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PRISONER

KAMBIZ KHAROUT

SENTENCE

EXECUTION

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GENDER

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BIOGRAPHY

Kambiz Kharout is from Zahedan. He was arrested during the protests across Sistan and Balochistan province in response to the rape of a 15-year-old Baloch girl by the chief of police of Chabahar and the murder of Mahsa Amini.

CURRENT DETENTION STATUS

IN PRISON, CONVICTED BY COURT

ACTIVITY PERSECUTED FOR

PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC GATHERINGS

AGE

21

ETHNICITY

BALUCH

AFFILIATED WITH

Resistance to Compulsory Hijab

"Woman, Life, Freedom" uprising

Protests against the rape of a Baloch girl by the commander of the police force

ARRESTS



DATE OF ARREST

1/10/2022

CHARGED WITH

Moharebeh (enmity against God) - Art. 279-285+ IPC

Committing corruption on earth - Art. 286 IPC

SENTENCE

Execution

ACTIVITY PERSECUTED FOR

Participation in Public Gatherings

CITY, PROVINCE OF ARREST

Zahedan

TIMELINE

Reverse Chronological

- 1/3/2023** A source told Halvash that ward 9 of the prison is in the basement. It has 30 steps going down and eight dark cells of 1.5 by 3 meters. Each cell houses eight to ten prisoners. The prisoners in this ward consist of political prisoners, ideological prisoners, and some of the protesters arrested during the 2022 national uprising, including Shoaib Mir Balouch Zehi, Mansour Dehmordeh, Kambiz Kharout, Ebrahim Narouei, Mansour Hout, and Nezamoddin Hout who have been sentenced to death. According to the source, every new prisoner that enters the ward will be tied to the stairs for three days and gets beaten and insulted, and then taken to a cell. The cell has a toilet and a shower in the corner which are separated by a small 60 cm wall, and when a prisoner goes to the bathroom the rest lie down on the floor. There is a camera at the corner of the cell. People in different cells can't see each other and when someone has a visitor or has to be taken to the infirmary, they take him away in handcuffs and shackles. The prisoners suffer depression due to a lack of movement and small space. Every two prisoners who smoke get one or two cigarettes a week that they buy themselves and each prisoner can make a phone call in the presence of authority once a week for three minutes. The prisoners are taken outside separately to get some air for five minutes once a day. According to the report, the main perpetrators of the torture in this ward are Ali Poudineh from Zabol, Reza Hashem Zehi from Nook Abad, Moslem Sarhaddi from Zabol, Mehdi Khosh Neshin from Zabil, and the warden of the ward 9 is a person known by the last name Alizadeh who is not a local.
- (see source (<https://t.me/haalvsh/10886>))
- 7/2/2023** In a call for immediate action, Amnesty International announced that at least 14 of the people arrested during the 2022 uprising in Iran have been sentenced to death and are in danger of execution. Amnesty International stated that the Islamic Republic has violated fair trial principles and has tortured most of these individuals, namely Hamid Ghareh Hassanlou, Mohammad Ghobadlou, Sahand Nour Mohammadzadeh, Shoeyb Mirbalouch Zehi, Ebrahim Narouei, Mansour Dehmordeh, Kambiz Khorute, Javad Rouhi, Mehdi Mohammadifard, and Arshia Takdastan. by cable, whip, electric shock, mock execution, rape, and other types of sexual violence. The report goes on to say that Mehdi Mohammadifard was raped during his interrogation and had to be hospitalized. Based on the reports, Mr. Mohammadifard also experienced beatings, being hung by a foot, threats with a gun, and putting ice on his testicles during interrogation. The report also mentions the repeated torture of Hamid Ghareh Hassanlou which led to his broken ribs and interior bleeding and lung issues. Mohammad Ghobadlou has also experienced several violations and according to the medical examiner his body was wounded and bruised after the arrest. At least 14 out of dozens of prisoners named in the report have been sentenced to death and the rest face heavy charges. Toumaj Salehi, Farzaneh Tahazadeh, Farhad Tahazadeh, Karevan Shahiparvaneh, Reza Eslamdoust, Taher Hamidi, Shahram Marouf Mola, Pouria Javaheri, Heshmatollah Tabarzadi, Hamid Ghareh Hassanlou, Mohammad Ghobadlou, Sahand Nour Mohammadzadeh, Shoeyb Mirbalouch Zehi, Ebrahim Narouei, Mansour Dehmordeh, Kambiz Kharout, Javad Rouhi, Mehdi Mohammadifard, Arshia Takdastan, Mohammad Boroughani, Mehdi Bahman, Majid Kazemi, Manouchehr Mehmannaavaz, Saleh Mirhashemi, Saeed Yaghoubi, Sahand Nour Mohammadzadeh, Hossein Mohammadi, Reza Ariya, Mahan Sedarat, Saeed Shirazi, Abolfazl Mehri Hossein Hajilou.
- (see source (<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/campaigns/>))
- 3/1/2023** An IPA source reported that the second branch of the criminal court of Zahedan sentenced Mr. Kharout to death on the charge of Moharebeh and spreading corruption on earth through riot and unrest. He received this sentenced while he was denied an attorney and denied all charges in court.
- 12/11/2022** After being summoned to the Zahedan Intelligence Ministry office he was arrested and transferred to Zahedan prison.
- 10/2022** He was released on bail.

28/10/2022 According to Halvash, his family is unaware of his whereabouts and situation.

(see source (<https://bit.ly/3E1zYqw>))

1/10/2022 He was arrested by the security forces in Zahedan.

(see source (<https://t.me/haalvsh/9517>))

EXPLANATION

A few days after the murder of Mahsa Amini, a girl from Saqez who was killed by the morality police in Tehran, Baloch citizens took to the streets of Zahedan in protest of this murder and in solidarity with the national uprising. At the same time, Baloch citizens were also infuriated by the rape of a 15-year-old Baloch girl by the chief of police of Chabahar (Ebrahim Kouchakzaei). After the temporary Friday-prayer Imam of Rask (Abdol- Ghaffar Naghshbandi) confirmed the rape, people's anger reached a new level. In the early days of fall protests occurred in several towns including Chabahar and Iranshahr. On Friday, September 30th, after the Friday-prayer, the people of Zahedan gathered in protest in front of a police station and expressed solidarity with the national uprising and their disgust for the rape of the 15-year-old-girl. The state forces attacked the gathering with live ammunition and killed over 100 people (including 14 children) and wounded dozens. The attack led to widespread protests in the region and arrests of dozens of Baloch citizens.

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The seven protesters Amnesty says are in danger of execution

At Least Seven More Protesters at Grave Risk Of Execution In Iran

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At least seven more Iranians have been given the death sentence in connection with nationwide protests, according to rights group Amnesty International, with dozens more at risk.

At least 259 Iranians have been executed since January alone, according to the United Nations.

Amnesty claims Ebrahim Narouie, Kambiz Kharout, Manouchehr Mehman Navaz, Mansour Dahmardeh, Mohammad Ghobadlou, Mojahed (Abbas) Kourkour and Shoeib Mir Baluchzehi Rigi are at grave risk of imminent execution with four others facing retrials on capital charges.

Amnesty said it is aware of at least three others who have undergone trial on charges that carry the death penalty.

“The authorities have violated their fair trial rights and subjected many to torture and other ill-treatment, including floggings, electric shocks, death threats and sexual violence,” said the rights group.

Amid a spike in executions since late April, on May 19, **authorities arbitrarily executed** three tortured protesters, Majid Kazemi, Saeed Yaghoubi and Saleh Mirhashemi who were unjustly convicted and sentenced to death in Isfahan (Esfahan).

Amnesty also urged the Iranian authorities to “immediately quash all convictions and death sentences stemming from the protests, refrain from seeking further death sentences, and ensure that anyone charged with a recognizable criminal offence is tried in proceedings meeting international fair trial standards without recourse to the death penalty.”

URGENT ACTION

FOUR YOUNG BALUCHI MEN AT RISK OF EXECUTION

Four young Baluchi men – Ebrahim Narouie, Kambiz Kharout, Mansour Dahmardeh and Shoeib Mir Baluchzehi Rigi – are at grave risk of execution in connection with protests in Sistan and Baluchestan province. They were sentenced to death based on torture-tainted “confessions” in grossly unfair trials. Two other Baluchi men – Mansour Hout and Nezamoddin Hout – are facing retrials on capital charges also in connection with protests.

TAKE ACTION: WRITE AN APPEAL IN YOUR OWN WORDS OR USE THIS MODEL LETTER

Head of judiciary, Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei

c/o Embassy of Iran to the European Union

Avenue Franklin Roosevelt No. 15, 1050 Bruxelles, Belgium

Dear Mr Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei,

*Four young men from Iran’s oppressed Baluchi minority, are at grave risk of execution. **Shoeib Mir Baluchzehi Rigi**, 19, **Kambiz Kharout**, 21, **Ebrahim Narouie**, 25, and **Mansour Dahmardeh**, 21, who has a physical disability, were tried separately in December 2022 in relation to protests in Zahedan, the capital of Sistan and Baluchestan province. **Nezamoddin Hout**, 20, and **Mansour Hout**, 27, faced a joint trial before Criminal Court 2 in Zahedan in December 2022 in relation to protests in Chabahar, a small town in the south of the province. They were all sentenced to death in December 2022 and January 2023 on charges of “corruption on earth” (efsad-e fel arz) and/or “enmity against God” (moharebeh) for arson, stone-throwing and other offences that do not meet the threshold of “most serious crimes”, which are crimes involving intentional killing, in violation of international law. The men’s trials were grossly unfair. The authorities denied them access to legal representation and torture-tainted “confessions” were used as evidence to convict them. In February 2023, Iran’s Supreme Court quashed the convictions and death sentences of Nezamoddin Hout and Mansour Hout on appeal on the grounds that Criminal Court 2 does not have jurisdiction over capital crimes and crimes related to national security. Their cases were sent for retrial before a Revolutionary Court, where it is feared they may be sentenced to death again. The appeals of the other four men remain pending before the Supreme Court.*

The men were arrested separately between 30 September and 5 October 2022 amid a wave of mass arrests that took place in Sistan and Baluchestan province during and in the aftermath of the deadliest day of the popular uprising in Iran, on 30 September 2022, when security forces unlawfully killed scores of protesters and bystanders in Zahedan. According to informed sources, interrogators subjected the men to torture and other ill-treatment, including sexual violence, to compel them to make forced “confessions”. For instance, interrogators beat Mansour Dahmardeh so severely that they broke his teeth and nose and stuck needles into Ebrahim Narouie’s genitals.

I urge you to quash the convictions and death sentences and drop all charges against Shoeib Mir Baluchzehi Rigi, Nezamoddin Hout, Kambiz Kharout, Ebrahim Narouie, Mansour Dahmardeh and Mansour Hout related to their peaceful participation in protests. If charged with a recognizable criminal offence, retrial proceedings must meet international fair trial standards without recourse to the death penalty and exclude coerced “confessions”. I urge you to provide the men access to their families and lawyers of their own choosing, as well as to adequate medical care. I urge you to protect them from further torture and other ill-treatment and investigate torture allegations, bringing anyone found responsible to justice in fair trials. Finally, I urge you to grant independent observers access to capital trials connected to protests and immediately establish an official moratorium on executions with a view of abolishing the death penalty.

Yours sincerely,

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Plainclothes agents arrested **Ebrahim Narouie** in Zahedan on 3 October 2022. The authorities refused to provide his family with any information about his fate and whereabouts for several weeks, despite their repeated requests, thereby subjecting him to enforced disappearance. He first called his family some three weeks after his arrest and told them he had been moved from an unknown location to Zahedan prison. While forcibly disappeared, his interrogators accused him of being a “leader” in the protests and of involvement in setting a bank on fire. According to informed sources, interrogators subjected him to torture and other ill-treatment, including through sticking needles into his genitals, to compel him to make forced “confessions” accepting their accusations by signing and fingerprinting pre-written documents and reading pre-written statements in front of a video camera. Following a grossly unfair trial before Branch 2 of the Revolutionary Court in Zahedan in which he was denied the right to legal representation and to even defend himself in court, he was convicted of “corruption on earth” (*efsad-e fel arz*) and sentenced to death. He was informed of his sentence on 30 December 2022.

Revolutionary Guards agents arrested **Mansour Dahmardeh** in Zahedan on 30 September 2022, several hours after he attended Friday prayers in the Great Mosalla of Zahedan, a large prayer site near the city’s main mosque, and took part in a protest outside a nearby police station that was violently quashed by security forces. According to informed sources, while held in a Revolutionary Guards detention centre in circumstances amounting to enforced disappearance, he was subjected to torture and other ill-treatment including sexual violence and beatings, resulting in him sustaining a broken nose and teeth and being hospitalised for several days. Based on information provided to Amnesty International by informed sources, it appears that he may have received two death sentences – one by a Revolutionary Court for “enmity against God” (*moharebeh*) and another by a criminal court for “corruption on earth” (*efsad-e fel arz*), both based entirely on his torture-tainted “confessions” of having thrown three stones and set fire to a vehicle tyre during the protests. Amnesty International learned that he attempted suicide twice in prison using a fork, raising concerns about his mental health and further risks of self-harm.

Ministry of Intelligence agents arrested **Shoeib Mir Baluchzehi Rigi** in Zahedan on 5 October 2022 and took him to an unknown location. According to informed sources, while forcibly disappeared for eight days, interrogators subjected him to torture and other ill-treatment, including through beatings, electric shocks to his feet, hitting his chest with the back of a gun, and twisting his wrists until they felt like they were breaking. His first contact with his family was eight days after arrest when he was allowed to briefly call them. He was transferred to Zahedan prison 14 days after arrest. An informed source told Amnesty International that a witness saw bruises on his face and body several weeks after arrest. His trial, which was grossly unfair, took place in December 2022 before a court in Zahedan. On 19 December 2022, the court convicted him of “corruption on earth” (*efsad-e fel arz*) and sentenced him to death. On 24 December 2022, agents forced him to stand in the cold in front of a cooler to punish him for news about his death sentence and torture being shared online.

Security forces arrested **Kambiz Kharout** in Zahedan on 1 October 2022. He was released on bail three weeks later but rearrested on 12 November 2022. According to Baluchi human rights activists, he was subjected to torture and other ill-treatment in detention and denied the charges against him. Following a grossly unfair trial before Criminal Court 2 in Zahedan in which he was not allowed legal representation, on 3 January 2023, authorities informed him that he had been convicted of “corruption on earth” (*efsad-e fel arz*) and “enmity against God” (*moharebeh*) and sentenced him to death.

Revolutionary Guards agents arrested **Mansour Hout** and **Nezamoddin Hout** on 30 September 2022 in Chabahar in connection with protests that day. Amnesty International learned that interrogators subjected both men to torture and other ill-treatment to force them to “confess” to involvement in acts of arson of public buildings during the protests. Informed sources have told the organization that Mansour Hout had not taken part in the protests. They were denied access to legal representation until about a month before their trial took place in December 2022. According to informed sources, around January 2023, Criminal Court 2 in Zahedan convicted them of “corruption on earth” (*efsad-e fel arz*) and “enmity against God” (*moharebeh*) and sentenced them to death. In February, Iran’s Supreme Court quashed their conviction and sentence on procedural grounds and sent their case to a Revolutionary Court for retrial on capital charges.

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NAME AND PREFERRED PRONOUN: Ebrahim Narouie, Kambiz Kharout, Mansour Dahmardeh, Shoeib Mir Baluchzehi Rigi, Nezamoddin Hout, Mansour Hout (he; him)



Kambiz Kharoot, Baluch youth sentenced to death

January 24, 2023



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Kambiz Kharoot, a 20-year-old Baluch citizen, is from Jam-e-Jam area of Zahedan. He was arrested during nationwide protests on September 31, 2022, by Iran's Intelligence services and sentenced to death by the Judiciary. Kambiz Kharoot was born on February 2, 2002. This year the young Baluch will be forced to spend his birthday alone behind bars and haunted by the death penalty. Kambiz Kharoot was arrested in his shop in Karimabad area of Zahedan. All charges against him have been obtained under torture and are not reputable.

Charges against him

Kambiz Kharoot was arrested for the first time on September 31, 2022, and released on bail in early November. He was again arrested on November 12, 2022, and has been sentenced to death by Branch 2 of Zahedan's Shahid Nouri Criminal Court, located on Behdasht Boulevard. He has been charged with "Incitement and chaos, through Moharebeh and

Corruption on Earth." The court sentenced him to death based on allegation that he set fire to the bank. According to civil activists, the banks was set on fire by plainclothes agents and Kambiz Kharoot's shop was simply next to the bank.

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Court's verdict

On January 3, 2023, Kambiz Kharoot, son of Mehrollah, was sentenced to death by the criminal court. According to Balochcampaign.us, although Kambiz had firmly rejected all the charges against him in court, the prosecutor of Zahedan, Shamsabadi, had requested the death sentence for him. Thereby, the Judge never took Kambiz's defense into account. After the death sentence was announced, the Baluch defendant was given 20 days to make an appeal. Mr. Kharoot was never given the chance to appoint a lawyer and had not been represented properly. The public defender in the case took no legal measures for his client, not in court nor before the trial.

Detainee's condition

Kambiz Kharoot was subjected to severe torture at the Intelligence Detention Center. He is currently in Ward 9 of Zahedan Central Prison and calls and visits are prohibited. Sources familiar with the investigation said that the Baluch youth was severely tortured during interrogations and in detention. According to people close to him, he was unable to stand due to electric shocks and beatings. Cable lashes have left his entire back in critical condition. According to the report, interrogators eventually forced him to sign a paper of the charges and scenarios they had written for him. The court sentenced him to Moharebeh based on the same forced confession obtained under torture.

Anneleen Van Bossuyt, a Belgian Member of the European Parliament, has accepted to be the 20-year-old's political godmother. She tweeted, I'll be political godmother of Kambiz Khorvat, 20. He was arrested 4 months ago by the IRGC, and was charged with "war with god and corruption on earth" which means as much as the death penalty. Sentenced to death based on confessions by torture and whipping. Be his voice!

Other young Baluchi citizens have been sentenced to death by Iran for participating in protests. Shoaib Mirbaluchzehi Rigi, 18, Mansour Dehmoreh, with physical disabilities, and Ebrahim Narouei, were detained in Zahedan protests.

Since protests began in September 2022, in Sistan and Baluchestan Province, many citizens have been arrested, including juveniles, who are taken away for no reason and contrary to legal procedures. The fate of many remains unknown. The Revolutionary Guards-IRGC, Iran's Ministry of Intelligence, and the State Security Forces' Headquarters have recently raided various neighborhoods in Zahedan and arrested at least 113 people.



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