



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.”





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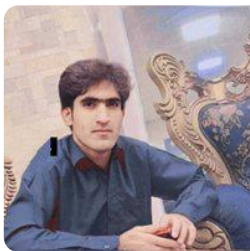
PRISONER

# MANSOUR DAHMARDEH

SENTENCE

## EXECUTION

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Mansour Dehmardeh is from Zahedan. At the time of his arrest, he was an assistant bus driver. 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

23

ETHNICITY

BALUCH

AFFILIATED WITH

Resistance to Compulsory Hijab  
Protests against the rape of a Baloch girl by the commander of the police force  
"Woman, Life, Freedom" uprising

## ARRESTS



DATE OF ARREST

3/10/2022

CHARGED WITH

Committing corruption on earth - Art. 286 IPC

SENTENCE

Execution

ACTIVITY PERSECUTED FOR

Participation in Public Gatherings

CITY, PROVINCE OF ARREST

Zahedan

## TIMELINE

Reverse Chronological

- 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/>))
- 5/1/2023** German MP Aniko Morten objected to the death sentence of Mr. Dehmardeh and demanded its overturn.
- (see source (<https://twitter.com/AnikoMerten/status/1611060165863739402?s=20&t=hGLqBlrSbAB7LI39dcRAZg>))
- 3/1/2023** According to Halvash, the 2nd branch of the criminal court of Shahid Nouri of Zahedan sentenced Mr. Dehmardeh to death on the charge of spreading corruption on earth. His sentence was communicated to him at Zahedan Prison.
- (see source (<https://t.me/haalvsh/9429>))
- 16/12/2022** In a statement on Twitter, German MP Aniko Mortan accepted the political guardianship of Mansour Dehmardeh.
- (see source ([https://twitter.com/haalvsh/status/1604080813708124160?s=20&t=fGg2GIQD6VMJ\\_gHwvPkL1g](https://twitter.com/haalvsh/status/1604080813708124160?s=20&t=fGg2GIQD6VMJ_gHwvPkL1g)))
- 4/12/2022** Due to severe wounds and bruises from physical torture, he was transferred to the Zahedan Prison infirmary. Baloch Activists Campaign reported that after 12 days in the infirmary, he is in terrible health. The report states that two attorneys named Hossein Barahooei and Akbar Kaikhah visited the 102nd branch of the criminal court of Zahedan to accept him as a client but the judiciary authorities did not allow them to get involved with the case.
- (see source (<https://t.me/balochcampaign/12422>))
- 3/12/2022** Rasanak reported that after Mr. Dehmardeh's family visited the revolutionary court of Zahedan to follow up on his situation, the prosecutor told them that he is charged with waging war against God (Moharebeh) and spreading corruption on earth. He told the family that Mr. Dehmardeh will be executed soon.

(see source (<https://t.me/rasanknews/20046>))

11/2022 He was transferred from the Intelligence Ministry jail to Zahedan Prison.



## 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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# 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.

**PREFERRED LANGUAGE TO ADDRESS TARGET:** Persian, English

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**PLEASE TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNTIL:** 2 May 2023

Please check with the Amnesty office in your country if you wish to send appeals after the deadline.

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