



Esmail Dehqani

Hospital Employee Shot Dead By Iran's Security Forces

Thursday, 07/13/2023

Iran Human Rights



Iranian police shot a hospital emergency response staff member in the head on the road to city of Kashan after they tried to stop his car.

Esmail Dehqani, an employee of the emergency department of Beheshti Hospital in Kashan, was killed July 8 but the news reached the public on Wednesday.

It is not clear why the police wanted to stop his car and under what circumstances. It is also not clear why he did not comply.

Dehqani got married just two months ago and his funeral ceremony was held on Sunday in the presence of many plainclothes security agents.

According to information received by Iran International, immediately after his death, the security and law enforcement authorities of Kashan put pressure on his family to remain silent about the tragic event even four days after his burial.

This is not the only case of indiscriminate killing of citizens by the government agents setting up checkpoints in recent months.

Melika Borji was a 12-year-old child who was shot by police officers in March and died on July 4 after suffering for about four months.

In December, another **child was shot dead** in her family's car in Hormozgan Province. Soha Etebari, 12, and her family were on the road to Ahvaz, the capital of Khuzestan Province, when plainclothes security forces started shooting at the car at a checkpoint. Soha died of her injuries on the way to the hospital.