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Iranian Kurd Shot And Killed While Transporting Kulbars

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Iranian security forces have shot and killed a 19-year-old man outside the western Kurdish town of Baneh, near the Iraqi border, the activist HRANA news agency reported.

It cited eyewitnesses as saying that Behzad Azizi was driving a car when he was hit by a bullet shot by Revolutionary Guards at a checkpoint. He later died in hospital.

The car was returning from the Kileh border crossing. It was carrying a group of **Kulbars**, porters who haul goods on their backs across the borders of Iran and over long distances, mostly in the impoverished, mountainous Kurdish areas adjacent to Iraq.

Video footage showing Azizi's dead body was widely shared on social media.

After the incident, protestors reportedly attacked the Karimabad checkpoint, where Azizi was shot.

He was a resident of Sheykhan Valley.

According to Hengaw, a Norway-based group that monitors rights violations in Iran's Kurdish regions, at least 161 Kulbars were killed or wounded by security forces in Kermanshah province alone in 2022.

That's 58 more than the casualties reported during the previous year.

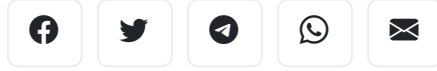
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A young man was killed by government soldiers in Baneh

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On Wednesday, March 22nd, a Kurdish citizen named "Behzad Azizi", 19 years old son of Jamal, from "Dargah Sheikhan" village in the city of Baneh, died after being shot by the Iranian military forces.

According to an informed source to Kurdpa, Behzad Azizi was shot by government forces without any prior warning while returning to his residence in Dargah Sheikhan village on the Baneh-Boin road at the Karimabad checkpoint that was opened recently after the protests and he lost his life.

This informed source added: In this incident, several bullets hit the head and body of this young man.

This informed source stated: After this incident, protesting citizens attacked the "Karimabad" police station and set it on fire.

Behzad Azizi's body was transferred to Salahuddin Ayubi Baneh Hospital and has not been handed over to his family yet.

