



Women Are Force for Change

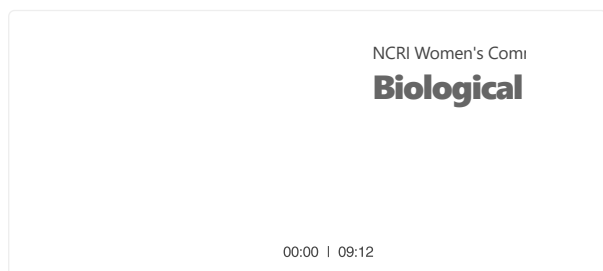
Home > Podcast



# Biological terror – serial poisoning of high school girls in Iran

March 13, 2023 in Podcast

## Biological terror – serial poisoning of high school girls in Iran



Girls' schools in Iran have been targeted with biological attacks in what many believe is a form of retaliation for their participation in anti-regime protests. Hundreds of students have fallen ill. What's even more alarming is that this isn't an isolated incident – it's happened all across the country, affecting 5,000 students at least. The chemical attacks are not only causing instant harm to innocent students but endangering their health in the future.

The widespread and systematic poisoning of female students across the country is an unprecedented crime that only the inhuman clerical regime can commit.

So what's going on, and why are these attacks happening?

### What's actually happening?

The poisoning of female students in Iran has been ongoing for more than three months, with incidents reported in provinces all across the country.

 Share on Facebook

The first case was reported in Qom, on November 30, 2022. The chemical attacks first spread to dozens of schools in that city without any action taken by the Education Ministry or other government officials.

 Share on Twitter

During the heat of protests, the poisoning incidents did not catch much attention and the regime officials totally denied the poisoning of girls.

## Total denial

Initially, for two and a half months, regime officials denied or gave false information about the poisonings.

On February 6, Siamak Mohebi, the vice president of Qom University of Medical Sciences, stated that the cause of the incidents was the rapid respiration and stress of female students, and that their blood samples were normal.

On February 15, the Minister of Education, Youssef Nouri, claimed that the poisoning was caused by rumors that scared people and students, and that there was no issue. Mohsen Safai Farahani, a member of the regime's parliament, also said that the incident had been exaggerated.

The situation led to controversy, with Donyaye Eghtesad reporting on February 10 that the poisonings were reminiscent of the acid attacks on women in Isfahan, which had not yet been resolved, leaving the victims in limbo.

## Spread of the toxic gas poisoning and protests

As the gas poisoning spread throughout the country, even to elementary schools, college dormitories, and metro stations, families of poisoned students in Qom held a [protest](#) outside the governor's office on February 14, demanding an official response. Teachers and families of poisoned students in other areas also took to the streets.

At least 5,000 students in 230 schools across 25 provinces have been poisoned, with mostly high school girls being affected. Symptoms include nausea, headaches, coughing, breathing difficulties, and heart palpitations.

One 11-year-old student, Fatemeh Razaee, reportedly died due to the poisoning, and there are unconfirmed reports of two elementary school children and a little boy also dying.

## Deliberate hands at work

As protests continued and the biological attacks spread, officials eventually began to acknowledge the serial poisoning of girls.

On February 20, the regime's Prosecutor General wrote to the Qom prosecutor acknowledging reports of intentional criminal actions.

A newsletter linked to the [Fadaiyan-e Velayat group](#), affiliated with mullahs' Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, declared that girls' education is forbidden and threatened to spread the poisoning if girls' schools weren't shut down.

On February 26, a member of the parliamentary Health Committee confirmed that the poisoning was deliberate and criticized the Minister of Intelligence for failing to submit a report to parliament.

## Intelligence services trying to cover up

The [medical staff in Qom](#) determined that the poisoning was caused by a microbial gas. But two intelligence agencies intervened and silenced the issue. Members of IRGC intelligence were present in hospitals. They took the results of the children's blood tests to their own laboratory and left the staff in the dark about the results.

Three and a half months into these biological attacks, the Iranian Intelligence Ministry has claimed to have arrested some 100 persons involved, and the state TV aired forced confessions of a father and a daughter seeking to distort the regime's image.

The Intelligence Ministry made the ridiculous claim that some of these individuals "acted out of mischief or adventure and used smelly substances to close classrooms."

People ask: How can the security system, which investigates, follows up and arrests in the shortest possible time when a problem occurs, not see this case?... The failure of the country's security system to deal with the agents of poisoning is questionable and unacceptable.

## What do the evidence suggest?

A specialist in one of Tehran's prestigious hospitals was cited by the media as saying, "combined gases are being used for poisoning and are

In the meantime, it has been reported that "Doctors and nurses are afraid to provide any information. They are worried about the consequences of this information... Some s t l d not to talk and not to give information, orders that are said to have come from higher authorities and from the Ministry of Health itself. None of the officials of this ministry are willing to give an interview and provide an explanation about what happened."

All evidence indicates that the clerical regime is resorting to [biological terror](#) to retaliate against girls who actively participated in the anti-regime protests over the past six months.

The ongoing tragedy of the serial poisoning of innocent girls in Iran would not be possible without the active involvement of the IRGC or the Ministry of Intelligence and other state bodies.

## Call for international investigation

The serial chemical attacks on school girls are a serious breach of international law. The use of biological weapons is strictly prohibited by the Biological Weapons Convention, which Iran has signed.

The NCRI President elect Maryam Rajavi has called for an [international investigation](#) of this case.

The heinous actions are a substitute or supplement for the work of the so-called "[Morality Police](#)" to scare people, especially young women, and to prevent them from participating in uprisings and social protests.

Tags: The girl child



### Related Posts

## February 2023 Report: Gas Poisoning of School Girls in Iran

MARCH 14, 2023



Uncovering the Horrific Gas Poisoning of School Girls In Iran Uncovering the Horrific Gas Poisoning of School Girls In Iran One of the significant news items in Iran...

READ MORE

## Teachers and families of students held protests against deliberate poisoning

MARCH 7, 2023



Teachers and families of students held protests against deliberate poisoning At least 41 more girls were poisoned in Zahedan due to inhaling toxic gases Various capitals across Iran...

READ MORE

## Women Lead the Charge in Iran's Fight for Freedom

MARCH 7, 2023



NCRI Women's Committee Annual Report 2023 Women's leadership of the revolution did not happen overnight. It has deep roots in 44 years of struggle against the mullahs' regime...

READ MORE



FEBRUARY 28, 2023



Facebook

Twitter

Traces of the crime which replace and supplement Guidance Patrols lead to Khamenei's office, IRGC, suppressive organs While three months have passed since the beginning of the chain...

READ MORE

## More Students Poisoned in Girls High School in Borujerd

FEBRUARY 25, 2023



The state-run Mehr news agency has reported that another 44 students at Ahmadiyeh girls high school in Borujerd were poisoned on Saturday, February 25, 2023. This latest incident...

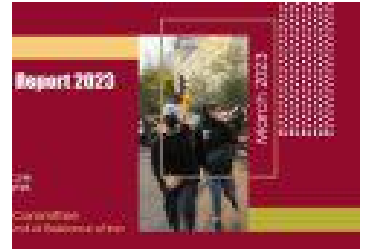
READ MORE

### Documents

#### Women Lead the Charge in Iran's Fight for Freedom

MARCH 7, 2023

NCRI Women's Committee Annual Report 2023 Women's leadership of the revolution did not happen overnight. It has deep roots in...



#### The list of women and girls who laid down their lives during Iran protests

NOVEMBER 25, 2022

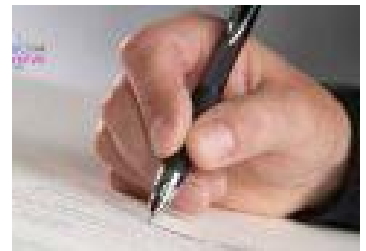
The list of women and girls killed by Iranian security forces during the Iran uprising Women are leading a revolution...



#### Sign to support the Iranian women's struggle for freedom and equality

OCTOBER 10, 2022

The NCRI Women's Committee urges all human rights defenders, women's rights organizations and advocates to sign this statement to support...



### Monthlies



**February 2023 Report: Gas Poisoning of School Girls in Iran**

© MARCH 14, 2023



**January 2023 Report – Female journalists detained in Iran**

© FEBRUARY 2, 2023



**Monthly Report December 2022 – Spreading false narratives to cover up crime**

© JANUARY 4, 2023



**Monthly Report November 2022 – Systematic violence against women in Iran**

© DECEMBER 5, 2022

**Articles**

**A friend of the Iranian Resistance, Baroness Boothroyd, passes away at 93**

© FEBRUARY 27, 2023

Baroness Boothroyd, the first woman to become the UK House of Commons speaker, passed away on February 26, 2023, at...



**Fanatic Group Threatens Poisoning of High School Girls in Iran**

© FEBRUARY 20, 2023

A group of extremists in Qom has distributed threatening leaflets, declaring that girls' education is forbidden and vowing to spread...



**The endless chain of honor killings and femicide in Iran**

© FEBRUARY 19, 2023

The murder yesterday of a young woman who was the mother of a 5-year-old child by her husband was the

Facebook

Share on Twitter

Pin

LinkedIn

Share



**The Fallen for Freedom**



**Maliheh Aghvami**

© FEBRUARY 10, 2023



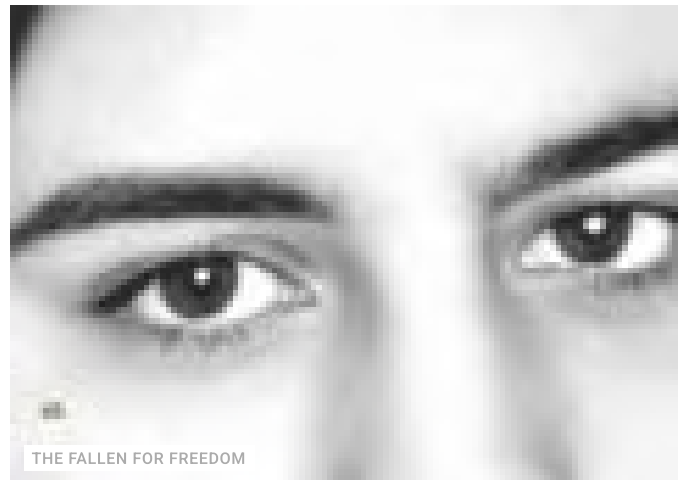
**Ashraf Rajavi**

© FEBRUARY 6, 2023



**Fatemeh Amini, symbol of perseverance and steadfastness**

© AUGUST 15, 2022



**Fariba Dashti**

© AUGUST 13, 2022

**ABOUT US**

We work extensively with Iranian women outside the country and maintain a permanent contact with women inside Iran. The Women's Committee is actively involved with many women's rights organizations and NGO's and the Iranian diaspora. The committee is a major source of much of the information received from inside Iran with regards to women. Attending UN Human Rights Council meetings and other international or regional conferences on women's issues and engaging in a relentless battle against the Iranian regime's misogyny are part of the activities of members and associates of the committee.

Activities

Facebook

Documents

Share on Twitter

Events

Famous Women



Heroines In Chain



International Solidarity



International Women's Day

IWD Conferences

BROWSE BY TAG

- Child marriage
- coronavirus
- education
- execution
- forced hijab
- Gender Gap
- Generation Equality
- Honor killings
- Iran Teachers
- Maryam Akbari Monfared
- Nurses
- Poverty
- Prisoners
- Protests
- rural women
- Saba Kord Afshari
- The girl child
- Violence against women
- Women's Leadership
- Women Heads of Household
- Zeinab Jalalian

IWD Speeches

Maryam Rajavi

Maryam Rajavi Speeches

Monthlies

NCRI Women's Committee Presentations

Other Activities In Iran

Podcast

Reference Library

Solidarity

Statements

The Fallen For Freedom

Uncategorized

Videos

Violence Against Women In Iran

Women In History

Women In Iran Protests, Uprising

Women Of Iranian Resistance

Women's News

The copyright of all the material published on this website has been registered under © 2016 the Women's Committee of the National Council of Resistance of Iran. To obtain permission to copy, redistribute or publish the material published on this website, you should write to the NCRI Women's Committee. Please include the link of the original article on our website, women.ncr-iran.org.

