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Anahita Amirpour, 20, shot and killed by Iranian security forces in Borujerd

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On Friday night, January 19, 2024, plainclothes agents of the **Borujerd Intelligence Department** opened a barrage of fire on the occupants of a car. As a result of this attack, 20-year-old Anahita Amirpour, a freshman student of physical education at Borujerd Azad University, died instantly.

Anahita Amirpour was from **Kuhdasht**. During the last two days, the security services have pressured her family and friends not to inform about this murder. They also want to turn this incident into a security case by linking it to the **recent explosions in Kerman**.

Kuhdasht and Borujerd are both in Lorestan Province in western Iran.

The car's driver was another student named M. Jalaii-far. He, who was seriously injured, is presently hospitalized in the Intensive Care Unit of Chamran Hospital in Borujerd.

Today, Sunday, January 21, 2024, two Chamran hospital staff were summoned to Borujerd Intelligence Department and severely threatened.



Anahita Amirpour

It is said that plainclothes officers of the Borujerd Intelligence Department rushed to the car of these two students and wanted to stop them and get them off. But since they were wearing plain clothes, the driver got scared and tried to escape, after which the agents of the intelligence department opened fire on the car, which caused the immediate death of Anahita Amirpour.

This is not the first time that security officers have taken the lives of innocent people by firing arbitrarily at people's cars.

[Soha Etebari, 12, was shot and killed](#) inside her family's car by the armed forces of the clerical regime Sunday night, December 25, 2022.

Soha Etebari and her family were driving on the road from Bandar Abbas, in Hormozgan province, to Ahvaz, the capital of Khuzestan, when security forces at a checkpoint in Bastak opened fire on their car. Badly injured, Soha Etebari lost her life on the way to the hospital.

The killing of the 12-year-old Soha Etebari took place on the night of the 40th day memorial of Kian Pirfalak, 9, who was killed in a similar incident in Izeh, Khuzestan, on November 16, 2022, during a vicious crackdown on protests in the city.

[Kian Pirfalak](#) and his family were passing through in their car when they were targeted by plainclothes agents and security forces in Izeh. Kian was killed instantly, and his father was shot and injured.

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Shooting Of Iranian Student Sparks Controversy

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Anahita Amiripour, a 20-year-old student, was shot dead by plainclothes intelligence ministry agents in the city of Borujerd, Lorestan province.

It is believed that Amiripour, a first-semester physical education student at Azad University lost her life when intelligence forces pursued the car she was in. The car's driver, M. Jalayi-far, also a student and Borujerd resident, sustained severe injuries and is currently hospitalized.

Hengaw Human Rights Organization, a Kurdish rights group, says the intelligence forces claim the incident was linked to a recent terror attack in Kerman. **Two explosions during the fourth** memorial of former IRGC commander Qasem Soleimani on January 3 killed around 90 people in Kerman. The strategy aims to reframe the intentional killing as part of a scripted security case.

It is not clear why the agents tried to stop the car, although some speculate that it could be hijab enforcement related.

Rights group sources indicate that as the plainclothes forces approached the students' car, instructing them to stop and exit the vehicle, the intimidated driver panicked and attempted to flee. Subsequently, the intelligence forces opened fire and seized the car.

Over the past two days, security entities have reportedly pressured the families and friends of the victims not to disclose information about the incident. Two personnel from Chamran Hospital were also summoned and threatened by intelligence authorities.

While security and law enforcement authorities in Borujerd have not issued public statements, Governor Moslem Moradi vaguely referenced the incident, attributing it to recent terrorist attacks and confrontations with criminal elements. Hengaw sources reject Moradi's claims, emphasizing that intelligence forces deliberately targeted the students, leading to Amiripour's death.

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Borujerd: Female Student Anahita Amirpour Fatally Shot by Government Forces

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A young female student from Kohdasht, Anahita Amirpour, lost her life due to gunfire from plainclothes forces of the Intelligence Department in Borujerd city, Lorestan province. Security institutions are allegedly pressuring the family and friends of the student, attempting to associate this incident with the explosions in Kerman. This move is perceived as an effort to manipulate the deliberate government-sanctioned murder into a security case through scenario fabrication.

According to a report obtained by the Hengaw Organization for Human Rights, on the evening of Friday, January 19, 2024, plainclothes forces from the Borujerd Intelligence Department, situated in the Nizamabad area of the city, opened fire on the occupants of a Peugeot 206 car. This incident led to the death of Anahita Amirpour, a 20-year-old female student in her first semester of physical education at Borujerd Islamic Azad University.

"M. Jalaifar" from Borujerd and the car's driver, also a student, sustained serious injuries and are presently receiving treatment in the special care department of Chamran Hospital in Borujerd.

According to a reliable source, the incident unfolded when plainclothes forces from the Intelligence Department hastily approached the car of the two students, instructing them to stop and exit the vehicle. Due to their civilian attire, the driver, alarmed, attempted to flee, and subsequently, Intelligence Department police opened fire on the two young students.

Hengaw has received information that security agencies have exerted pressure on the family and friends of these two students over the last two days, urging them not to disclose details about the incident. Today, on Sunday, two personnel from Chamran Hospital in Borujerd were reportedly summoned by the intelligence department of the city and faced severe threats.

Notably, the security and law enforcement agencies of Borujerd have refrained from providing any comments on this incident. However, in the initial response to the news, Muslim Moradi, the governor of the city, informed state media: "In response to the assassinations of agents affiliated with global arrogance in Kerman, Sistan-Balochistan, and to decisively address criminal activities, military and law enforcement forces have been on full alert in recent days to investigate, monitor, and address any individuals disturbing societal security."

Continuing his statement, Moradi explained, "In this regard, the police forces of Borujerd city suspected a Peugeot 206 car. After instructing the car to stop, its two occupants, both individuals, allegedly ignored repeated warnings from the police officers and attempted to flee."

Moradi concluded without disclosing the identities of the two students, mentioning that one of them passed away after being transported to the hospital, while the other is currently receiving medical care. Contrary to the governor's account, Hengaw sources maintain that the Intelligence Department forces fired on these two young students, resulting in the loss of Anahita Amirpour's life.

Civil activists in Borujerd assert that the governor and local security institutions are seeking to justify the government's role in the state-sanctioned killings of the female student. They allege that officials are connecting the city's security situation to the explosions during Qassem Soleimani's death anniversary in Kerman and recent conflicts in Sistan-Balochistan. The activists argue that this strategy is intended to pressure civil society into silence regarding the state-sanctioned killing of Anahita.

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