 citizens who were arrested during the 2021 protests. Asadollah Jafari also issued an urgent order to expedite court sessions for these citizens. Jafari is sanctioned by the UK, the EU, and Canada.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Keyvan Jahani

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Judge and Chief Justice, Saqqez, Kurdistan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Issuing prison sentences to protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Keyvan Jahani, in his capacity as the Chief Justice of Saqqez, Kurdistan Province, has sentenced many protesters to prison terms. Among them, he sentenced Ayyub Javanpour, a protesting worker, to ten years in prison on charges of, "forming a group of more than two people to disrupt security," and, "insulting the founder of the Islamic Republic."

He also sentenced Hanieh Maroufi, a 35-year-old student activist from Saqqez, to separate sentences of eight months and nine months of imprisonment, which are suspended. Ms. Maroufi was also banned from leaving the country for two years. In other verdicts, the Saqqez judiciary sentenced Bayan Salehian, a physician detained in the protests, to nine months in prison and also sentenced Arsalan Bahrami, an artist residing in Saqqez, to nine months in prison and 50 lashes.

PREVIOUS RECORD

Jahani was appointed as Chief Justice of Saqqez on September 19th, 2019, and before that, Jahani served as Public and Revolutionary Prosecutor of Saqqez City.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Mohammad Jabbari

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Prosecutor of Sanandaj, Kurdistan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Prosecution of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Mohammad Jabari, as a prosecutor in the city of Sanandaj, has been instrumental in securing heavy prison sentences for protesters. Among the victims of his prosecution, Siyamak Davoudi received a three-year prison sentence, Borhan Saeedi received a two-year prison sentence, and Shilan Kurdistani received a 40-month prison sentence. During the nationwide protests in Iran in 2022, Jabari repeatedly demanded harsh judgments and decisive judicial actions against protesters. As the provincial capital of Kurdistan Province, Sanandaj's prosecutor's office holds a managerial role over other prosecutors in that province. In December 2022, Jabari threatened protesters, stating, "We will return the evil of troublemakers to themselves, arrest them all, and take decisive action against them."

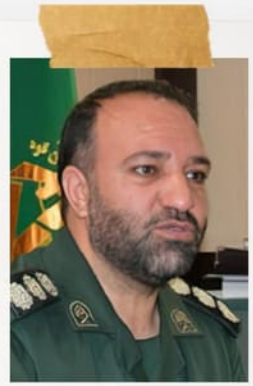
PREVIOUS RECORD

Since 2018, Jabari has served as the prosecutor of Sanandaj and has played an active role in the trial of regime critics. For instance, following the tragic shootdown of Ukrainian International Airlines Flight 752 by the IRGC, Jabari issued arrest warrants for 11 citizens of Sanandaj who had participated in the funeral of two victims, accusing them of "disturbing public security." Jabbari was heavily involved in the trials of many protesters during and following the November 2019 protests. Jabbari's actions led to the imprisonment of many protesters, including Mohiuddin Asghari (sentenced to one year in prison), Saed Banafshi (sentenced to two years in prison), and Ako Karimi (sentenced to six months in prison). These sentences were issued on October 1 and October 20, 2020, respectively.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Samad Mohammad Alizadeh

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), Bukan, Kurdistan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On October 16, 2022, according to videos circulating on social media, Samad Mohammad Alizadeh personally appeared in the streets of Bukan and, while threatening the people and commanding the security forces, referred to these protests as the work of the United States and Israel. The IRGC-affiliated Tasnim News Agency reported the "widespread arrest of leaders of unrest and turmoil" in the cities of Mahabad, Bukan, Piranshahr, and Oshnavieh. The agency confirmed that "the leaders of the agitators in various neighborhoods of the cities have been detained by IRGC units", which Alizadeh commanded. According to reports from human rights sources, at least 12 individuals were killed in the city of Bukan, and dozens have been detained.

In November 2022, Alizadeh addressed a gathering of students on the occasion of Student Day, demanding "decisive action against rioters and troublemakers who disrupt the security and peace of the people." He continued his threats by stating that, "The enemies of the Islamic Revolution will not see peace."

PREVIOUS RECORD

Alizadeh previously served as the Deputy Commander of the Salmas IRGC and as the commander of the IRGC in the city of Divandareh.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Rahim Jahanbakhsh

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF), West Azerbaijan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On November 6, 2022, Jahanbakhsh announced the detention of an unspecified number of citizens participating in the protests in the cities of Oshnavieh and Takab and called the reason for their arrest, "security charges". On November 9, 2022, he attributed the popular protests in West Azerbaijan Province to "separatism" and "Saudi Arabia and Albania's governments", saying, "The main goal of the enemy was to create separatist riots and ethnic divisions."

He also denied the involvement of security forces in the killing of Nasim Sadeghi. Jahanbakhsh's denial of Nasim Sadeghi's killing by security forces contrasts with the confirmation of her death by the human rights organization (ADAPP), which cited Nasim Sadeghi's family as verifying that the 23-year-old girl was shot and killed by Jahanbakhsh's security forces. Additionally, in September 2022, during the peak of nationwide protests in Iran, Rahim Jahanbakhsh reported the arrest of an unspecified number of citizens on charges of "unlawful possession of weapons."

PREVIOUS RECORD

Rahim Jahanbakhsh was appointed as the commander of the LEF in West Azerbaijan province on April 28, 2022. He had previously served as the head of the Public Security Police (PAVA) of West Azerbaijan province. Jahanbakhsh also served as the commander of the LEF on Kish Island for two years before that. Jahanbakhsh was one of the main figures in suppressing the November 2019 protests in Zanjan Province. In this regard, on November 27, 2019, he announced the detention of five "main agents of riots".

Rahim Jahanbakhsh had a direct role in the detention of protesters against the drying up of Lake Urmia. Additionally, he is responsible for the crackdown on social freedoms, especially the attacks on, "mixed-gender parties," and the detention of citizens in this regard. Jahanbakhsh has also ordered the forces under his command to deal seriously with what he referred to as violating fasting rules during Ramadan month: "Individuals publicly violating fasting will be dealt with firmly; during the month of Ramadan, police patrols will intensify their operations.'"

Rahim Jahanbahksh is sanctioned by the UK, the EU, and Canada.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Seyed Musa Asef al-Husseini

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Head of Branch 1 of the Alborz Revolutionary Court, Alborz Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Sentencing protesters to death

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Al-Husseini sentenced protesters who took to the streets of Karaj en-masse to either death or imprisonment, only nine days after their initial detention. They include: Hamid Qara-Hassanloo, Mohammad-Mehdi Karami, Sayyed Mohammad Hosseini, Reza Aria, and Hossein Mohammadi who were sentenced to death, and Farzaneh Qara-Hassanloo, Javad Zargaran, Mehdi Mohammadi, Shayan Charani, Mohammad Amin Akhlaghi, Reza Shaker Zavareh, Behrad Ali Kanari, and Ali Mozaffari Goudarz who were sentenced to lengthy imprisonment.

During their detention period, they were deprived of their right to choose a lawyer and receive medical attention. Additionally, according to published reports, some of them were subjected to severe physical and psychological torture during their detention period.

PREVIOUS RECORD

Musa Asef al-Husseini is the judge in the case of Arjang Davoudi, one of the oldest political prisoners in Iran. Arjang Davoudi wrote about this judge in April 2015: "As I was imprisoned in Bandar Abbas last year, Asef Al-Husseini issued a death sentence for me in absentia without ever summoning me to court." Al-Husseini has repeatedly announced the issuance and carrying out of death sentences in similar fashion. In September 2006, Musa Asef al-Husseini announced the execution of two drug-related prisoners who were detained. He stated that a total of 17 people received death sentences in the first six months of 2006 for drug-related crimes.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

General Mohammad Taghi Osanloo

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of Hamzeh Seyed al-Shohada IRGC, West Azerbaijan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

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EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On November 13, 2022, Osanloo announced: "We have arrested more than 100 individuals in recent riots who were mainly affiliated with anti-revolutionary groups." He also accused the detained protesters of confessing to, "entering Iran to create riots and assassinations or corrupt individuals inside the country."

PREVIOUS RECORD

In November 2022, the European Union sanctioned Mohammad Taghi Osanloo. On February 20, 2023, the UK placed Osanloo on the sanctions list.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Iman Afshari

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Head of Branch 26, Revolutionary Court of Tehran, Tehran Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Sentencing protesters to death

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Iman Afshari issued a death sentence for Mahan Sadrat Marani, one of the detainees of the nationwide 2022 protests, on the charge of "waging war against God" on November 3, 2022. Afshari also issued 10-year prison sentences on baseless charges for Fariba Kamalabadi and Mahvash Sabett, two Baha'i citizens, on December 11, 2022. Iman Afshari sentenced a number of labor and trade union activists, including Reza Shahabi, Hassan Saeedi, Rasoul Badaghi, Jafar Ebrahim, and Mohammad Habibi, to long-term imprisonment on charges related to trade union activities on November 22, 2022. On September 19, 2022, Afshari sentenced Mojtaba Mir-Tahmaseb, a filmmaker, to one year of imprisonment, a fine, and supplementary penalties for signing the statement "Let the Tyranny Collapse."

PREVIOUS RECORD

Afshari issued prison sentences, flogging, and other punishments for many human rights activists, political activists, and artists, including Mozhgan Eilanolou, Narges Mohammadi, Mohammad Rasoulof, Asrin Darkaleh, Maryam Mohammadi, Atena Daemi, Golrokh Iraee, Sahar Mortezaei, Reza Mehragan, Melika Gharagozlou, Abolfazl Ghadiani, Razvaneh Ahmad Khan Beigi, Amir-Mehdi Sadiq Aaraa, and dozens of others in a three month period during the 2021 nationwide uprising against the Islamic Republic, as well as many more in past years.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Ali Jomeh Malak-Shahkouei

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Nainava Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), Golestan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On December 8, 2022, during the protests at the Gorgan Free University Hall, Malak-Shahkouei referred to protests as "riots" and stated, "There is a difference between protest and riot, and 99% of the events on the streets were all riots and causing damage to public property and the treasury, and there was a violation of the law." He announced the widespread detention of protesting citizens by IRGC forces and threatened to arrest protesting citizens, saying, "Most of those who were in contact with the opposition and foreign networks have been arrested, and if they have not been arrested yet, we will certainly go after them." He also stated, "We hate riots and rioters, and you should know that the time for protests is not 10 o'clock at night."

PREVIOUS RECORD

Malak-Shahkouei is known to have participated in the Syrian civil war, as a former commander of the People's Mobilization Unit of the IRGC in Nainawa, and the Director-General of the Foundation for the Preservation and Publication of Sacred Defense in Golestan Province.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Alireza Heidarinia

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of IRGC Imam Hasan Corps, Alborz Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

In multiple reports by government-affiliated media, Heidarinia's forces in the Imam Hasan Brigade of the Revolutionary Guards announced the arrest of protesters. The Public Relations office of this institution stated on November 6, 2022: "Following the disturbances on Friday, November 3, on the Karaj-Qazvin freeway and the provocative actions of the rioters causing damage to private and public property, several key elements were identified and arrested." Regarding another incident on September 25, 2022, the Public Relations office of the Alborz Province's Revolutionary Guards announced: "A number of security disruptors and agitators...were identified and apprehended in the Rajaei neighborhood of Karaj city."

PREVIOUS RECORD

Heidarinia was appointed as the commander of the Alborz Province IRGC on July 1, 2021. He was previously the deputy commander of the IRGC Sayyed al-Shohada in Tehran Province and also chaired the Armed Forces' Wrestling Committee. In February 2021, Iranian state media reported that upon the recommendation of Hossein Salami, the Commander-in-Chief of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, Heidarinia was promoted to the rank of Second Brigadier General as approved by Ali Khamenei. He became subject to EU sanctions in December 2021.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Erham Afatdoust	

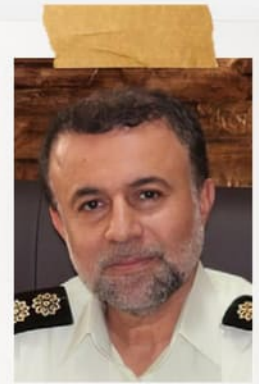
JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Head of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF) and Public Security Police (PAVA) in Gilan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS	PREVIOUS RECORD
In a video released on Twitter by the Iranian Human Rights organization, Afatdoust is seen shooting and then looking directly at the camera on October 1, 2022. His face and military rank are identifiable.	Erham Afatdoust has been the head of the Public Security Police (PAVA) in Gilan since November 2020. Prior to this position, Afatdoust was the LEF commander of Masal County in Gilan Province for almost two years beginning in October 2018. Afatdoust was also previously the deputy of the LEF in Rezvanshahr County in Gilan Province.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Hossein Hasanpour	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Deputy Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF), Gilan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS	PREVIOUS RECORD
Hasanpour announced the identification and arrest of 880 citizens participating in protests in Gilan on October 16, 2022, and described them as "perpetrators of riots, incitement, aggression against citizens, destruction of public property and damage to trade unions." He threatened the people, saying: "The LEF are fully prepared to deal with rioters, and families must be more vigilant than ever to prevent their children from being deceived by anti-government channels and social media pages outside the country." Hasanpour also threatened protesters on September 21, 2022, saying: "Given the end of the arguments presented, if the activities of the rioters continue, the police will use other legal means."	On August 20, 2022, a video was widely circulated on social media showing a female civilian being thrown from a Basij van in Sabze Meydan Square in Rasht. Hasanpour accused the woman of "staging" the incident. Despite his claim, the video of the incident showing the forceful removal of this female citizen from a Guidance Patrol van in Rasht highlights the violent behavior of these forces.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Seyed Jafar Sadati	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Deputy of Cultural and Social Affairs, Provincial Law Enforcement Force (LEF) Commander's Office, Mazandaran Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS	PREVIOUS RECORD
Sadati announced various instances of arrests of individuals involved in the ongoing anti-government protests in Iran. On December 3, 2022, he reported the arrest of nine protesters in Abbasabad County, stating, "These individuals were engaged in activities aimed at inciting public sentiment and disrupting public security in that area. They confessed to slogan writing, sending videos and content to opposition networks and channels, and participating in street disturbances." Additionally, on November 19, he announced the detention of "four individuals involved in anti-system slogan writing in Babolsar."	Sadati has been Deputy of Cultural and Social Affairs for the Mazandaran LEF since 2019. Prior to that, he was temporary acting head of the LEF in Mazandaran.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Ahmad Molaei	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Regime-appointed attorney

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Violating imprisoned protesters' right to a fair trial

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS	PREVIOUS RECORD
Molaei aided both the judge and interrogators in imposing falsified charges against Hamid Gharehassanlou, a doctor sentenced to death. Mohsen Bayat, the lawyer of Gharehassanlou's family, said regarding the performance of this regime-appointed attorney: "The attorney appointed for Gharehassanlou not only did not take appropriate action in defense of the accused but also acted against the interests of this accused in many cases."	Some Iranian government websites refer to him as a "Basiji" lawyer.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Mohammad Sarreshtehdari Omrani

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Regime-appointed attorney

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Violating imprisoned protesters' right to a fair trial

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Omrani was assigned to the case of now famous dissident Majid Reza Rahnavard. Omrani not only did not defend Rahnavard, but also, in cooperation with the case officers and judge, fully endorsed their predetermined scenario. In court on November 29, 2022, Mohammad Sarreshtehdari said, "For various reasons, my client did not have a suitable mental condition on that day; he hid a knife in his sleeve. The knife was about 30 centimeters long. In this case, what is certain is that the defendant killed two people and injured four others." He also confirmed the judge's accusations against Rahnavard and refused to properly defend his client.

The compliance of Mohammad Sarreshtehdari Omrani with the interrogators and the judge of the case of Majid Reza Rahnavard has been criticized by many lawyers within Iran, including Marzieh Mohebi. Omrani's fealty to the Islamic Republic and not to his client, sealed Rahnavard's case. He was executed by the regime as a result of Omrani's complicity in the violation of his human rights.

PREVIOUS RECORD

There is no public information available regarding Omrani's previous positions.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Seyed Hadi Mansouri

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Branch Judge of the Revolutionary Court of Mashhad, Razavi Khorasan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Sentencing protesters to death

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On November 29, 2022 Mansouri deprived Majid Reza Rahnavard of the right to choose his own lawyer and sentenced him to death on the charge of "waging war against God".

PREVIOUS RECORD

Mansouri ordered the imprisonment and flogging of Morteza Parhizgar and Mostafa Baroumand, two detainees of the nationwide protests of December 2017 - January 2018. He is a former interrogator of Branch 9 of the Culture and Media Court.

Mansouri has wrongfully sentenced some of Iran's most prominent dissidents including eight signatories of an unprecedented call for the resignation of Ali Khamenei, including Hashem Khastar, Mohammad Nourizad, Abdolrasoul Mortazavi, Mohammad Hossein Sephery, Fatemeh Sepehri, Hashem Rajaei, Mohammad Hossein Pour, and Morteza Ghasemi. Mansour sentenced them to a total of 72 years in prison. Mansouri also sentenced three Baha'i citizens named Shayan Tafazzoli, Sina Aghdaszadeh, and Khashayar Tafazzoli to one year in prison, each on the charge of "propaganda against the system" in April 2017 when he was the head of the Branch 8 of the Mashhad Revolutionary Court.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Esmaeil Rahmani

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Deputy Prosecutor, Razavi Khorasan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Prosection of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Esmaeil Rahmani was instrumental in the case against Majid Reza Rahnavard. As the prosecutor in the case, Rahmani sought a public execution for Rahnavard, using Iran's judiciary and Rahnavard's life as tools to incite fear into the Iranian people and suppress protests. On November 18, 2022, Esmaeil Rahmani threatened protesting citizens, saying, "Our revolutionary patience has a limit, and from now on, if we see someone coming to the street and breaking the norms, we will not hesitate to arrest him." He also threatened the merchants and traders who participated in the nationwide protests of 2022 and said, "Any guild that associates with rioters will definitely be shut down, and these individuals who have disrupted the supply of essential goods to the people will be considered anti-revolutionary collaborators and will certainly be arrested."

PREVIOUS RECORD

Rahmani ordered a ban on government services for women who do not wear compulsory hijab or are, according to him, "improperly veiled". On July 4, 2022, Rahmani stated, "We have sent a letter to the governor's office and asked the governor of Mashhad to prohibit services to improperly veiled individuals in offices and banks. In this regard, managers and heads of offices and banks are obliged not to provide services to individuals who come to offices without proper religious hijab."

Additionally, during his tenure as the head of the Sixth District Prosecutor's Office in Mashhad on January 29, 2022, Rahmani issued a directive to the Cultural, Gaming, and Entertainment Products Union of Mashhad, ordering the owners of "gaming cafes" or "gaming centers" to implement gender segregation among their customers or else their businesses would be permanently shut down.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Mohammad Hossein Doroudi

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Public and Revolutionary Prosecutor of Mashhad, Ravazi Khorasan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

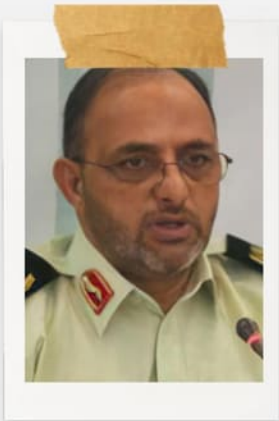
Prosection of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Doroudi led the falsification of the case against Majid Reza Rahnavard using the accusation of, "waging war against God" (Moharebeh). Doroudi announced the arrest of Majid Reza Rahnavard and eight individuals related to this case on November 18, 2022. Furthermore, on October 23, 2022, he announced the arrest of citizens participating in nationwide protests, labeling them as the "main instigators of unrest." He threatened protesting citizens, saying, "From now on, as the enemies of this system have been revealed in these incidents, there will be no room for any excuse, and if individuals intend to disrupt the society's security under any pretext, they will be dealt with severely, and they will remain in detention until their charges are addressed." Doroudi also announced the formation of special investigation branches to handle the cases of detainees from the nationwide protests of 2022.

PREVIOUS RECORD

On July 14, 2022, Mohammad Hossein Doroudi announced the issuance and execution of the, "cutting off of hands and feet," sentence for thieves and considered it a sign of the "firm response of the judicial system." He was appointed as the Prosecutor of Mashhad in October 2019. He has served as the Deputy Prosecutor and Acting Head of the 9th District Court, the Judicial and Special Crimes Deputy of the Judiciary of the Province, and the Deputy Head of the Supervision and Evaluation Unit of Judiciary Judges in Razavi Khorasan Province.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Abdolreza Nazeri	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF), Kerman Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On October 8, 2022, Abdolreza Nazeri expressed his support for security forces who participated in suppressing nationwide protests, saying to them: "You stood bravely and defended the people, and you received your reward for your heroic presence in rallies, processions, and supporting the people and officials..." On November 13, 2022, Abdolreza Nazeri announced the arrest of six citizens who participated in protests, claiming they were members of a "robbery gang."

Nazeri also falsely claimed that several other individuals who participated in the protests were members of "multiple robbery and kidnapping gangs." He alleged that the arrested individuals had "stolen 60 billion [Iranian rials]." On November 22, 2022, Abdolreza Nazeri was praised and commended by Emanollah Ali-Moradi, a member of the Assembly of Experts, for suppressing protesters.

PREVIOUS RECORD

He was appointed as the commander of the LEF in Kerman Province on July 3, 2019. Prior to this position, Nazeri was the commander of the LEF in the eastern part of Tehran Province. He was also involved in suppressing protesting citizens during the nationwide protests of November 2019.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Amin Moradi	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Member of the Basij Resistance Base of Basij-e Rah Allah and Basij-e Sazandegi of IRGC in Zahedan, Sistan and Baluchistan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Extrajudicial killing of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

The news website Halvash reported that on September 30, 2022, Amin Moradi allegedly fired shots towards people from inside Police Station 16 in Zahedan, in the Sistan and Baluchistan province. According to this source, several individuals who were participating in Friday prayers were killed or wounded as a result of the shooting from inside the police station. This was a part of the "Bloody Friday" massacre in Zahedan in which nearly 100 protesters, including nine children were killed.

PREVIOUS RECORD

There is no public information available regarding Moradi's past positons.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Hossein Abdi

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF), East Azerbaijan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On October 7, 2022, Abdi announced the detention of a number of citizens participating in nationwide protests and said, "In the recent chaos, we witnessed in their confessions that they were mostly involved in cognitive warfare."

On October 18, 2022, in a ceremony commending the Basij of East Azarbaijan Province and the city of Tabriz who supported the command of the LEF of the Islamic Republic of Iran in suppressing these protests, Abdi described protesting citizens in nationwide protests as "deceived," and said, "The deceived are the victims of cognitive warfare who have forgotten their sacred values and beliefs and have become identity-less under the influence of the enemy's psychological operations. The deceived and domestic mercenaries of the enemies will never achieve their wicked goals and purposes in Islamic Iran."

PREVIOUS RECORD

Hossein Abdi has been in command of the LEF in East Azerbaijan province since February 2019. Abdi played a prominent role in suppressing the protests of November 2019 and repeatedly reported on the crackdown on protesters. Abdi announced the arrest of 70 "main instigators of the riots," on December 1, 2019. Before his current position, Hossein Abdi commanded the LEF in Ardabil Province.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Babak Mahboob Alilou

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

General and Revolutionary Prosecutor of Tabriz, East Azerbaijan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Prosecution of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On September 28, 2022, Alilou threatened protesters with "decisive action" and announced the establishment of special branches to deal with detainees in the prosecutor's office and emergency courts. He carried through on his promises. Alilou has been instrumental in setting up specialized court branches to oversee the trials of numerous detainees linked to anti-government protests in Tabriz. The branches under his command, for instance, have sentenced three protesters from the Tabriz nationwide demonstrations–namely Amirhossein Mohseni, Amirhossein Rezai, and Arash Ahmadi–to a combined total of 10 years in prison.

On November 28, 2022, Babak Mahboob Alilou denied the killing of Aylar Haghi by security forces and claimed that she had died from falling into a ditch due to a lack of balance while walking, a story vehemently rejected by Aylar's family.

PREVIOUS RECORD

Alilou was appointed as the General and Revolutionary Prosecutor of Tabriz in late September 2019. Prior to this position, he was the Judicial Deputy of the Chief Justice of East Azerbaijan Province and simultaneously the Head of the Dispute Resolution Councils of this province. He also held positions such as Social and Crime Prevention Deputy of the provincial prosecutor's office, Executive Deputy of criminal judgments, and Investigative Deputy in the judicial system of East Azerbaijan Province.

Alilou is one of the perpetrators of the death penalty in Iran. He confirmed this in an interview in February 2016 and, in response to a question about his bitterest memory of judging, said, "Enforcing the death penalty of a young man was my bitterest memory. Every judge undoubtedly has such memories, and I am not an exception; like a memory that is related to the execution of a young man...that young man was executed..."

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Mazaher Majidi (SANCTIONED BY OFAC)

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of Ansar al-Hossein IRGC, Hamedan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On October 6, 2022, Majidi announced the arrest of 700 citizens participating in recent protests, stating, "700 people were arrested in Hamedan Province following the recent protests, of which 80% were under 25 years old and, in my opinion, many of them were not familiar with the values and ideals of the Islamic Revolution and were unaware that they were being used by the enemy. We immediately arrested the trained instigators who were organized by the enemy." He explicitly confirmed the suppression of protesters by Ansar e-Hezbollah, the LEF, and the Basij: "On the second day, we joined Basij forces across the province with the police to confront the riots and sedition of the troublemakers to preserve public safety, and the organization and command of our forces were carried out in the best possible way."

PREVIOUS RECORD

Majidi was appointed as the commander of Hamedan IRGC on July 25, 2017. Before commanding the Hamedan IRGC, Mazaher Majidi was the commander of Unit 32 and the deputy commander of IRGC Ansar al-Hossein (AS) Hamedan Corps. His preferred model for suppressing civil protests relies on "neighborhood-based Basij forces," and he emphasized that "Jihadi groups are an opportunity, and you, as responsible instructors, must organize them based on neighborhoods and geographies, and each of these can be used in larger Jihadist groups..."

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Ali Azadi

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF), Kurdistan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Azadi announced the arrest of several citizens participating in nationwide protests in the city of Qorveh on September 23, 2022, and said, "A group of saboteurs were arrested in Qorveh who intended to commit killings during the recent protests." In the same interview, he denied the killing of Foad Ghadimi by security forces in Divandareh and attributed it to "anti-revolutionaries."

On October 8, 2022, Ali Azadi denied the involvement of the LEF in the shooting of Dariush Alizadeh, a citizen who was driving and honking their horn in support of protests, and called the murder, "a continuation of the killing project by anti-revolutionaries." He said, "This person was shot by anti-revolutionaries to carry out the killing project, while my colleagues do not have any firearms during their missions." Footage clearly shows soliders carrying and using firearms.

On December 3, 2022, Ali Azadi announced the arrest of two citizens for participating in nationwide protests and said, "Through specialized intelligence operations, our officers identified and arrested two suspects in their hideout in Sanandaj and referred them to the judicial authorities with a case file."

PREVIOUS RECORD

Azadi was appointed as the commander of the LEF in Kurdistan Province in November 2018). Prior to this position, he was the commander of the LEF in Zanjan province.

Ali Azadi is sanctioned by the UK, the EU, and Canada.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Abouzar Ranjbar

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Deputy Prosecutor and Head of the Revolutionary Court of Shiraz, Fars Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Prosecution of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On December 3, 2022, Ranjbar announced the detention of nine citizens who participated in the 2022 nationwide protests and falsely accused them of "producing handmade bombs" and "communicating with foreign countries." He also claimed that "the group's sergeant had delayed explosive bombs with them during the arrest and the extensive and organized activity of this group to provoke street riots in various parts of Shiraz has been proven during the investigations into the case."

The detained citizens Ranjbar refers to include Dena Sheibani, a snowboarding instructor and graphic artist, Hesam Mosavi, a rock climbing instructor, Amir Arsalan Mahdavi, a snowboarding instructor, Eshragh Najafabadi, a cycling coach, and Mohammad Khivaei, a mountain climbing instructor and nature tourism guide, whose forced confessions have also been broadcast by government media. They had no connections to explosive devices whatsoever.

PREVIOUS RECORD

Ranjbar was appointed as deputy prosecutor and Head of the Revolutionary Court of Shiraz on November 26, 2022. He has previously served as the prosecutor of Larestan and the judge of Gerash. Ranjbar was the head of the Gerash court for two years beginning in 2016.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Rahim (Davood) Hamalbar Mojarad

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Chief of the Revolutionary Court of Tabriz and Judge of Branch One of the Revolutionary Court of Tabriz, East Azerbaijan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Issuing prison sentences to protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Hamalbar issued sentences of imprisonment and other punishments against four judiciary lawyers named Sina Yousefi, Negar Kiani, Qasem Badi Banab, and Amir Mehdi Pour during the nationwide protests in 2022, for defending detainees.

According to human rights reports, as the head of Branch One of the Revolutionary Court of Tabriz, Hamalbar also issued sentences of imprisonment and flogging against several citizens, including Nir Sanandajiyan Hekmabadi, Mehrdad Alaei, Omid Hashempour, Amir Hashempour, Shams al-Din Esmaeilzadeh, and Ramin Behzad, in relation to the 2022 nationwide protests.

He also sentenced Amir Hashempour to two years in prison and a two-year travel ban, and Omid Hashempour to six months in prison, both on charges of "acting against national security".

Shams al-Din Esmaeilzadeh was also sentenced to nine months in prison on charges of "propaganda against the system" by Judge Hamalbar. Judge Hamalbar also sentenced Qasem Badi to five months in prison, a two-year travel ban, and the seizure of his laptop and mobile phone on charges of "propaganda against the system". He is one of the main judicial authorities in Tabriz who issues sentences, including imprisonment and travel bans, against political and civil activists in East Azerbaijan Province.

PREVIOUS RECORD

In previous years, Mojarad sentenced some civil activists, including Davoud Shirri, Naser Kholousi, Amir Chamani, and Afshin Barzegar Jamshidi, to imprisonment and flogging.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Ali Mostafaviniya

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Chief Justice, Sistan and Baluchestan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Issuing prison sentences to protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On November 1, 2022, Mostafaviniya announced the detention of 620 protesters who participated in protests in Sistan and Baluchestan Province, and said, "In the judiciary of this province, based on the orders of the national Head of the Judiciary, in the first days of the recent riots, the situation of the detainees was investigated and separated based on the role and impact they had in the riots. 620 people were arrested in the province, and cases were formed for 252 of them, and 368 were released by taking a commitment."

On November 24, 2022, he threatened the protesting citizens with, "decisive action" and announced the filing of political cases for 70 of the detainees.

PREVIOUS RECORD

Mostafaviniya worked as the Public and Revolutionary Prosecutor of Rasht, the capital of Gilan Province, from May 2013 to September 2019. In May 2019, he announced the detention of a woman for non-compliance with mandatory hijab laws: "The law enforcement officer arrested a non-compliant woman who had committed acts contrary to chastity on the streets of Rasht without a hijab on Tuesday night and brought her to the prosecutor's office."

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Abbas Ali Bahadani-Fard

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF), Yazd Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On December 4, 2022, Bahadani-Fard announced the arrest of five citizens related to nationwide protests and stated that "the detainees, who were also among the main leaders of the riots in Yazd city, had used the chaos of social media during their activities and intended to disrupt public order and act against the system, but they were arrested with the police's information." According to him, these detainees were "managers of two opposition Telegram channels."

PREVIOUS RECORD

In late April 2020, Abbas Ali Bahadani-Fard was appointed as the LEF commander for Yazd Province. Before that, he was the deputy commander of the Hormozgan Province LEF.

Bahadani-Fard advocates for comprehensive and aggressive enforcement of mandatory hijab laws in Iran. He has also repeatedly reported on "dog-walking," and stated that the police must seriously pursue this matter. He also threatens opponents of the system on social media, saying that, "in the field of opposition mischief in the virtual space, the Yazd provincial FATA (Iranian Cyber Police) are monitoring the space in coordination with the judicial system." On August 4, 2022, Bahadani-Fard supported Zeinab Jafari, a government agent who had attacked several women who were allegedly wearing their hijabs "improperly" on a train.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Ahmad Bolandnazar

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Governor of Jiroft County and Head of Jiroft County Security Council, Kerman Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

In October 2022, regarding the popular protests in Jiroft, he stated: "According to a call that had been issued by the leaders of this movement, in four points of the city of Jiroft, including the intersection near the governor's office, a protest gathering was held, which was met with the presence of security forces. Several of the protesters, including leaders of this movement, were arrested."

On November 18, 2022, Ahmad Bolandnazar denied the killing of citizens in protests in Jiroft and announced the arrest of 37 protesters in Jiroft, saying, "No damage was done to public property in these riots, no one was hurt, and the rumors of the death of protesters are also not true. With the cooperation of the military, law enforcement, and the Basij, 37 people were arrested and no damage was done to public property; not even one person was injured."

Bolandnazar threatened protesting citizens by stating, "the lawbreakers were a few people who intended to disturb the public order with their disruptive slogans, and they were all arrested and sent to detention centers."

In early January 2023, Ahmad Bolandnazar spoke about the latest situation of detainees in the popular protests in Jiroft, saying, "69 people who were involved in the incident of the exhibition of goods near the mosque and the governor's office were arrested after their identification."

PREVIOUS RECORD

Ahmad Bolandnazar was appointed as the governor of Jiroft in May of 2022.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Mohammad Rohana

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF), Esfarayen County, North Khorasan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On December 13, 2022, Rohana reported the arrest of 12 individuals who were associated with the nationwide protests. He stated, "12 individuals who were involved in spreading calls for strikes on social media in this city were identified and arrested for disseminating news and posting calls for unlawful strikes on social media."

In mid-December 2022, during the nationwide market strike in the country, Rohana announced the closure of 23 businesses in Esfarayen, stating that "in order to enhance social security and reorganize delinquent unions, a supervision and control plan over unions by monitoring officers was implemented for 48 hours under the command of the LEF of Esfarayen County, upon order of the county prosecutor."

PREVIOUS RECORD

In April 2022, Mohammad Rohana announced the arrest of 16 citizens living in Esfarayen, stating that "in line with the implementation of the social security plan and following the judicial order," the officers, in coordination with the judicial authorities and information control, arrested 16 violators of order and security.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Mohammad Touhidi

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF), Mahabad, West Azerbaijan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Mohammad Touhidi is one of the main figures behind the crackdown in Mahabad. On November 1, 2022, he announced the detention of a citizen related to protests in Mahabad and claimed that the protester had "committed theft" during the protests. He said, "Public Security Police (PAVA) officers with intelligence oversight were able to identify and arrest one of the individuals..." Touhidi also threatened citizens, saying, "Identifying the main elements and provocative factors of recent riots is specifically on the police's agenda, and all individuals involved will soon be arrested and handed over to the law."

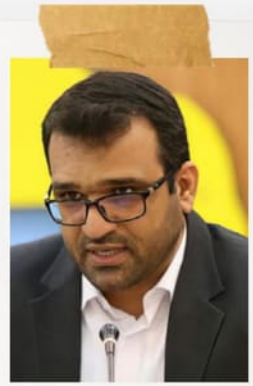
PREVIOUS RECORD

Touhidi was appointed as the commander of the LEF of Mahabad in November 2020. He was previously the commander of the LEF in Ashnooyeh County, West Azerbaijan Province. Mohammad Touhidi also announced in April 2022 the detention of the administrator of the "Crush Mahabad" Instagram page for slander.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Akbar Pourat

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Deputy Political-Security Governor, Bushehr Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

In December 2022, Pourat reported the arrest of 800 individuals participating in nationwide protests in Bushehr Province. He stated, "Good actions were taken by the law enforcement and security forces in the province, resulting in the arrest of 800 individuals, 35 of whom were imprisoned." Regarding the charges against the detainees, he commented, "The cases of the arrested individuals were mostly related to anti-revolutionaries, monarchists, and some had connections with Mossad."

Pourat also reported the arrest of 200 protesting citizens in September 2022 during the nationwide protests in Bushehr Province. He referred to these protests as "sedition" and "riots" and stated, "The main instigators of the riots in Bushehr Province have been identified and will soon be apprehended by security forces." In October 2022, Pourat also reported the arrest of several workers participating in protests at Pars Jonoubi Company and falsely linked them to the US government and the "War Room of London Media." He further mentioned, "At present, with the vigilance of our security and intelligence institutions, enemy mercenaries have been identified and detained, while those who were deceived have been released. The incidents that occurred were brought under control by the authority of security forces, intelligence agencies, and executive apparatus. Today, the security situation in the province is calm."

In another matter, Pourat mentioned the suppression of workers' protests in the Pars Jonoubi region: "Law enforcement and security forces do not allow the enemies to flex their muscles." Furthermore, on October 8, 2022, Akbar Pourat once again reported on the arrest, interrogation, and summoning of several citizens participating in the nationwide protests of 2022. He stated that the age of the citizens arrested in the province's nationwide protests ranged from "14 to 24 years."

On December 8, 2022, Akbar Pourat announced the shutting down of 99 small businesses owned by striking merchants.

PREVIOUS RECORD

Pourat was appointed by Ahmad Mohammadi-Zadeh, the governor of Bushehr, to the position of Deputy for Political-Security Affairs in the Governorate in May 24, 2022. Prior to his appointment as the Deputy for Political Affairs, Pourat had been the Head of Intelligence of Imam Sadegh Corps in Bushehr Province. In July 2022, Pourat reported on the implementation of the "Chastity and Hijab" plan on the shores of Bushehr and in governmental offices, stating: "In the matter of the Chastity and Hijab headquarters, revolutionary managers must be actively involved in the work."

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Mehrdad Moshavegh

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Deputy commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF), Hormozgan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

In November 2022, Moshavegh announced the arrest of a citizen in connection with the nationwide market strike and stated, "Through intelligence work, day and night efforts, and precise monitoring of the real and virtual space with targeted intelligence activities, the individual who was threatening market vendors with forced strike in Bandar Abbas was identified and arrested by a police operation."

In December of 2022, Moshavegh referred to the killing of protester Sohi Etebari by police officers as a subject related to "Dissident media outlets that always seek to exploit any situation and create tension and turmoil in society tried to turn this incident into a subject for their narrative." The Telegram channel of the Revolutionary Guards released a video containing the coerced confession of Sohi Etebari's father, in which Abdulrahman Etebari says, "What happened to my daughter has no relation to the disturbances."

In October 2022, Mehrdad Moshavegh commented on the public protests in Kish and Qeshm, saying, "The enemy's conspiracy for Kish and Qeshm was thwarted, otherwise they had elaborate plans for these two important islands."

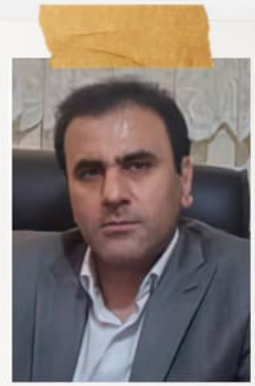
PREVIOUS RECORD

Moshavegh previously worked as the LEF commander in the city of Kazeroon.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Abdulwahab Bakhshande

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Prosecutor General and Revolutionary Prosecutor, Ilam Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Prosecution of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

In November 2022, Bakhshande reported the arrest of 15 citizens who participated in public protests in Ilam. He stated, "With the efforts of security, police, and intelligence forces of Ilam province, as well as through integrated operations and judicial orders, the main instigators of disturbances in Abdanan city, totaling 15 individuals, have been arrested and will face legal consequences. Investigations into these individuals have commenced, and we will deal decisively and legally with them."

Abdulwahab Bakhshande also announced the pursuit of litigation against administrators of several Telegram channels in Ilam that same November, commenting, "We have no leniency for those who led the disturbances; they have all been identified and will face legal proceedings." In November 2022, he noted the detained citizens during nationwide protests, stating, "There can be no leniency with the detained leaders who are taking orders from enemies and causing chaos and commotion."

PREVIOUS RECORD

Abdulwahab Bakhshande was appointed as the Prosecutor General and Revolutionary Prosecutor of Ilam in November 2022. From September 2018 to December 2021, he acted as the Deputy for Social Affairs and Crime Prevention in the Judiciary of Ilam Province by the order of Amoli Larijani, the former chief of the Judiciary branch. He has also worked as a consultant for the appellate court of the province in years prior.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Mostafa Babaei	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF), Abbas Abad County, Mazandaran Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

In October 2022, Babaei announced the arrest of three protesters in Salmanshahr. He stated, "Through intelligence surveillance and activating informants, individuals involved in the disturbances and the destruction of the Friday Prayer Imam's office and the police container were identified. Due to the sensitivity of the matter, a team composed of intelligence officer's in coordination with the judiciary, carried out a surprise operation and arrested three of the suspects."

Babaei also reported the arrest of an additional two individuals related to nationwide protests in December 2022, accusing them of "making Molotov cocktails and creating hysteria." A video of coerced confessions by several residents of Abbas Abad has been circulating on social networks, confessing to the accusations made by the local police commander.

PREVIOUS RECORD

In September 2022, Babaei was appointed as the Police Commander of Abbas Abad by the Deputy Police Commander of Mazandaran, Seyed Musa Hosseini.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Masoud Kargar	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Public and Revolutionary Prosecutor of Abdanan, Ilam Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Prosecution of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

In December 2022, Masoud Kargar referred to Sonia Sharifi, a teenager detained during nationwide protests, as "the main leader of recent riots" and claimed she made Molotov cocktails. He denied physically assaulting Sonia Sharifi and issued a verdict against her of "warring against God". According to multiple human rights sources, Kargar not only failed to provide clear answers to Sonia Sharifi's family but also falsely contended that the case was not under his jurisdiction. Simultaneously, the prosecutor of Ilam rejected the one-billion-Toman bail deposited by Sonia Sharifi's family.

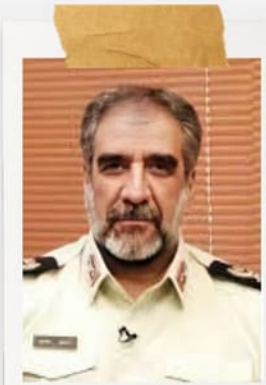
PREVIOUS RECORD

Masoud Kargar was appointed as the Public and Revolutionary Prosecutor of Abdanan in November 2020.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Abbasali Mohammadian (SANCTIONED BY OFAC)

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF), Alborz Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

In October 2022, Abbasali Mohammadian, during a meeting with Seyed Mohammad Mehdi Hosseini Hamadani, the representative of Ali Khamenei in Alborz Province, stated, "During the disturbances, despite perceived dangers, none of the police personnel have retreated, and they have acted forcefully against enemies of the revolution and the people."

In October 2022, he announced the arrest of 11 citizens participating in nationwide protests, labeling them as "individuals who shot at the police" without providing any evidence. He stated, "Nine of these individuals, who intended to leave the country, were arrested in one of the western provinces of the country."

In October 2022, he reported the blocking of social media pages, stating, "Alborz FATA police have blocked 31,000 unauthorized channels and virtual pages that have been involved in publishing unethical content. Since the beginning of the fabricated rumors spread by opposition media, the police have efficiently worked day and night to control the disturbances and gatherings with minimal damage."

PREVIOUS RECORD

Mohammadian was appointed as the Police Chief of Alborz Province on October 11, 2017. Prior to that, he served as the head of the Tehran Police and directly participated in suppressing public uprisings in December 2017 and November 2019.

In December 2019, he announced the arrest of eight protesters in the Mahdiabad area of Savojbolagh County and stated, "Following the disturbances created by a group of thugs under the guidance of opposition networks, who used the pretext of fuel price increase, the main instigators of the disturbances and the perpetrators of damaging public property were identified. In a coordinated operation by judicial authorities, eight of them were apprehended and transferred to the Public Security Police (PAVA) in Savojbolagh County after they were unexpectedly captured in their hideout." In December 2019, he reported the arrest of three female protesters linked to nationwide protests, labeling them as "opportunists and key elements in the formation of the initial nucleus of disturbances and damage to government property in Mohammadshahr area of Karaj."

In December 2019, he also reported the identification and arrest of a large number of citizens participating in nationwide protests of that year. In January 2020, he reported the arrest of a citizen on charges of setting fire to the seminary in Mohammadshahr, Karaj. He reported the arrest of two citizens on charges of setting fire to chain stores in Karaj during nationwide protests. In February 2018, he referred to citizens present in the nationwide protests of that year as "foot soldiers of the enemy's system" and thanked the judicial authorities for their behavior in punishing protesters. Abbasali Mohammadian has been listed in the UK Foreign Office's sanctions list in December 2022.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Yahya Elahi

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF), Lorestan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

In September 2022, Elahi announced the arrest of a citizen involved in nationwide protests and claimed, "This individual was attempting to provide weapons to the people and a specific supported group outside the country to create a killing atmosphere, but he was arrested through intelligence and law enforcement monitoring."

In October 2022, Elahi announced the detention of two brothers related to nationwide protests in Borujerd, claiming that one of them had committed suicide. He stated, "Following the violent actions of rioters on the night of October 28... Lorestani law enforcement forces engaged with two of the disruptors in an operation in the mountains around the city.. As a result of today's confrontation, one of these two brothers was arrested and the second one committed suicide."

In November, Yahya Elahi reported the arrest of two citizens on charges of "stone-throwing on the Khorramabad-Poldokhtar road" and said, "After investigations and necessary inquiries, the officers arrested two young individuals on a motorcycle without a license plate who were engaging in stone-throwing at trucks."

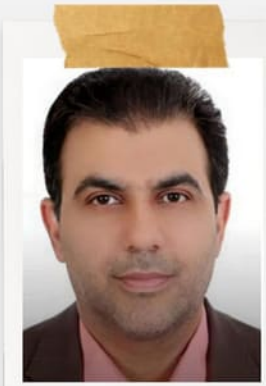
PREVIOUS RECORD

In April 2021, under the command of Hossein Ashtari, the Chief Commander of Law Enforcement Command, Yahya Elahi was appointed as the Police Commander of Lorestan. Prior to this, Elahi had been in charge of the Border Patrol in Kermanshah Province.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Mehdi Amadeh

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Public and Revolutionary Prosecutor of Dezful, Khuzestan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Prosecution of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On December 5, 2022, Mehdi Amadeh announced the arrest of two individuals in connection with nationwide protests, stating, "On the evening of the 29th of November this year, two individuals who had attempted to set fire to the banner of Dezful martyrs were arrested."

PREVIOUS RECORD

In October 2021, Mehdi Amadeh was appointed as the Public and Revolutionary Prosecutor of Dezful by Mohammad Yarmohammadi and Ali Farahmandpour the Chief Justice, and as the Special Governor of Dezful, respectively. Before assuming this position, he had worked as a deputy prosecutor in the region. Mehdi Amadeh was also the head of the first branch of the Revolutionary Court in Dezful, issuing numerous prison sentences for opponents of the regime. This includes the issuance of a one-year prison sentence for Arzoo Rahimkhani, an expelled professor of the Azad University of Andimeshk, and her husband Ramin Biranvand. Mehdi Amadeh also issued an indictment for Iman Mirzavand, a resident of Andimeshk, which led to a six-month prison sentence for him.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Azizollah Maleki

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF), Gilan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On October 2022, in a speech before Friday prayers at the Khomeini Mosque in Rasht, Maleki commented on those who had been arrested during nationwide protests, saying, "Many of the arrested individuals involved in the disturbances were not from Gilan province but had come from various parts of the country to incite unrest in Gilan province." He acknowledged the role of Basij and Sepah (Revolutionary Guards) in suppressing the people, stating, "Basij has always been present alongside us, and our dear IRGC has been by our side to confront the disturbances in the province. We have taken security from the disruptors and put them down."

On October 2nd, he announced the arrest of six citizens on charges of, "attacking the police during nationwide protests" and mentioned, "The average age of these individuals is between 14 and 22 years old. After taking police actions, these individuals are handed over to the judicial authorities." In November 2022, Azizollah Maleki stated regarding the suppression of nationwide protests, "From the beginning of the recent turmoil until now, we haven't been negligent for a moment, and with high spirits, we have suppressed all of the disturbances."

PREVIOUS RECORD

Azizollah Maleki was appointed as the commander of law enforcement in Gilan Province in November 2019 by the order of Hossein Estiri. Before this, he had served as the commander of law enforcement in Hormozgan Province. In December 2022, UK Foreign Ministry sanctioned Azizollah Maleki for his role in suppressing protests. Azizollah Maleki is sanctioned by the UK and the EU.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Heydar Soosani

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF), Bushehr Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On January 20, 2022, Soosani announced the arrest of four citizens in the cities of Bushehr and Dashti on charges of "slogan writing and communication with subversive networks." He stated, "following intelligence surveillance and cyber and field operations, a four-member group engaged in slogan writing and anti-values activities, capturing their images and sending them via Instagram to a prominent dissident figure who played an influential role in issuing calls over the past three months, was identified and arrested according to the orders of the authorities."

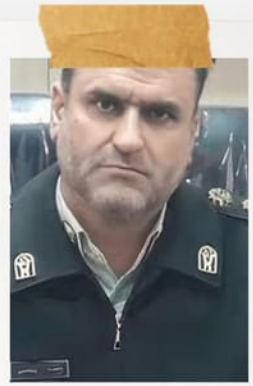
PREVIOUS RECORD

Soosani was appointed as the commander of LEF by Hossein Eshtari, the then-commander of the police force, in Bushehr Province in early May 2021. Before, he had served as the deputy commander of law enforcement in Bushehr Province.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Mohammad Rostami

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of Law Enforcement Force (LEF), Talesh, Gilan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

In December 2022, Rostami announced the arrest of a 21-year-old citizen related to the nationwide protests. Rostami stated, "Following a report about the dissemination of false, offensive, and derogatory content regarding recent incidents and disturbances, and its transmission to opposition channels on social media by an individual in Talesh, the matter was put on the agenda. Talesh Cyber Police officers, through technical measures, eventually succeeded in identifying the suspect in this case and his hideout in this city. Accordingly, the 21-year-old suspect was arrested with the coordination of the judicial authorities in the county and was referred to the judicial authorities for legal action."

PREVIOUS RECORD

In September 2021, Mohammad Rostami was appointed as the commander of law enforcement in Talesh County in a ceremony attended by Hossein Hasanpour, the deputy commander of the LEF in Gilan Province, and several provincial officials. Rostami previously served as the commander of the LEF in Bastak County in Hormozgan Province in prior years.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Gholamreza Jafari	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF), Jouybar, Mazandaran Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS	PREVIOUS RECORD
Jafari was a chief actor among the repressive forces in Mazandaran province during the nationwide protests of 2022. Jafari announced the arrest of protesters, specifically in Jouybar. On November 22, 2022, he announced the arrest of "the instigator of incitement in Jouybar" in an interview with semi-official government outlet Mehr News Agency. In some reports, a video of the arrested protestor's forced confessions was also published. Jafari also issued a threatening warning, stating that those seeking to create turmoil and insecurity within society would be dealt with decisively.	Jafari has been the commander of law enforcement in Jouybar since July of 2019. Prior to that, he served as the deputy commander of the LEF in Sari.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Abdolmehdi Mousavi	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Chief Justice, Markazi Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Issuing prison sentences to protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS	PREVIOUS RECORD
Mousavi is among those individuals who, during the nationwide protests of 2022, repeatedly facilitated and presided over the arrest and imprisonment of numerous protesters in the Markazi province. In late January 2023, Mousavi announced the arrest of key members of an operational group which he claimed was associated with foreign entities which allegedly intended to carry out destabilizing actions against the regime. He stated that four individuals were arrested and ten others were summoned to court in connection with these operations. In November 2022, Mousavi stated in an interview with Iranian government media that 27 of the detained prisoners in this province were identified as criminals in recent incidents. He also threatened protesters, stating that those he claimed were connected to opposition and foreign networks and received orders from elsewhere and acted on the streets would receive no leniency, and that the judiciary would deal with them firmly.	Mousavi has been the Chief of the Markazi judiciary since May 2020. Prior to this position, he served as the Judicial Deputy of Fars Judiciary and the Head of Dispute Resolution Councils in Markazi Province.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Ghasem Mazinani

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Head of Branch 9, Supreme Judicial Court of Iran

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Sentencing protesters to death

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Mazinani is the head of Branch 9 at the Supreme Court of Iran. He opposed the suspension of the death sentence for Mohammad Hosseini, a political prisoner, after a retrial was requested. Consequently, the death sentence for Hosseini, initially issued by Judge Seyed Mousa Asghalhosseini of the first Revolutionary Court of Alborz Province, was carried out on the morning of January 17, 2023. Additionally, he confirmed the death sentences for three protesters arrested in Isfahan named Majid Kazemi, Saeed Ya'qoubi, and Saleh Mirhashemi. Mazinani has a long history of collaboration with the security institutions of the Islamic Republic.

PREVIOUS RECORD

In July 2012, by the decree of Mostafa Pourmohammadi, Mazinani was appointed as the advisor to the head of the General Inspection Organization of the country in the field of judicial and security matters. Prior to that, Mazinani was also the Inspector General of Military and Security Affairs and the institutions of the General Inspection Organization of the country.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Mehdi Sarpanah

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Deputy for Social Affairs at the West Tehran Provincial Law Enforcement Command, Tehran Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Sarpanah played a role in the arrest of protesters during the 2022 protests, including the arrest of an individual who, according to him, was one of the "main instigators of disturbances and provocation among students" in Vahidiyeh, Shahriar. He emphasized that after compiling the case, the accused individual was handed over to the judicial authorities for legal proceedings. According to Sarpanah, this female student, along with other students, was chanting slogans and was detained solely because a video of her chanting slogans had gained significant traction on social media and satellite TV channels.

He was also involved in constructing a case against Mohammad Ghabadloo, who had participated in the 2022 protests, accusing him multiple times in the media of killing Basij members without presenting evidence. These accusations were rejected by the defendant's lawyer and family.

PREVIOUS RECORD

During the November 2019 protests, which resulted in the deaths of thousands of protesters, he admitted in an interview that he had "identified some of the troublemakers, arrested some, and handed them over to the judicial authorities." In another interview, he accused protesters of setting banks on fire without providing any evidence and stated that he had arrested several individuals in the city of Malard.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Ali Dadash Tabar

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF), Amol County, Mazandaran Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On November 7, 2022, Dadash Tabar reported the arrest of 28 protesters on Tabarsi Street. He stated, "Following recent riots and insults to sanctities by deceived individuals receiving orders from dissident networks abroad, 28 leaders and main instigators of these disturbances were arrested." Furthermore, videos of gatherings in the city of Amol indicate that the forces under his command played a significant role in suppressing, beating, and mistreating the protesters.

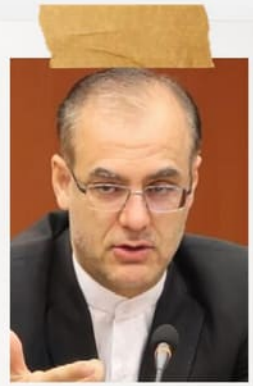
PREVIOUS RECORD

On August 15, 2022, he announced the arrest of 27 members of a tourist group, alleging that they had undermined moral values. He has previously served as the police commander of Miandroud County and Nour County. On April 7, 2022, he was appointed as the police commander of Amol County.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Hossein Majidi

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Prosecutor of Urmia, West Azerbaijan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

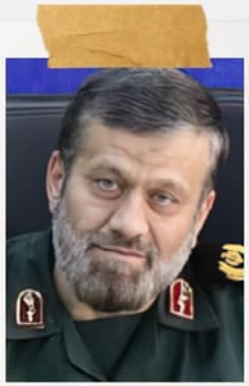
Prosecution of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

In an interview with the official regime news agency, IRNA, in November of 2022 Majidi admitted to the arrest of 100 individuals and without providing any evidence, linked the detained protesters to "terrorist groups" and "separatists." This is despite the fact that none of the protests in Urmia city raised slogans in favor of terrorist groups or separatism.

PREVIOUS RECORD

In his capacity as the prosecutor of Urmia, Majidi played a direct role in the execution of Firouz MosaLou, a political prisoner who was executed in June 2022. He also played a direct role in the execution of Mohiuddin Ebrahimi on February 15, 2023. Both of these individuals were forced to confess under torture. He became the prosecutor of Urmia in 2020. Prior to this, he had served as the prosecutor of Khoy, the head of Urmia's public and revolutionary courts, the prosecutor of Shahindezh, and a judge in Shahindezh. According to the Iran Prison Atlas Project, he has issued 175 political judgments against government opponents over the past few years.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Rostam Ali Rafiee Atabani	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of Imam Ali Corps, Qazvin Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

In multiple interviews, Rafiee confirmed his Imam Ali Corp's key role in suppressing protests. He stated that the intelligence oversight of his affiliated base contributed to maintaining security in Qazvin province, and the forces of this base played a significant role in controlling recent protests. In another interview, he reiterated his role, saying, "In the recent riots, we treated the detainees based on their age groups... Furthermore, we conducted in-depth studies on each of the detainees and examined their behavior from a psychological perspective."

PREVIOUS RECORD

Rafiee has a history as a soldier in the IRGC and has held various positions, including commanding the 10th Sayyid al-Shuhada Brigade, serving in the Quds Force of the IRGC, and being the former commander of the 2nd Qazvin Regiment. He was appointed to his current position in Qazvin in March 2021.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Hassan Enayati Ganji	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF), Behshahr County, Bushehr Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On November 20, 2022, Ganji announced the arrest of five protesters and stated, "With the assistance of police officers and security agencies, we arrested five individuals involved in recent disturbances through intelligence measures." He accused these individuals of "distributing night letters and disturbing public opinion to incite insecurity and turmoil."

PREVIOUS RECORD

On April 20, 2023, Ganji, as the police commander of Behshahr County, announced the permanent closing of five business units due to non-compliance with legal and religious standards. Prior to this, he served as the police commander of Galugah County.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Seyed Ali Zare Nouri

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Advisor to the Provincial Criminal Court, Isfahan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Sentencing protesters to death

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Nouri held the position of the prosecutor in the case known as the "Isfahan House," which led to the extrajudicial killings of Saleh Mirhashemi, Majid Kazemi, and Saeed Ya'qoubi. These young men were protesters in the 2022 nationwide, anti-regime uprising. In his capacity as the deputy prosecutor, he based the trial on the coerced confessions obtained under torture from these individuals.

PREVIOUS RECORD

Nouri previously served as the Public and Revolutionary Prosecutor of Najafabad in Isfahan province until September 2021. He was recently promoted to the position of Deputy Judicial Chief of Isfahan. Ali Zare Nouri is sanctioned by the EU.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Mohammad Reza Amouzad Mahdiraji

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Judge of Branch 28 of the Revolutionary Court, Tehran, Tehran Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Sentencing protesters to death

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On October 30, 2022, Mahdiraji was appointed as the head of the court responsible for the case of Manouchehr Momen-Nasab, one of the participants in the nationwide protests. In the trial, Momen-Nasab was accused of "intentional arson of buildings", with the intent to confront the Islamic government and was subsequently charged with insurgency. He also played a direct role in the case of Mohsen Shekari, who was sentenced to death by the Tehran Revolutionary Court on November 1, 2022, for his alleged role in the protests. Based on a November 2, 2022 video broadcasted by the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB), Mohammad Reza Amouzad Mahdiraji was the judge who presided over the trial of Mohsen Shekari. Shekari was executed.

In February 2023, Peyman Salem, was sentenced to three years in prison by Mahdiraji's court. On April 19, 2023, Parham Parvari, another detainee from the 2022 nationwide protests, was sentenced to 10 years of exile to Jask Prison in Hormozgan Province followed by five years of imprisonment by Amouzad's court. Furthermore, Mahdiraji issued a death sentence for Iranian writer and journalist Mehdi Bahmani on charges of interviewing an Israeli television network. In December 2022, Mohammad Reza Azizmohammadi, a 27-year-old Iranian animal rights activist, was sentenced to five years and six months in prison by Branch 28 of the Revolutionary Court in Tehran. Azizmohammadi's trial was overseen by Mahdiraji, carrying charges of "collusion against national security and disturbing public order." In January 2023, Mahdiraji sentenced Farid Moradi to three years of imprisonment and confiscation of his mobile phone on charges of "assembly and collusion."

PREVIOUS RECORD

Mahdiraji issued long prison sentences for dozens of others and is considered one of the most active judges in the government's crackdown on protesters.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Ali Akbar Khosravi	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF), Chalus County, Mazandaran Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS	PREVIOUS RECORD
In October 2022, Khosravi had two young protesters who were accused of attacking the police headquarters building arrested. On September 22, 2022, Shirin Alizadeh and Esmail Heydari were killed as a result of being shot by security forces during the crackdown on popular protests in Chalus County.	According to the Dadgostar website, Khosravi was responsible for law enforcement during the September and October 2021 urban protests in this area. On April 10, 2023, under Khosravi's orders, 14 business units in Chalus were permanently closed due to "failure to observe Islamic observances during the month of Ramadan." He was appointed to this position on December 28, 2020.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Mostafa Bazvand	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of Basij in Babolsar, Mazandaran Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS	PREVIOUS RECORD
On November 18, 2022, Bazvand announced the arrest of protest leaders. He accused them of being involved in "disruptive activities along with the discovery of a significant amount of dollars and 200 billion rials of digital currency that had been sent by anti-government elements from abroad." He further stated, "After identifying and explaining the charges, these defendants were handed over to the judicial authorities for the legal process and punishment." On November 1, 2022, he accused university students of being part of a dissenting movement and inciting clashes by exploiting a group of students. He added, "One of the leaders of strikes, slogan writing, and distributing pamphlets at Mazandaran University" was arrested. On April 30, 2023, Bazvand announced the arrest of neighborhood youth network leaders.	On April 30, 2023, Mostafa Bazvand, the commander of the Babolsar IRGC, announced that the leaders of the local dissident network were arrested.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Javad Mostafaei

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Head and Chief Judge of the First Branch of the Revolutionary Court, Saqqez, Kurdistan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Issuing prison sentences to protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On November 3, 2022, Mostafaei announced the issuance of indictments against 110 protesters, many of whom were tried in the Revolutionary Court of Saqqez. In December 2022, Javad Mostafaei sentenced Erfan Mortezaei, a resident of Saqqez, to two years in prison on charges of "promoting groups and organizations opposing the Islamic Republic system." On August 4, 2023, he sentenced another resident of Saqqez to three years and three months of imprisonment.

PREVIOUS RECORD

In December 2020, under Mostafaei's leadership, the First Branch of the Revolutionary Court in Saqqez sentenced Ali Ghaderi to seven months, Arman Amini to ten months, Vahid Amini to eight months, and Rahmat Rahimpour to ten months of disciplinary imprisonment on charges of anti-regime activities. Additionally, based on this verdict, Armin (Youb) Ranjbari was sentenced to ten months of disciplinary imprisonment for charges of anti-regime propaganda and to 13 months of disciplinary imprisonment for insulting the leadership.

In January 2021, Ahmad Mohammadi was sentenced to four years in prison by Mostafaei on charges of "promoting opposition parties." In July 2021, he sentenced Mohiuddin Pak Seresht, a resident of Saqqez, to over 23 months in prison on charges of "promoting anti-regime activities and insulting the Supreme Leader." In August 2021, Khaled Karimnia, a resident of Saqqez, was sentenced to seven months in prison by Mostafaei on charges of "promoting against the regime."

In May 2022, Meghdad Hasannejad, Mohammad Salimi, and Zamaneh Ziviyeh, all civil activists from Saqqez, were collectively sentenced to 27 months of disciplinary imprisonment by Mostafaei.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Jamal Shakarami (SANCTIONED BY OFAC)

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the IRGC Force of Amir-al-Momenin, Ilam Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On Wednesday, November 11, 2022, Mashregh News, a media outlet affiliated with regime security agencies, reported that three protesters who had participated in demonstrations were detained by members of the Amir-al-Momenin unit in Ilam. According to this media outlet, following the usual pattern, these protesters were labeled as rioters and faced heavy charges. According to Tasnim News Agency, this corps is under Shakarami's direct command.

PREVIOUS RECORD

On June 17, 2020, according to Dadgostar website, the intelligence division of the IRGC in Ilam Province detained several individuals under the label of "members of a deviant group." These individuals were accused of engaging in "extensive propaganda in physical and virtual spaces and organizing unlawful gatherings." Shakarami's office stated in a press release, "These individuals, through activities such as writing slogans, distributing pamphlets, and insulting sacred beliefs, were attempting to undermine the principles of the Shia religion."

On September 3, 2020, Somayeh Kargar was detained by the intelligence division of Shakarami's division. Later, she was prosecuted by the Revolutionary Court on charges of "propaganda against the system, insulting the Islamic Republic's founder, and insulting the leadership."

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Ahmad Reza Ghasemi	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Governor of Bijar County, Kurdistan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS	PREVIOUS RECORD
Tasnim News Agency, a media outlet closely affiliated with the Revolutionary Guards, reported the arrest of individuals who had participated in protests, quoting Ghasemi. He accused, without evidence, the detainees of being armed individuals and stated that "several other individuals who ignited the gatherings" are also under pursuit.	On March 12, 2022 Ghasemi was appointed as the governor of Bijar County.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Yahya Rahimi	

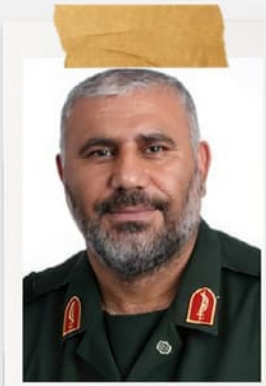
JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Prosecutor of Shahin Dezh County, West Azerbaijan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Prosecution of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS	PREVIOUS RECORD
In October 2022, Mashregh News Agency, a media outlet closely affiliated with the Revolutionary Guards, reported that six individuals were arrested with the assistance of intelligence forces in Shahin Dezh. According to the Rahimi, they were allegedly planning to "engage in vandalism and create insecurity." Furthermore, Rahimi admitted that those who participated in strikes or called for strikes have been identified and detained in cooperation with security and law enforcement forces. He stated: "Today, a group of misled elements in the virtual and real space, who were attempting to create fear and terror and threaten shopkeepers and citizens in order to close down shops and markets in the city, were identified and arrested by the precise supervision of security and law enforcement forces, vigilance, and the cooperation of revolutionary and wise citizens."	Rahimi was appointed as prosecutor of Shahin Dezh County on December 16, 2021.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Ali Mohammad Akbari	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of Hazrat Qamar-ibn-Hashem Corps, Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS	PREVIOUS RECORD
In October 2022, Mashregh News Agency, a media outlet closely affiliated with the Revolutionary Guards, reported that the Intelligence Organization of Akbari's Hazrat Qamar-ibn-Hashem had arrested three individuals through intelligence operations in one of the counties of Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari Province.	According to a report from Dadgostar website, following mass protests by the people of Chenr Mahmoudi village in the center of Lordgan city due to the spread of the HIV virus, security forces fired rubber bullets and tear gas at the protesters, injuring several individuals. Akbari, during a visit to the people of this village, referred to the protesters as "agitators" and announced that they have no connection to the village, suggesting the "Mojahedin-e Khalq Organization and royalists" were responsible for the protests.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Vahid Fakhr al-Din	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of Neinava IRGC Intelligence Organization, Golestan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS	PREVIOUS RECORD
According to a report from Mashregh News website, the Neinava IRGC Intelligence Organization arrested four teams accused of "engaging in disruption and undermining the security of the province." As per the report, a total of 23 individuals were arrested by Fakhr Al-Din's forces on charges of writing slogans in September 2022.	On November 30, 2019, Vahid Fakhr al-Din admitted that the Basij stood alongside law enforcement forces during the nationwide protests of November 2019. He described the protesters as individuals who were "engaged in destruction, rioting, and looting of public property" under the support of enemies. Fakhr al-Din, in his capacity as the commander of IRGC of Gorgan, announced the arrest of protesters saying "In the city of Gorgan, a number of riffraff and troublemakers led by some groups and leaders were arrested and dealt with during the early hours of the disturbances." He had previously served as the commander of the Basij Resistance District of IRGC in Bandar Gaz.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Vahid Mohammadi	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Governor of Gilangharb, Kermanshah Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On October 17, 2022, a media outlet close to IRGC, Mashregh News, reported that Mohammadi had announced the arrest of two protesters in collaboration with intelligence and security forces. Mohammadi accused these two individuals of being in contact with foreign forces. His statements indicate that the charges against these two individuals are related to "writing slogans." He also threatened other protesters that they, too, will be dealt with.

PREVIOUS RECORD

Mohammadi was appointed to this position on June 6, 2022. He had previously served as the acting governor of Gilangharb.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Daryoush Shahoonvand	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Prosecutor of Khorramabad, Lorestan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Prosecution of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

In September 2022, Shahoonvand announced that since the beginning of protests in Ilam Province, 300 individuals were arrested. Shahoonvand claims that based on the orders of his judiciary, 200 individuals were released who were only minor participants in the unrest, while 100 individuals remained in detention until their fate was determined. Shahoonvand also stated that, as a prosecutor, he targets the protesters, whom he refers to as, "disruptors of order and security", without any leniency. In the same month, news agencies reported that he identified and arrested 12 individuals as the "main instigators of last night's unrest in Lorestan". In a televised interview during October of 2022, he threatened protesters, stating that they would be dealt with decisively.

In late October 2022, Shahoonvand reported the arrest of three protesters in collaboration with security forces in the city. He announced that the minimum punishment for these arrested individuals would be five years imprisonment, and emphasized that even harsher punishments may be imposed for more severe cases. In November 2022, according to a report by Young Journalists Club, Shahoonvand stated in a televised interview that, with the cooperation of the provincial Ministry of Intelligence (MOIS) office, three protesters were arrested. Shahoonvand went on to announce that they were each sentenced to 15 years imprisonment.

PREVIOUS RECORD

On October 20, 2021, Shahoonvand issued orders to deal with individuals involved in producing a video about a citizen who had lodged a complaint about corruption within the judicial system. Shahoonvand was appointed as prosecutor in Khorramabad on September 27, 2020. Before that, he had served as the head of the 1st Criminal Court branch in Lorestan.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Reza Amjadi	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Pakdasht IRGC, Tehran Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

In September 2022, Mashregh News, a publication closely tied to the Revolutionary Guards, reported that around 40 protesters in Pakdasht were arrested by the Intelligence Organization of the IRGC under Amjadi's command. In another incident, government-affiliated news agencies reported the detention of over 450 protesters by forces under Amjadi's command.

PREVIOUS RECORD

Amjadi was involved in suppressing and arresting protesters during the November 2019 uprising. Amjadi was appointed to be commander of the Pakdasht IRGC on April 8, 2020.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Abolhasan Kabiri	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Political, Security, and Social Deputy of the Governor, Qazvin Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

As the Political, Security, and Social Deputy Governor of Qazvin province, Kabiri reported the arrest of a number of students allegedly identified as the main leaders of protests in Qazvin. They were then handed over to judicial authorities. On December 6, 2022, Kabiri announced the arrest of two more protesters, claiming that they had hidden weapons in their car. He further referred to their actions as part of a "lethal project." This is part of a larger pattern of the regime blaming the death of innocent citizens on protesters instead of the security forces.

In October 2022, Kabiri denied the killing of Javad Heidari by security-military forces during a media broadcast. However, Heidari's family and those close to him maintain that he was shot at close range. Radio Zamaneh reported on the manner of his killing based on an eyewitness account: "One account is that after Javad [Heidari] was wounded, they took him to the command center, and he was left there for a long time until the ambulance arrived. As far as I know, he was shot from behind, as his family had seen his body before burial, and there was a significant wound on his body, indicating that he had been shot at close range."

PREVIOUS RECORD

Kabiri was appointed to his current position on February 25, 2022.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Abbas Doroudi Nia

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Prosecutor General of Bardaskan City, Razavi Khorasan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Prosecution of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Doroudi Nia has accused protesters of using lethal weaponry and collaborating with foreign forces as a pretext for unlawful detentions. When he announced the arrest of several, he stated, "Some individuals who were attempting to destroy public property on one of the streets in Bardaskan were identified and arrested by the timely efforts of law enforcement, security, and IRGC forces." Doroudi Nia warned the protesters that he would show them "no mercy." He also alleged that the protesters intended to use lethal weapons to "damage the property of the people and citizens" and "exploit anti-revolution networks."

PREVIOUS RECORD

Abbas Doroudi Nia was appointed as the Prosecutor General of Bardaskan on December 2, 2021.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Ali Dehghani

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Judiciary Chief, Khuzestan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Issuing prison sentences to protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On November 17, 2022, according to Fars News, an IRGC-backed news agency, Dehghani confirmed that six protesters were arrested after what he claimed to be an attack on security forces that resulted in the deaths of citizens. The families of the victims, however, strongly opposed this claim and considered the government responsible. Despite Dehghani's assertions, the family of Kian Pirfalak, a nine-year-old who was killed in the shooting, believe that they clearly saw their son's killer, who they identify as a member of the security forces.

PREVIOUS RECORD

In June 2020, members of a local street music group in Ilam Province were arrested by the order of the Judiciary of Ilam, then under Dehghani's control, because they had a young girl as a musician. During his time as the head of Gachsaran Judiciary, he ordered the closure of 31 shops for, "not observing Islamic norms during the month of Ramadan," and apprehended the individuals responsible. Dehghani was appointed to his current position in August 2022.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Abdollah Tabatabaei	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

General and Revolutionary Prosecutor, Ardabil Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Prosecution of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

In September 2022, Tabatabaei reported the arrest of several protesters, saying "The incidents that occurred in Ardabil province under any pretext displayed an ugly scene in society, and emotions should not drive such actions". He also labeled the protesters as, "disturbers of public order and security", and threatened that the judicial system would deal with them swiftly, seriously, and decisively. In this context, Tabatabaei stated, "The plan to enhance security has been implemented in the past 72 hours at the city level in Ardabil Province, and a firm response has been taken against those disrupting public order and security." Individuals under his command have also been involved in the trial of civil activist Meisam Joulani.

PREVIOUS RECORD

Tabatabaei has held the position of General and Revolutionary Prosecutor of Ardabil Province since June 2019, and dozens of civil activists in Ardabil have been prosecuted under his leadership.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Morteza Valipouri	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Deputy Governor of Security, Alborz Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

In October 2022, according to Mashregh News, a publication closely tied to the Revolutionary Guards, Valipouri reported the arrest of several protesters. He referred to the protesters as, "riff raff, hooligans, and agitators" accusing them of, "causing significant damage to people's vehicles with explosive devices while disrupting traffic on the Karaj-Qazvin freeway in the vicinity of Behesht-e Sakineh." He admitted that he had used "law enforcement and Basij forces" to control the situation in the area.

PREVIOUS RECORD

Valipouri previously served as the governor of Khorramabad County, and he was appointed as the Security Deputy of Alborz Provincial Governorate on December 18, 2021.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Roham Bakhsh Habibi (SANCTIONED BY OFAC)

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF), Fars Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

In October 2022, Habibi announced the arrest of 110 protesters, whom he referred to as "agitators and disruptors of public order and security." He referred to his forces' specific in suppressing these protests, saying "The police entered the square to establish citizens' security." and "successfully identified and arrested 110 individuals (including 92 males and 18 females) in Shiraz and about 10 counties across Fars Province through technical and specialized actions." He also threatened other protesters, stating, "We will take decisive action without hesitation."

In late October 2022, he also stated that due to the protests, "dissident individuals in both virtual and real spaces were tracked down" by his forces. He continued by announcing the arrest of one of the individuals he referred to as the "main instigators and designers of disruptive slogans" in Sarvestan. On November 21, 2022, Roham Bakhsh Habibi reported the arrest of eight individuals, stating, "With intelligence and technical measures by the police officers of Fars Province, a channel and group on social networks named 'Youth of Shiraz Neighborhoods' were identified, who were engaging in disturbing public minds and inciting calls and disturbances in the city of Shiraz."

PREVIOUS RECORD

During the November 2019 protests, Habibi threatened the protesters, stating, "The law enforcement will legally and firmly confront such movements based on its legal duties." On November 25, 2019, he announced the arrest of 15 protesters. According to Habibi, these citizens were identified and apprehended by his forces. On November 26, 2019, he reported the arrest of eight individuals who had "engaged in disturbances and unrest," and "acted against public order by throwing debris from buildings onto the streets of Shiraz." On December 3, 2019, he stated that three citizens were arrested on charges of spreading calls for protest gatherings in Shiraz. In another interview on December 8, 2019, he announced the arrest of three individuals on charges of collaborating with groups opposing the Islamic Republic. He has been the Commander of Law Enforcement in Fars Province since May 2019.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Payam Kavyani

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Chief of Police Intelligence at Greater Tehran Law Enforcement Command, Tehran Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

In November 2022, Kavyani announced the arrest of what he called one of the main "instigators of riots." He highlighted his police force's specific role, stating: "Officers from the third precinct of this police force identified and arrested one of the individuals who was one of the main instigators of riots in the vicinity of Keshavarz Boulevard, aiming to create tension and turmoil in the area. This individual, who was one of the main organizers of the riots, was identified and arrested during a surprise operation at his hideout in eastern Tehran, and was transferred to the third precinct of the Police Intelligence." He further claims that they were able to obtain confessions from this individual, likely under coercion. He accuses the person of being associated with a Telegram group linked to opposition movements against the Islamic Republic.

In December 2022, he announced the identification and arrest of four individuals he labeled as the "main perpetrators and elements of unrest and insecurity on Salamat Road in Ekbatan Town (Tehran)." He stated: "During the recent unrest and disturbances at the end of the current year, a number of disruptive youth who were chanting provocative slogans and inciting unrest were immediately identified and apprehended" by his officers and threatened others.

PREVIOUS RECORD

In April 2019, he held the position of Chief of Public Security Police (PAVA) at Qom Provincial Law Enforcement Command and threatened trade units with closure if they were caught engaging in any public displays of not fasting during Ramadan. He was appointed to his current position in March 2021.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Dostali Jalilian

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Law Enforcement Force (LEF) commander of Rey County, Tehran Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

In November 2022, Jalilian announced the arrest of one protester by his forces. He also reported the arrest of another protester on charges of "obstructing a roadway or walkway" by his subordinates. According to HRANA News Agency, during the protests in this county in September 2022, one citizen named Mohammadreza Sarvari was shot and killed by Jalilian's forces. Furthermore, many other citizens, including Ali Azad and Mersad Bagheri, were detained by security forces during these protests.

PREVIOUS RECORD

On February 21, 2023, in response to the release of a video showing a confrontation between a "promoter of virtue", or a pro-hijab vigilante, and a female pharmacy employee in Rey, Dostali Jalilian shut down the pharmacy unit due to the "deliberate unveiling of the hijab and dissemination of anti-cultural images of the employees." On March 1, 2023, Jalilian was appointed commander of the Sistan and Baluchestan LEF.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Esmaeil Faraji

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Sepah-e Imam Reza IRGC, North Khorasan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

In September 2022, Fars News Agency, a media outlet close to the IRGC, released a statement from the intelligence unit of Faraji's corps regarding his forces' arrest of eight protesters. The statement said "These individuals... were identified and arrested to preserve the public security of the province..."

Faraji also announced the arrest of "leaders of the disturbances" on October 22, 2022 and stated, "Individuals who have been leaders and key elements in recent disturbances will face the consequences of their actions as per the law."

PREVIOUS RECORD

On August 18, 2021, Faraji became the Commander of the IRGC in North Khorasan province. Before that, he had served as the Deputy Commander of the IRGC in North Khorasan.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Ali Akbar Karimi

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of Law Enforcement Force (LEF), Khorrambid, Fars Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On the date of November 20, 2022, Karimi announced that forces under his command arrested 35 protesters and sent their cases to the local court. He stated, "The law enforcement officers in Ghaderabad initiated their investigations and successfully identified and apprehended 35 instigators of the disturbances through technical and specialized measures." On December 12, 2022, Karimi announced the arrest of an individual allegedly active in the organization of truck drivers' strikes, accusing him of throwing stones, and indicating that he handed the arrested individual over to the prosecutor's office.

PREVIOUS RECORD

There is no public information available regarding Karimi's previous positions.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Mohammad Reza Moheb

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Ali ibn-Abi-Talib IRGC, Qom Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On September 25, 2022, Moheb's intelligence unit, announced the arrest of six protesters. The statement from his organization stated "Several online activists who were spreading provocative content to participate in recent gatherings were identified and arrested." On October 1, 2022, the unit further announced, "A network of 50 individuals who were inciting disturbances and distributing promotional leaflets has been identified and arrested."

On December 4, 2022, Moheb's officers released a compilation of surveillance videos of the accused and the arrest of several protesters. The statement accompanying the video mentioned that individuals engaged in slogan writing were identified and arrested through aerial surveillance.

PREVIOUS RECORD

Moheb was appointed to command the Qom Province Ali ibn-Abi-Talib IRGC on November 10, 2021. Prior to this, he held the position of deputy commander of the IRGC in Qom Province.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

(First Name Unknown) Mohammadzadeh

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Chief of Branch 1 of the Revolutionary Court in Sari, Mazandaran Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Issuing prison sentences to protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Mohammadzadeh is one of the key figures in the regime's judicial apparatus in Mazandaran Province. He has sentenced dozens of political prisoners to long-term imprisonment. One of his most significant cases was a joint case of 18 citizens arrested in Mazandaran Province.

He issued death sentences for three of them. On December 14, 2022, Judge Mohammadzadeh sentenced Bita Haghani Nasimi, one of the detainees of recent protests, to 18 years of imprisonment and forbade her from leaving the country. On August 18, 2023, he sentenced Mohammad Moradi Kiapi to six years of imprisonment and forbade her from leaving the country for two years. Mohammadzadeh also sentenced the political activist Abbas Sharifi to one year of imprisonment and forbade him from leaving the country for two years.

PREVIOUS RECORD

There is no public information available regarding Mohammadzadeh's previous positions.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Mohammad Reza Alizadeh

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Law Enforcement Force (LEF) Commander of Baharestan County, Tehran Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On November 26, 2022, Alizadeh announced that forces under his command arrested nine key leaders of the protests in the county. In another statement, Alizadeh announced that 32 of the protesters, whom he referred to as "infiltrators and traitors" were arrested by his police officers.

PREVIOUS RECORD

On April 8, 2023, he was appointed as commander of the Islamshahr County LEF.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Hassan Khanjani Movaghar	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Public and Revolutionary Prosecutor of Hamedan, Hamedan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Prosecution of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS	PREVIOUS RECORD
On December 3, 2022, Khanjani announced that arrest warrants had been issued for 234 protesters in Hamedan and their cases had been referred to the court. He also confirmed that over 1,623 protesters had been detained in Hamedan.	According to Iran Prison Atlas Project, on December 10, 2019, Khanjani announced that individuals were detained for sending videos of the November 2019 protests to foreign media outlets. Khanjani was appointed as Public and Revolutionary Prosecutor of Hamedan on June 19, 2019.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Hossein Fazeli Harikandi	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Judiciary Chief, Alborz Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Issuing prison sentences to protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS	PREVIOUS RECORD
On November 2, 2022, Harikandi announced that arrest warrants were issued for 201 protesters and that their cases were referred to his courts. Harikandi emphasized the "decisive" judicial response to the alleged main actors of the protests in Alborz province, stating that "in the shortest possible time" the cases of all detainees would be addressed, and "appropriate and deterrent sentences" would be issued.	Harikandi was appointed to this position on July 4, 2019. Prior to this, he had served as the judicial deputy, chief, and director of protection and information at the Judiciary of Tehran Province. Harikandi is santioned by the EU.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Mohammad Jafar Abdollahi	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Judiciary Chief, Semnan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Issuing prison sentences to protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS	PREVIOUS RECORD
On November 4, 2022 Abdollahi announced: "The preliminary investigations of 72 individuals involved in recent disturbances in the public and revolutionary courts of Semnan Province have concluded, and with the issuance of 89 criminal indictments, the cases have been sent to judicial courts." He stated that the charges against the protesters include "propaganda against the Islamic Republic of Iran through participation in disturbances and producing clips" as well as "gathering and conspiring to commit crimes against the country's internal security." He further promised that his law enforcement forces and courts were determined to have a "decisive, effective, and deterrent" approach towards the protesters in Semnan province.	On July 22, 2020, Mohammad Jafar Abdollahi was appointed as the new Chief of Semnan Province Judiciary.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Naser Atabati	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Judiciary Chief, West Azerbaijan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Issuing prison sentences to protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS	PREVIOUS RECORD
On November 4, 2022, Atabati announced the issuance of criminal indictments for 95 individuals involved in nationwide protests. He stated that his forces have issued "criminal indictments for 95 individuals involved in disturbances," and the remaining cases were undergoing rapid investigation to prepare for further indictments. In this context, he instructed his subordinates in a meeting to handle "important cases that have been formed and are under consideration in the provincial judicial system" with seriousness and determination, ensuring that the results are communicated to the public. On January 9, 2023, he instructed his colleagues regarding new cases related to protesters: "Serious and unmitigated actions must be taken against individuals involved in the disturbances who played influential roles..."	Atabati previously held the position of Ardabil prosecutor and was involved in the trials of numerous dissidents. On September 14, 2017, he announced the initiation of legal proceedings against six administrators of LGTB rights-related Telegram channels. On December 3, 2017, Atabati announced the arrest of 40 protesters from the December 2017 uprising and proceeded with legal cases for 15 of them. On April 26, 2021, Atabati was appointed as the head of the West Azerbaijan Provincial Judiciary.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Ebrahim Hamidi	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Judiciary Chief, Kerman Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Issuing prison sentences to protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On November 4, 2022, Hamidi announced that the cases of 25 detained protesters had reached his court for trial. He advised his subordinates to expedite the proceedings related to the protesters. On September 28, 2022, Hamidi also announced the arrest of a group of other protesters and promised the establishment of "special branches in courts and judiciary offices" to handle these cases swiftly and accurately, outside the regular schedule.

On December 28, 2023, he confirmed the arrest of two more protesters and without providing specific reasons, accused them of setting a mosque on fire. He claimed that these individuals have been sentenced to repairing the mosque at their own expense. It's not clear under what circumstances these individuals were coerced into confessing against themselves.

PREVIOUS RECORD

Hamidi was appointed to this position on May 15, 2022. Previously, he served as the Chief of South Khorasan province judiciary.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Ali Alghasi Mehr	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Judiciary Chief, Tehran Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Issuing prison sentences to protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Mehr is considered one of the judicial officials in the Iranian regime most active in suppressing and prosecuting opponents of the system. On November 1, 2022, Mehr announced that criminal charges had been issued for thousands of protesters arrested during protests in Tehran. He labeled the protesters as disruptors and promised that their trials would be held publicly. On December 13, 2022, he stated, "160 of the 'agitators' were sentenced to imprisonment ranging from 5 to 10 years, 80 were sentenced to imprisonment ranging from two to five years, 160 were sentenced to imprisonment up to two years, and 70 were fined."

PREVIOUS RECORD

During his tenure as the Chief of Judiciary in Fars Province, forces under his command were involved in the trial of Navid Afkari, Habib Afkari, and Vahid Afkari, three brothers who were arrested after the August 2018 uprising. This led to the execution of Navid Afkari and the issuance of lengthy prison sentences for Vahid and Hamed Afkari. On December 29, 2021, he was appointed as the Chief of Judiciary in Tehran. On December 9, 2022, due to gross human rights violations, the UK Foreign Office included him on the sanctions list.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Esmaeil Sadeghi Neyarki

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Judiciary Chief, Zanjan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Issuing prison sentences to protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On November 22, 2022, Sadeghi announced the issuance of criminal charges for 221 protesters and stated, "Out of this number, convictions for 145 individuals have been finalized so far, and efforts are being made to promptly and decisively address the remaining cases." Sadeghi emphasized the threat of "serious action" against the protesters and assured that their court proceedings would take place "quickly and out of turn."

PREVIOUS RECORD

Sadeghi was appointed to this position on September 27, 2018.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Mojtaba Ghahremani

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Judiciary Chief, Hormozgan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Issuing prison sentences to protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On November 13, 2022, Ghahremani announced that criminal charges had been issued for 164 protesters involved in the nationwide uprising of 2022. Ghahremani referred to the protesters as disruptors and stated, "The branches of the court have reasonably examined the cases of those accused of recent disturbances and riots, and after issuing the criminal charges along with reasons, documents, and case attachments, the cases of these individuals have been sent to the court."

PREVIOUS RECORD

He was appointed to this position on December 19, 2021. Prior to this, Ghahremani held the position of the General and Revolutionary Prosecutor of Hormozgan Province.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Seyed Mostafa Bahraini

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Prosecutor, Fars Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Prosecution of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On November 26, 2022, Bahraini announced that he had issued charges against approximately 300 arrested protesters during the nationwide uprising. He also announced the arrest of striking workers and added that due to the significance of these cases, the judicial system held its sessions promptly, sometimes even on the same night or the first day of detention. He stated that many immediate sentences had been issued so far and vowed that sentences ranging from 2 to 10 years awaited other arrested individuals.

PREVIOUS RECORD

Bahraini was appointed to this position on January 27, 2021. Bahraini has a history of 27 years of service in the judicial system of the regime and previously held the positions of Judicial Deputy and Acting Head of the Appellate Courts in Fars province.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Mohammad Ali Nazari

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the IRGC Tharallah Corps. Kerman Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On December 9, 2022, Tasnim News Agency, affiliated with the IRGC, announced that forces under the Nazari's command had arrested several protesters who had torn up a picture of Qasem Soleimani and who actively participated in the protests.

In another interview, Nazari claimed that many of the leaders of the disturbances were high school students. In November 2022, Tasnim News Agency released a video of a coerced confession by a detained protester and announced the arrest of an "active spy" during the protests by the Intelligence Organization of IRGC in Kerman province.

PREVIOUS RECORD

On August 10, 2022, Nazari announced that the IRGC in Kerman Province had identified and arrested members of an organized anti-mandatory hijab activists. He was appointed to this position on July 23, 2022.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Morad Saremi

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF), Eqlid County, Fars Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On November 16, 2022 , Morad Saremi, the LEF commander of Eqlid County, announced that 20 protesters, who he accused of "disrupting public security", were arrested and sent to jail after judicial cases were formed against them. Saremi commented on the matter saying, "Law enforcement officers identified and arrested 20 instigators and agents of disturbances who had disrupted the order and public security of citizens through illegal activities." Saremi also announced that as of November 16, 2022, 36 people were arrested and imprisoned in Eqlid County.

PREVIOUS RECORD

He was appointed to this position on August 10, 2019 .

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Ahmad Negahban

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF), Mashhad, Khorasan Razavi Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On December 18, 2022, in an interview, Negahban admitted that the forces under his command made more arrests than any other LEF chapter in Iran. He commented on the matter, saying, "We arrested leaders who were either consuming Ghormeh Sabzi (a Persian dish) or were in the act of using drugs and alcohol. We arrested them when they least expected it. The arrest index of Mashhad police ranks first in the country."

He added that, in his opinion, "As long as we don't make arrests, we cannot succeed. The police have made the most arrests. We would arrest and intervene on the streets until midnight, and the next day we would go after the leaders. No leader is now at his home..." Negahban stated that the forces under his command, through the use of information techniques, identification of vehicles, and CCTV cameras, were able to even identify and arrest those who wore masks. He considered widespread arrests as a factor of his success in suppressing protests in Mashhad.

PREVIOUS RECORD

Ahmad Negahban was appointed commander of the Mashhad LEF on August 11, 2022.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Seyed Ali Mazloum

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Head of Branch 29 of the Revolutionary Court of Tehran

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Sentencing protesters to death

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Ali Mazloum, the head of Branch 29 of the Revolutionary Court of Tehran, is one of the most prolific judges in the regime, well-known for issuing long-term sentences for protesters in Iran. On November 6, 2022, Mazloum sentenced Sahand Noormohammadi, one of the detainees of the 2022 protests, to death. Later, Noormohammadi's sentence was commuted to ten years in prison and exile to the city of Kerman. Sahand Noormohammadi claimed that he was subjected to multiple mock executions during his detention in order to extract forced confessions.

On December 1, 2022, Mazloum sentenced Mahdiyeh Mohammadi, a detained citizen during the 2022 protests, to five years of imprisonment followed by two years being barred from leaving the country. On December 2, 2022, Mazloum sentenced Rozhin (Marzieh) Yousefzadeh, another detained citizen during the 2022 protests, to five years in prison. On December 8, 2022, Sasan Chamanaara, one of the detainees of the nationwide protests, was sentenced to five years in prison by Mazloum.

PREVIOUS RECORD

On October 4, 2020, Ali Mazloum sentenced Zhila Karamzadeh Makoundi, a civil activist, to six years of imprisonment. On October 21, 2020, he sentenced Farangis Mazloum, the mother of a political prisoner, to one year in prison on charges of "gathering and collusion with the intent to act against national security." On December 8, 2022, he sentenced Fariba Asadi, a political prisoner in Evin Prison, to four years of suspended imprisonment in a case opened against her during her detention. Ali Mazloum was appointed to this position in 2019 and had previously served as a prosecutor in Kashmar and as the head of one of the branches of the Revolutionary Court in Mashhad. On December 28, 2022, the UK imposed sanctions on Ali Mazloum for human rights violations.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Faiaz Allahyari

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the IRGC, Shahriar County

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On November 10, 2022, Mashregh News Agency, affiliated with the Intelligence Organization of the IRGC, reported the surveillance, identification, and arrest of protest leaders in Shahriar County in a video. Also, on December 1, 2022, this media outlet, citing information from the Revolutionary Guards, announced, "One of the main leaders of the recent unrest who had extensive activities in both real and virtual spaces was arrested by the intelligence of the Revolutionary Guards in this county and handed over to the judicial authorities." According to this media outlet, these arrests were carried out by the Shahriar County IRGC under the command of Faiaz Allahyari.

PREVIOUS RECORD

He has held this position since July 25, 2019, and has been one of the main agents of suppressing protests in Shahriar, which has resulted in the killing of dozens of people in this city. Based on videos (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) taken by citizens during the Shahriar protests, forces under his command repeatedly fired at the protesters. In one of the videos, the killing of a protester can be seen.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Mohammad Jalini

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Sixth Lieutenant of the Prevention Police, Tehran

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On November 29, 2022, Mohammad Jalini announced the arrest of one of the protesters in the Ghiyasi neighborhood of Tehran. He stated that the detained individual, whom he referred to as the "ringleader," played a role in setting up roadblocks. While attempting to escape, the police "conducted investigations to identify the suspect and subsequently arrested him at his hideout after judicial coordination." One of the methods of protest used by demonstrators in Iran is honking in their cars and refusing to move, which the government deals with harshly because it complicates the movement of security forces.

PREVIOUS RECORD

Prior to this, he served as the Eighth Lieutenant of Prevention Police in Tehran and has held the position of the Sixth Lieutenant of Prevention Police in Tehran for at least the past year.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Meisam Gohari

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF), Najafabad, Isfahan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On November 6, 2022, the Information Center of the Provincial Law Enforcement Command in Isfahan announced that as a result of the recent protests in the city, the law enforcement officers in Najafabad, under the command of Meisam Gohari, identified and arrested one of the protest leaders. Additionally, in another statement, it was mentioned that the police in Najafabad had detained three individuals who were disseminating information about the protests on social media.

PREVIOUS RECORD

He was appointed to this position on August 10, 2021.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Hamid Hamid Khorramdel	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Fatah IRGC, Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS	PREVIOUS RECORD
On September 9, 2022, the news agency affiliated with the IRGC Intelligence Organization, Mashreq, reported the identification and arrest of six activists who were active on social media and had participated in the 2022 protests. The statement reads: "The administrators of these virtual pages were planning gatherings and disruptions in the coming days, and, with timely and technical actions following the judicial authorities' approval, their pages were blocked and inaccessible." The six individuals who managed these pages were also arrested by judicial order and taken to prison." The statement also emphasized that these individuals had been previously detained during earlier uprisings. Videos of forced confessions have also been released from the detainees in Yasuj. On December 8, 2022, the IRGC Intelligence Organization in Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad announced the arrest of a, "leader and one of the main instigators of the disturbances," in this province.	He was appointed to this position on October 15, 2018.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR	PHOTO OF VIOLATOR
Ali Zanganeh	

JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF), Robat Karim, Tehran Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS	PREVIOUS RECORD
On October 29, 2022, Ali Zanganeh, the Commander of Robat Karim Law Enforcement, announced the detention of 100 protesters in Parand city, whom he referred to as "troublemakers and disruptors", and who were detained by forces under his command. He accused the protesters, following the government's usual pattern, of vandalizing public property and arson, and promised to take action against them.	Ali Zanganeh was appointed as the new Commander of Robat Karim Law Enforcement on December 29, 2021.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Ehsan Alizadeh

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Imam Reza IRGC, Fardis County, Alborz Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On December 15, 2022, Mashreq Media, affiliated with the Revolutionary Guards' Intelligence Organization, reported the detention of 15 protesters who had participated in the nationwide protests in 2022, according to the Imam Reza District Revolutionary Guards in Fardis. As per the government's usual practice, these detainees were subjected to forced confessions, which were subsequently disseminated by government-affiliated media outlets. On November 10, 2022, Fars News Agency, associated with the Revolutionary Guards, released a video announcing that the Revolutionary Guards' Intelligence Organization in Fardis had detained several "leaders" of the protests who had been sending protest videos to foreign media outlets.

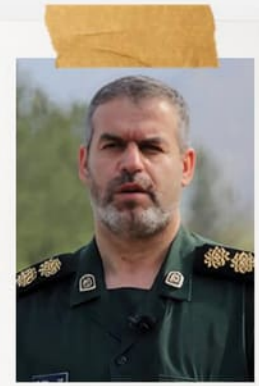
PREVIOUS RECORD

Ehsan Alizadeh also played a significant role in suppressing and killing protesters during the November 2019 protests. Videos (1, 2) from citizens in Fardis show that forces under his command detained and fired upon protesters. He served as the commander of the Revolutionary Guards in Fardis from 2018 to 2023.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Saeed Beheshti-Rad

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Deputy Coordinator of the Basij Organization of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), Kermanshah, Kermanshah Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

In October 2022, coinciding with the peak of public protests in Iran, Beheshti-Rad announced the arrest of four citizens on charges of "membership in opposition parties" in Kermanshah. He stated, "The arrest of four members of an anti-revolutionary party who were not from Kermanshah province in one of the neighborhoods of Kermanshah, where there was unrest incited by these individuals, is another sign of the enemy's plan to undermine the Islamic Revolution." In October 2022, he determined the people's protests were a result of "enemy planning" and announced the arrest of an unspecified number of citizens under the label of "foreign spies and agents, especially from the Saudi government."

In October 2022, Beheshti-Rad described nationwide protests as "riots and disturbances" and said, "the roots of these events lie in the triangle of Hebrew, Arabic, and Western influences with massive propaganda investments to deviate our youth."

PREVIOUS RECORD

Before being appointed as the Deputy Coordinator of the Basij Organization of the IRGC in Kermanshah, Beheshti-Rad served as the commander of the Basij resistance division in Harsin County and also as the commander of the Basij resistance division in Paveh County. He had also served as the commander of the Basij resistance division in Kermanshah from December 2017 to December 2021. He was also involved in suppressing and arresting citizens during the nationwide protests of November 2019. In December 2019, he stated, "One of the individuals arrested in the past six months has traveled to 10 European countries for training." He also added, "The recent sedition was thwarted within less than 12 hours by the full power of Basij forces, the IRGC, and other security institutions, under the supervision of the Intelligence Organization."

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR

Majid Taqizadeh

PHOTO OF VIOLATOR



JOB TITLE / PLACE OF SERVICE

Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF), Shaft County, Gilan Province

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Widespread violent suppression of protests as well as arrest and detention of protesters

EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

On November 25, 2022, Majid Taqizadeh, the Commander of the Law Enforcement Forces in Shaft County, announced that, in the wake of recent protests in the county, "public security police officers, through technical and intelligence measures, identified and arrested three of the main perpetrators of these criminal actions and their hiding places in coordination with the judiciary." Taqizadeh accused these individuals of participating in gatherings and engaging in promotional activities related to slogan-writing. Taqizadeh also acknowledged that two of the detainees are minors, yet he emphasized that legal cases have been initiated against these individuals.

PREVIOUS RECORD

Majid Taqizadeh was appointed to this position on September 2, 2022.

Name	Province	Locality	Position
Abolhasan Kabiri	Qazvin Province		Political, Security, and Social Deputy of the Governor
Abbas Ali Bahadani-Fard	Yazd Province		Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF)
Abbas Doroudi Nia	Razavi Khorasan Province	Bardaskan City	Prosecutor General
Abbasali Mohammadian	Alborz Province		Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF)
Abdollah Tabatabaei	Ardabil Province		General and Revolutionary Prosecutor
Abdolmehdi Mousavi	Markazi Province		Chief Justice
Abdolreza Nazeri	Kerman Province		Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF)
Abdulwahab Bakhshande	Ilam Province		Prosecutor General and Revolutionary
Abouzar Ranjbar	Fars Province	Shiraz	Deputy Prosecutor and Head of the Revolutionary Court
Ahmad Bolandnazar	Kerman Province		Governor of Jiroft County and Head of Jiroft County Security Council
Ahmad Molaei			Regime-appointed attorney
Ahmad Negahban	Khorasan Razavi Province		Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF)
Ahmad Reza Ghasemi	Kurdistan Province	Bijar County	Governor
Akbar Pourat	Bushehr Province		Deputy Political-Security Governor
Ali Akbar Karimi	Fars Province	Khorrambid	Commander of Law Enforcement Force (LEF)
Ali Akbar Khosravi	Mazandaran Province	Chalus County	Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF)
Ali Alghasi Mehr	Tehran Province		Judiciary Chief
Ali Azadi	Kurdistan Province		Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF)
Ali Dadash Tabar	Mazandaran Province	Amol County	Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF)
Ali Dehghani	Khuzestan Province		Judiciary Chief
Ali Jomeh Malak-Shahkouei	Golestan Province		Commander of the Nainava Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)
Ali Mohammad Akbari	Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari Province		Commander of Hazrat Qamar-ibn-Hashem Corps
Ali Mostafaviniya	Sistan and Baluchestan Province		Chief Justice
Ali Zahed	West Azerbaijan Province	Bukan	Prosecutor
Ali Zanganeh	Tehran Province	Robat Karim	Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF)
Alireza Heidarinia	Alborz Province		Commander of IRGC Imam Hasan Corps
Amin Moradi	Zahedan, Sistan and Baluchistan Province		Member of the Resistance Base of Basij-e Rah Allah and Basij-e Sazandegi of IRGC in Zahedan
Asadollah Jafari	Isfahan Province	Isfahan	Chief of Judiciary
Azizollah Maleki	Gilan Province		Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF)
Babak Mahboob Alilou	East Azerbaijan Province	Tabriz	General and Revolutionary Prosecutor
Daryoush Shahoonvand	Lorestan Province	Khorramabad	Prosecutor
Dostali Jalilian	Tehran Province	Rey County	Law Enforcement Force (LEF) commander of Rey County
Ebrahim Hamidi	Kerman Province		Judiciary Chief
Ehsan Alizadeh	Alborz Province	Fardis County	Commander of the Imam Reza IRGC
Erham Afatdoust	Gilan Province		Head of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF) and Public Security Police (PAVA)
Esmaeil Faraji	North Khorasan Province		Commander of the Sepah-e Imam Reza IRGC
Esmaeil Sadeghi Neyarki	Zanjan Province		Judiciary Chief
Faiaz Allahyari			Commander of the IRGC
General Mohammad Taghi Osanloo	West Azerbaijan Province		Commander of Hamzeh Seyyed al-Shohada IRGC
Ghasem Mazinani			Head of Branch 9, Supreme Judicial Court of Iran
Gholamreza Jafari	Mazandaran Province	Jouybar	Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF)
Hamid Khorramdel	Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad Province		Commander of the Fatah IRGC
Hassan Enayati Ganji	Bushehr Province	Behshahr County	Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF)
Hassan Khanjani Movaghar	Hamedan Province		Public and Revolutionary Prosecutor of Hamedan
Heydar Soosani	Bushehr Province	East Azerbaijan Province	Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF)
Hossein Abdi	East Azerbaijan Province		Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF), East

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Hossein Fazeli Harikandi	Alborz Province		Judiciary Chief
Hossein Hasanpour	Gilan Province		Deputy Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF)
Hossein Majidi	West Azerbaijan Province	Urmia	Prosecutor
Iman Afshari	Tehran Province	Tehran	Head of Branch 26, Revolutionary Court
Ismail Rahmani	Khorasan Province	Razavi	Deputy Prosecutor
Jafar Tavan	Kurdistan Province	Saqqez	Special Governor
Jamal Shakarami	Ilam Province		Commander of the IRGC Force of Amir-al Momenin
Javad Mostafaei	Kurdistan Province	Saqqez	Head and Chief Judge of the First Branch of the Revolutionary Court
Keyvan Jahani	Kurdistan Province	Saqqez	Judge and Chief Justice
Majid Taqizadeh	Gilan Province	Shaft County	Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF)
Masoud Kargar	Ilam Province	Abdanan	Public and Revolutionary Prosecutor
Mazaher Majidi	Hamedan Province		Commander of Ansar al-Hossein IRGC
Mehdi Amadeh	Khuzestan Province		Public and Revolutionary Prosecutor of Dezful
Mehdi Sarpanah	Tehran Province	Tehran	Deputy for Social Affairs at the West Tehran Provincial Law Enforcement Command
Mehrdad Moshavegh	Hormozgan Province		Deputy commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF)
Meisam Gohari	Isfahan Province	Najafabad	Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF)
Mohammad Ali Nazari	Kerman Province		Commander of the IRGC Tharallah Corps
Mohammad Hossein Doroudi	Khorasan Province	Mashhad	Public and Revolutionary Prosecutor
Mohammad Jabbari	Kurdistan	Sanandaj	Prosecutor
Mohammad Jafar Abdollahi	Semnan Province		Judiciary Chief
Mohammad Jalini	Tehran		sixth Lieutenant of the Prevention Police
Mohammad Reza Alizadeh	Tehran Province	Baharestan County	Law Enforcement Force (LEF) Commander
Mohammad Reza Amouzad Mahdiraji	Tehran Province	Tehran	Judge of Branch 28 of the Revolutionary Court
Mohammad Reza Moheb	Qom Province		Commander of the Ali ibn-Abi-Talib IRGC
Mohammad Rohana	North Khorasan Province	Esfarayen County	Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF)
Mohammad Rostami	Gilan Province	Talesh	Commander of Law Enforcement Force (LEF)
Mohammad Sarreshtehdari Omrani			Regime-appointed attorney
Mohammad Touhidi	West Azerbaijan Province	Mahabad	Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF)
Mohammadzadeh	Mazandaran Province	Sari	Chief of Branch 1 of the Revolutionary Court
Mojtaba Ghahremani	Hormozgan Province		Judiciary Chief
Morad Saremi	Fars Province		Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF)
Morteza Valipouri	Alborz Province		Deputy Governor of Security
Mostafa Babaei	Mazandaran Province	Abbas Abad County	Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF)
Mostafa Bazvand	Mazandaran Province	Babolsar	Commander of Basij
Naser Atabati	West Azerbaijan Province		Judiciary Chief
Payam Kavyani	Tehran Province	Tehran	Chief of Police Intelligence at Greater Tehran Law Enforcement Command
Rahim (Davood) Hamalbar Mojarad	East Azerbaijan Province	Tabriz	Chief of the Revolutionary Court of Tabriz and Judge of Branch One of the Revolutionary
Rahim Jahanbakhsh	West Azerbaijan Province		Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF)
Reza Amjadi	Tehran Province		Commander of the Pakdasht IRGC
Roham Bakhsh Habibi	Fars Province		Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF)
Rostam Ali Rafiee Atabani	Qazvin Province		Commander of Imam Ali Corps
Saeed Beheshti-Rad	Kermanshah Province	Kermanshah	Deputy Coordinator of the Basij Organization of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)
Samad Mohammad Alizadeh	Kurdistan Province	Bukan	Commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)

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Seyed Ali Mazloum	Seyed Ali Mazloum		Head of Branch 29 of the Revolutionary Court
Seyed Ali Zare Nouri	Isfahan Province		Advisor to the Provincial Criminal Court
Seyed Mohammad Karimi	Mazandaran Province	Sari	Prosecutor General and Revolutionary Prosecutor
Seyed Mostafa Bahraini	Fars Province		Prosecutor
Seyed Hadi Mansouri	Razavi Khorasan Province	Mashhad	Branch Judge of the Revolutionary Court
Seyed Hossein Hosseini	Kurdistan Province		Head of Judiciary
Seyed Jafar Sadati	Mazandaran Province		Deputy of Cultural and Social Affairs, Provincial Law Enforcement Force (LEF) Commander's Office
Seyed Musa Asef al-Husseini	Alborz Province		Head of Branch 1 of the Alborz Revolutionary Court
Vahid Fakhr al-Din	Golestan Province		Commander of Neinava IRGC Intelligence Organization
Vahid Mohammadi	Kermanshah Province	Gilangharb	Governor
Yahya Elahi	Lorestan Province		Commander of the Law Enforcement Force (LEF)
Yahya Rahimi	Azerbaijan Province	Shahin Dezh County	Prosecutor

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