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# Bloody Friday in Zahedan

The Brutal Government Crackdown of September 30, 2022

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## Introduction

Following Friday prayers on September 30, 2022, security forces in Zahedan, the capital of Sistan and Baluchistan Province and home to the long-oppressed Baluchi minority, cracked down on protesters. Security forces killed at least 94 people, including children, and wounded at least 350. The incident, which is the deadliest day since the beginning of recent nationwide protests against the Islamic Republic, has been called “Bloody Friday.” During the incident, security forces used excessive force, including live ammunition, in an attempt to quash the protests, massacring citizens as they ran to save their lives. Evidence from the event indicates that many victims were shot in the back or were targeted in the head or the heart. This report examines what transpired in Zahedan on that day.

## I. The Early Protests in September 2022

When 22-year-old Mahsa (Jina) Amini died in custody of the morality police in Tehran on September 16, 2022, the situation in Sistan and Baluchistan Province was already tense.<sup>[1]</sup> Earlier in September, reports about the alleged sexual abuse of a 15-year-old girl by a chief police officer in the port city of Chabahar sparked widespread condemnation in the province, with people demanding justice and accountability.<sup>[2]</sup> Local media and activists published the news, and protests followed in Chabahar. In an incident on September 27, a government building was set on fire.<sup>[3]</sup> Local leaders, including Sunni clerics, requested a thorough investigation into the matter.<sup>[4]</sup> It has been reported that the accused police chief was released on bail and transferred to Tehran.<sup>[5]</sup>

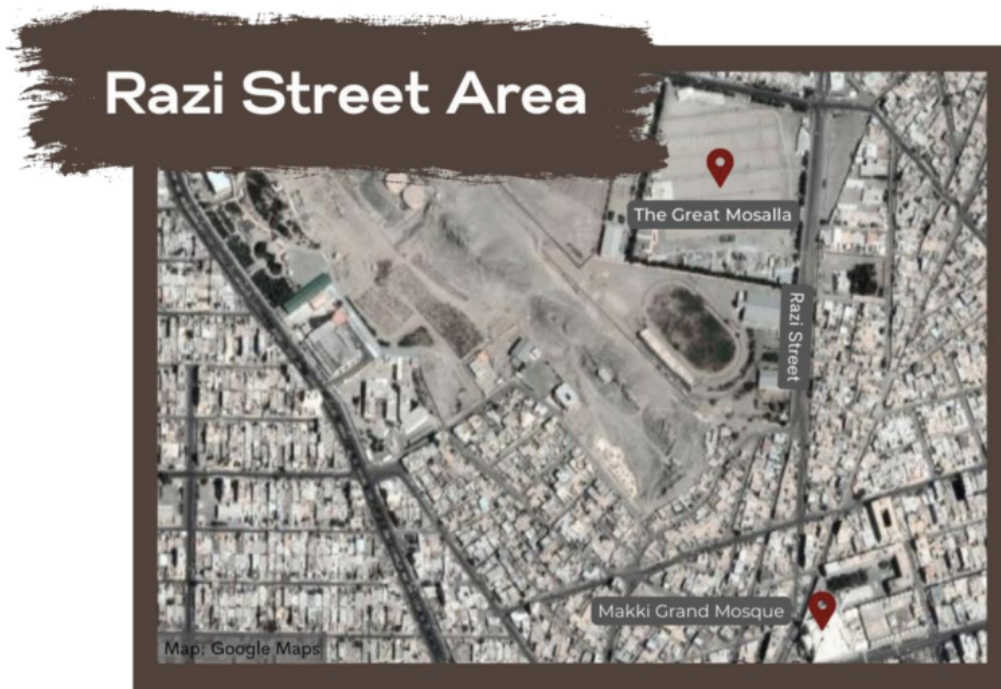
Soon after the death of Mahsa (Jina) Amini, anti-government protests spread rapidly through Iran. People across the country began protesting the Islamic Republic chanting, “Woman, Life, Freedom,” while women removed their headscarves. People in Zahedan also protested against the death of Mahsa (Jina) Amini.<sup>[6]</sup> After a government-orchestrated rally of support for the government on September 23, the regional office of the Ministry of Intelligence (“MOI”) in Zahedan announced the arrest of several individuals who were allegedly involved in the protests amid the death of Mahsa Amini.<sup>[7]</sup> Although a few of those detained in Chabahar, including two teenage girls, have been released, there is no information available at the time of writing this report about the condition of others.<sup>[8]</sup>

## II. Bloody Friday: The Crackdown on September 30, 2022

### A. Friday Prayer in the Great Mosalla

On September 30, Friday prayers were held in the Great Mosalla of Zahedan, a large outdoor prayer site. The Great Mosalla, also known as *Eidgah*, is located on Razi Street in the western side of Zahedan, 800 meters away from Makki Grand Mosque. In an interview with the Iran Human Rights Documentation Center (IHRDC), an individual who attended the Friday prayer on September 30 explained that the atmosphere in the Great Mosalla was normal. According to the source, there was no tension among people, and no one had talked about holding a rally in front of Police Station #16.<sup>[9]</sup>

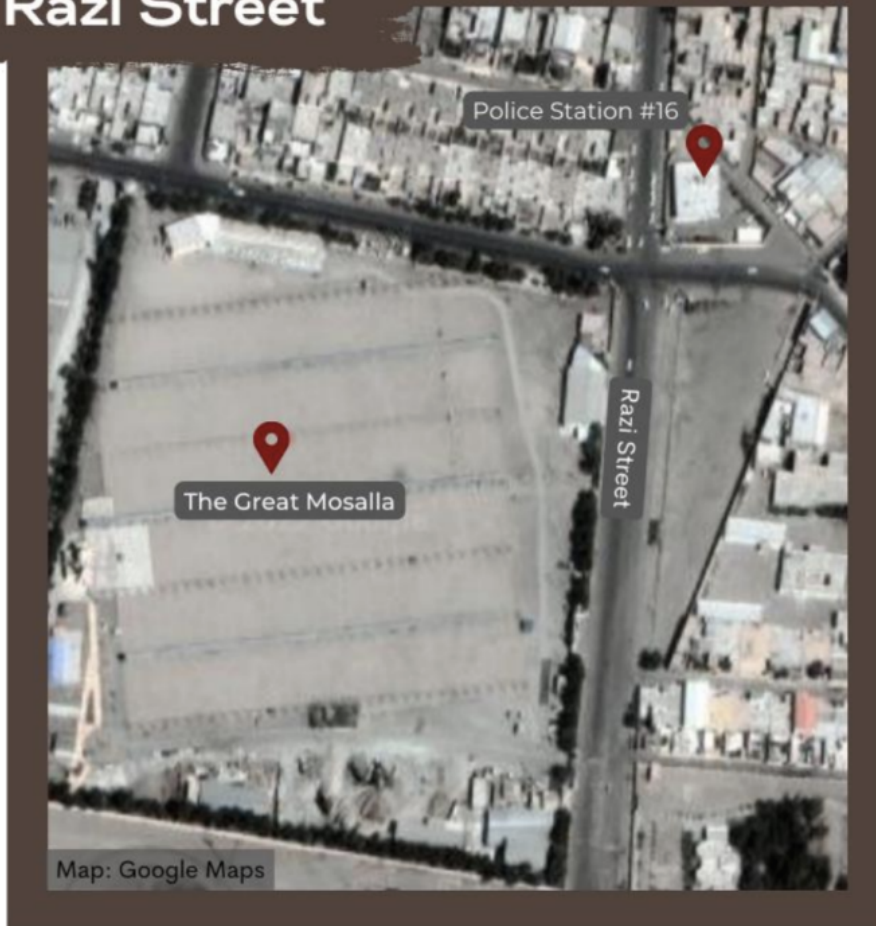
A typical Friday prayer ritual begins when the congregation stands for prayer. On September 30, the official time for the call for prayers was at 11:17 AM. According to IHRDC's witness, the service usually continues until 12:10 PM to 12:20 PM, and after that, there may be a prayer for the departed or a general prayer. On September 30, a prayer for the departed was held, which is reported to have lasted less than 4 minutes. Afterward, some people gradually left the Great Mosalla, while others stayed for *Nafil* prayer.<sup>[10]</sup>



At around 12:30 PM, a small group of people gathered in front of Police Station #16, which is across the street from the Great Mosalla.<sup>[11]</sup> The group gathered to protest the death of Mahsa Amini and the allegations regarding the rape of a teenage girl in Chabahar.<sup>[12]</sup> Video from the first moments of the shooting show protesters chanting “Allahu Akbar (God is Great)” and other slogans.<sup>[13]</sup> Within a few minutes, security forces who had already been stationed on the rooftop of nearby buildings started shooting at people. Some of the protestors threw stones at the police station, and a few tried to break its door. <sup>[14]</sup>



## Razi Street



Mohammad Omar, a Baloch rights activist in exile, also described a similar timeline of events in an interview with IHRDC.<sup>[15]</sup> Multiple sources report that protestors were unarmed and nonviolent.<sup>[16]</sup> Videos circulated on social media show that security forces responded to protestors, a small number of whom can be seen throwing rocks and beating on the police station door, with an excessive and disproportionate amount of deadly force. Given the limitations of independent media coverage and the ongoing internet shutdown in the province, it is difficult to determine exactly how the clashes began.

## B. Massacre in the Great Mosalla

According to an informed source in Zahedan, most of the casualties occurred inside the Great Mosalla.<sup>[17]</sup> Another source stated to IHRDC that the shooting started about five to eight minutes after the end of the prayer at or around 12:30 PM. He described the quick turnaround of events: "I left the Great Mosalla right after the prayer for the departed [for a deceased person] and was heading home. I hadn't reached Madani Street when the shooting started."<sup>[18]</sup> Madani Street is about 1,500 feet away from the Great Mosalla of Zahedan.



At least one source inside Zahedan confirmed to IHRDC that he witnessed a group of men in black clothes stationed on the top of hills overlooking the Great Mosalla after 12:00 PM that day. “Right after the Friday prayers, I walked towards the hills which are next to the Great Mosalla. When I saw these men, I first thought they were hikers. They were together in groups of two.”<sup>[19]</sup>





Another informed source suggested that a group of snipers were on these hills before any protest took place in front of Police Station #16.<sup>[20]</sup> These hills are about 400 meters away from the Great Mosalla. According to a media report produced by the government-affiliated Iranian Student News Agency (ISNA) in 2014, the official uniform of Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) snipers is black.<sup>[21]</sup> Since the early years after the 1979 revolution, the IRGC forces have had a noticeable presence in Sistan and Baluchistan Province. Upon the approval of the Supreme National Security Council in 1992, the IRGC became responsible for the security of Sistan and Baluchistan Province and established the Quds regional headquarters in the southeast of the country.<sup>[22]</sup>

Several videos show the moment the shooting possibly started.<sup>[23]</sup> In a video circulated on social media, people are chanting slogans, while a group threw stones and other objects at the police station.<sup>[24]</sup> On the roof of the police station, a person with a gun appears to be shooting at people.<sup>[25]</sup> In another video from a different angle, a group of people are watching those who throw objects toward the police station and seemingly try to break into it.<sup>[26]</sup> In a different video, the majority of people, including children, are seen at a distance from the half-opened door of the police station.<sup>[27]</sup>

At least one video shows a large group of people were in the Great Mosalla when the shooting started.<sup>[28]</sup> Several videos taken by bystanders show dead and wounded people being taken away amid sporadic gunfire in the background and plumes of smoke in the streets.<sup>[29]</sup> In one video, the person behind the camera refers to the dead as “martyrs” and says they had no “weapons of war.”<sup>[30]</sup> Moreover, it has been reported that security forces fired many tear gas canisters in the Great Mosalla, resulting in the death of at least one woman there.<sup>[31]</sup>



Videos captured during the event show shooters on top of the police station firing into the crowd.

## C. Expansion of Protests to Makki Grand Mosque

At least one video circulated on social media shows that the clashes expanded to the Makki Grand Mosque on Khayyam Street.<sup>[32]</sup> After that, a group of people ran towards Zahedan's Darul-Uloom seminary, which is attached to the Makki Grand Mosque, in an attempt to save their lives.<sup>[33]</sup> One source told IHRDC, "Security forces had already surrounded the seminary and started shooting at people from the rooftops [...] People were in Khayyam Street and Tohid Alley near the [Makki] Mosque [where] about 10 to 15 people were killed and wounded."<sup>[34]</sup>

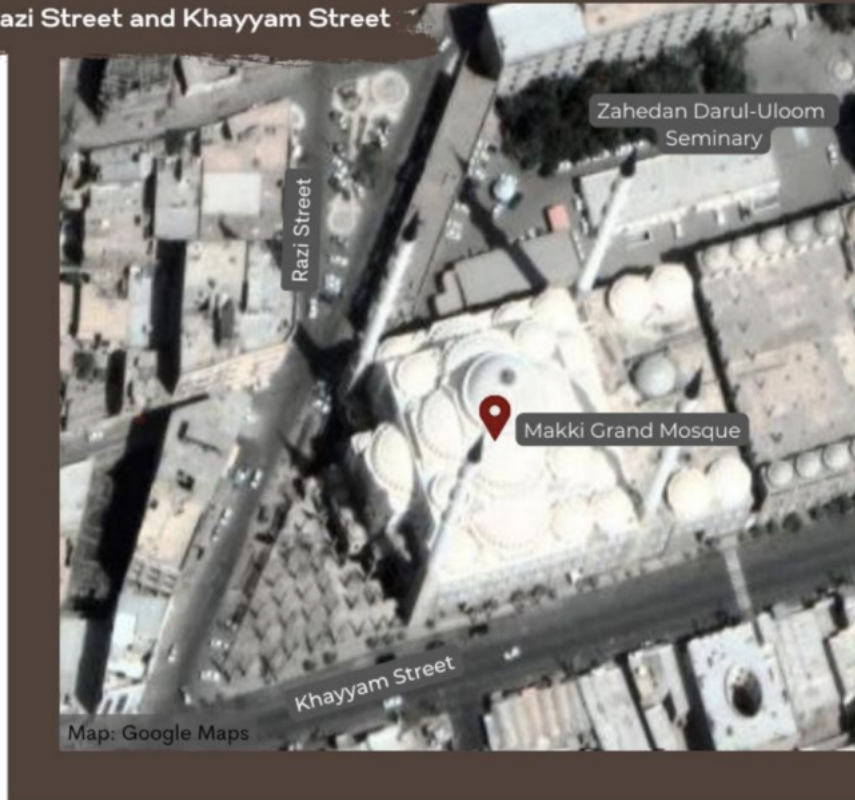
In an interview with IHRDC, another informed source stated:

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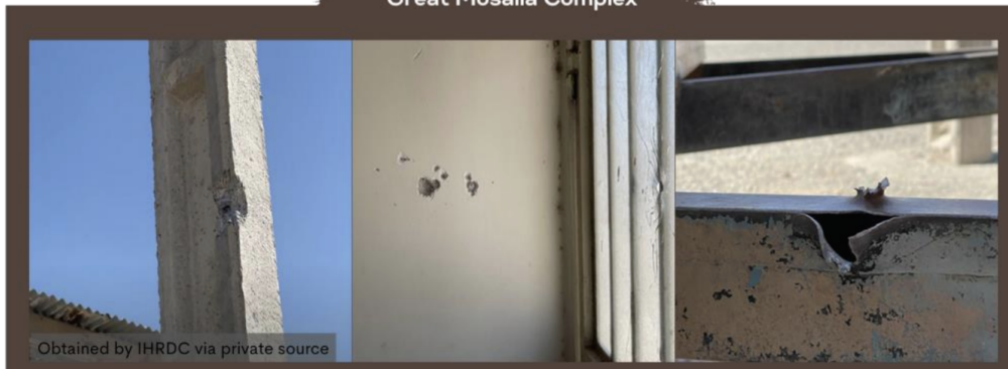
*"[On Sep. 30,] I saw plainclothes agents and IRGC members in their official uniforms but didn't see any police personnel. I witnessed that [they] came close to the Makki Mosque from Madani 14 Street. In response to a group of angry youth, who were chanting [slogans] and throwing stones, [plainclothes agents and IRGC members] started shooting in the air. About one hour later, I saw them at the intersection of Khayyam Street and Razi Street firing teargas and shooting directly at the people who gathered in front of Makki Mosque. The sound of shooting was so intense that we could not hear each other. Around the evening, these forces retreated and returned again after that."* <sup>[35]</sup>



Intersection:  
Razi Street and Khayyam Street



Bullet Holes found in the  
Great Mosalla Complex



*These bullet holes were photographed in a school building affiliated with the Darul-Uloom Seminary that is located in the Great Mosalla complex.*

Another source described the scene of a shooting near the Makki Grand Mosque to IHRDC:

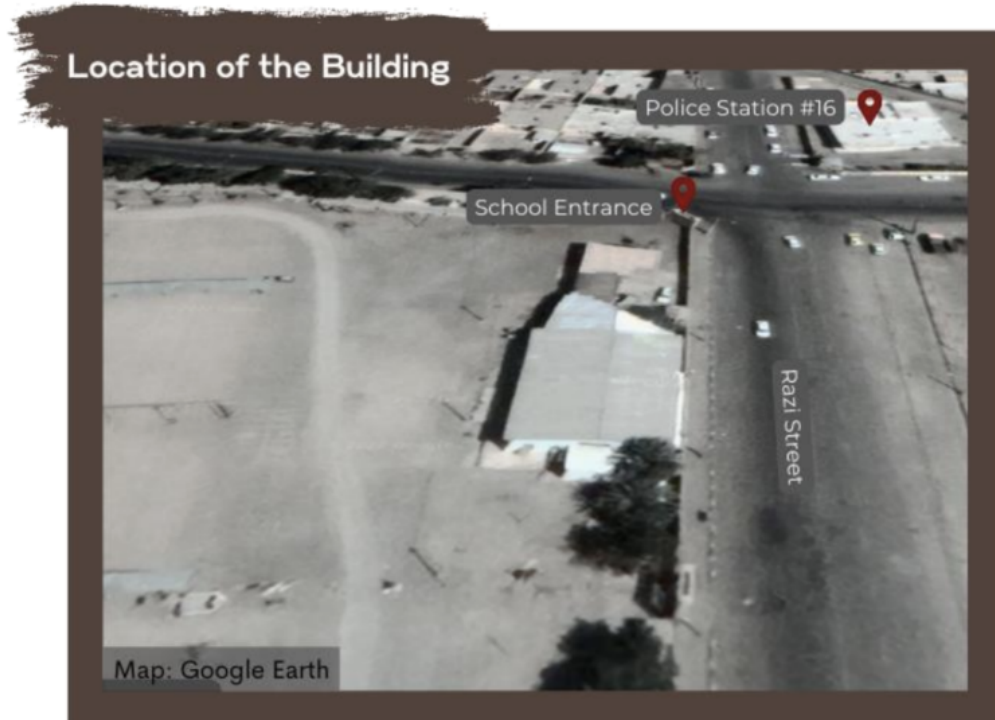
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*There's only one case of confirmed shooting by people at security forces. When a large group of plainclothes forces and cars without plate numbers went toward Makki Mosque and snipers shot at people and buildings, such as the seminary and the personal residence of Molavi Abdolhamid [the Friday prayer Imam of Zahedan], people thought that they intended to enter into the Makki Mosque and kill people there. At that moment a young man started shooting in*



*defense of the mosque, during which the head of IRGC Intelligence in the province and several other IRGC [Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps] members were killed. This young man was also shot to death there.”<sup>[36]</sup>*

An informed source in Zahedan identified the young man referenced above as Yaser Shahbakhsh, who was a skilled sniper and owned an AK-47. According to this source, different parts of Zahedan Darul-Uloom seminary, including classrooms and the office of the Sunni Online website, were damaged as a result of security forces' shootings.<sup>[37]</sup> On October 5, Molavi Abdolhamid, the Sunni Friday prayer Imam of Zahedan, provided a similar description of the course of events.<sup>[38]</sup>



## D. The Government's Narrative: Police Self-Defense

In the government's account of the events, a group of unidentified gunmen opened fire and threw Molotov cocktails at Police Station #16, leading to an intense firefight as the police officers tried to defend the station.<sup>[39]</sup> Iranian state TV published CCTV footage displaying several individuals forcing open the police station's door. The report claims that police responded with live fire only afterwards.<sup>[40]</sup> A social media activist and filmmaker close to the government quoted a Basiji member present at Zahedan and alleged that the police and security forces first started shooting metal pellets into the crowd, but when a truck hit the wall of the police station, they fired live ammunition.<sup>[41]</sup> However, the CCTV footage published by Iranian state TV shows a city bus hitting the police station wall.<sup>[42]</sup> At least one informed source stated to IHRDC that the city bus driver intended to save his life and hit the wall of the police station by accident.<sup>[43]</sup> There is no information about the fate of this driver.

Evidence suggests that security forces have been specifically authorized by the government to exercise brutal force in response to protests. Amnesty International obtained official documents indicating that Iran's highest military institution ordered the commanders of the armed forces in all provinces on September 21 to "resolutely and seriously" deal with the protesters who came to the streets after the death of Mahsa Amini.<sup>[44]</sup>

## E. The People's Account: Premeditated and Unprovoked Attack

According to Molavi Abdolhamid, the Sunni Friday prayer Imam of Zahedan, none of the protestors in front of the police station were armed.<sup>[45]</sup> In response to a few people who shouted slogans and threw stones at the police station, plainclothes security forces who were stationed on the roofs of the police station and the surrounding houses directly shot at the people present at the scene and even those who were inside the Great Mosalla. Molavi Abdolhamid stated, "Tear gas, plastic bullets, and water cannons are used all around the world to disperse people [in protests], but unfortunately, [they] targeted our people with war ammunition, and killed and wounded many in a short period of time."<sup>[46]</sup> Molavi Abdolhamid stated that snipers shot people in the head and the heart.<sup>[47]</sup> He added that no terrorist group was involved in the Friday protests.<sup>[48]</sup>

In addition to Molavi Abdolhamid, several other Sunni clerics have publicly denounced the government's allegation that Jaish al-Adl, a Sunni militant group operating mainly in southeastern Iran, is responsible for killing dozens of people on September 30. According to Molavi Abdul Ghaffar Naqshbandi, the Friday Prayer Imam of Rask in Sistan and Baluchistan Province, the protestors "were not rioters, but the martyrs in bloody shrouds and devoted soldiers."<sup>[49]</sup>

## F. Expansion of Protests to Other Parts of the City

After the crackdown on the Razi Street protestors, tensions continued to rise in other parts of Zahedan, including in the Bazar Moshtarak, Shirabad, and Jam-e Jam neighborhoods.<sup>[50]</sup> One source told IHRDC, "In almost every place where there was a police station or a Basij base, people threw stones at them. There were clashes all over the city, except in shopping centers and malls."<sup>[51]</sup> Video uploaded to social media show shooting of unarmed protestors with at least one casualty near the Shirabad neighborhood.<sup>[52]</sup> Several police vehicles and banks were also set on fire in Shirabad.<sup>[53]</sup> According to Ahmad Taheri, the police commander of Sistan and Baluchistan, three police stations were attacked in Zahedan on September 30.<sup>[54]</sup> It has been reported that some people had gathered in protest in front of several police stations, and a group threw stones at the police buildings on September 30. IHRDC cannot independently confirm, however, that any attacks occurred as Taheri described.

## G. Shocking Numbers of Fatalities

While the exact number of dead and wounded is not known yet, as of October 12, Baloch human rights activists confirmed that at least 93 people, including children, were killed and 350 have been wounded, many of whom are in critical condition.<sup>[55]</sup> Amnesty International confirmed on October 6 that at least 82 protestors and bystanders were killed across Zahedan since September 30.<sup>[56]</sup> There is still little or no information available about some of those who lost their lives after the Friday prayer of Zahedan on September 30.

Areas of Sistan and Baluchistan Province are home to a number of undocumented persons. As such, members of the undocumented community who were killed during the September 30 clashes may not have yet been identified or included in lists of casualties.<sup>[57]</sup> According to Fardin Kadkhodae, a Baloch human rights activist, some of the protestors did not have a smartphone with a camera, and some of them did not have a cellphone at all.<sup>[58]</sup> Limitations such as these have affected the ability of human rights groups and others to confirm the true number of dead and wounded. They also serve as stark examples of the impacts of the cycle of poverty experienced in this historically oppressed region.

The government has acknowledged considerably fewer casualties than have been reported in the province. Hossein Modares Khyabani, the governor of Sistan and Baluchistan, has stated that 19 people were killed and 20 wounded, including police personnel.<sup>[59]</sup> In addition to Ali Mosavi, the head of

IRGC Intelligence in the province, three other members of IRGC regional headquarters in the southeast of Iran and two members of the Basij militia were killed during the clashes.<sup>[60]</sup>

## H. Killing of Minors

Video evidence indicates that children were present throughout the clashes in Zahedan.<sup>[61]</sup> As of October 13, it has been confirmed that at least 13 children under 18 years old were killed during the clashes in Zahedan.<sup>[62]</sup> Most of the children, alongside other people, were killed in Great Mosalla. Haalvsh, a website that covers the news of Sistan and Baluchestan Province, reported that several children and young adults were killed by security forces in the Shirabad neighborhood.<sup>[63]</sup>



*(Left) an unidentified child shot in front of Police Station #16 (Right) an unidentified child shot in Shirabad Neighborhood*

Security forces have continued to exercise excessive force since September 30, and children have continued to be caught in the line of fire. The youngest child killed in Zahedan was a 2-year-old who was shot dead by security forces on Jam-e Jam Boulevard on October 2, 2022.<sup>[64]</sup>

## Child Victims of the Massacre



Source: @farzinkadkhodae



Source: rasanknews

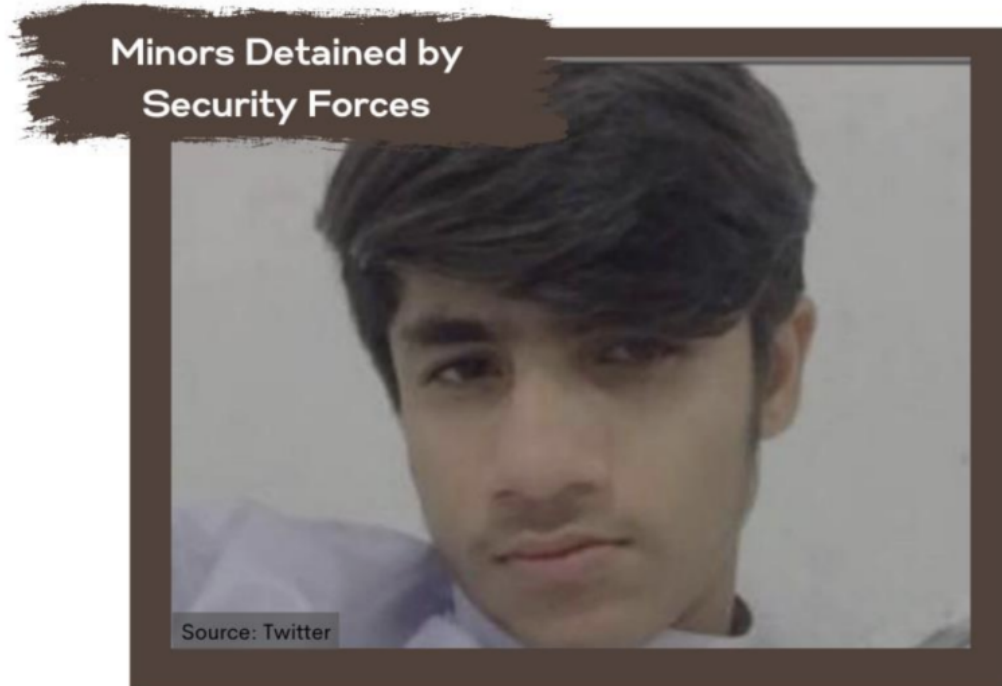
*Mohammad Eghbal Nayeb Zehi (left) and Omid Safar Zehi (right)*

Mohammad Rakhshani, a 12-year-old, was shot in the heart at the intersection of Besat Street and Kowsar Street, where Basij forces were shooting at people, including children, from inside their station. His brother was also wounded in the back.<sup>[65]</sup> Mohammad Eghbal Nayeb Zehi (Shahnavazi), a 16-year-old and the only breadwinner in his family, was also killed on September 30.<sup>[66]</sup> It has been reported that he was undocumented.<sup>[67]</sup> Similarly, Omid Safar Zehi, a 16-year-old, was a child laborer living with no identification documents. He was shot in the head in the Shirabad neighborhood.<sup>[68]</sup> Due to the fact that some of those who were killed in the Shirabad neighborhood, including children, were undocumented, their identity has not been verified thus far.<sup>[69]</sup>

### I. Unknown Fate of Detainees

Following the events of Bloody Friday, Ahmad Taheri, the police commander of Sistan and Baluchistan, declared that a group of separatists who attacked people on September 30 were arrested.<sup>[70]</sup> On October 5, Fars News Agency published the confession of two individuals who they claimed attacked the police station on September 30.<sup>[71]</sup> It is a common practice of Iranian authorities to extract forced confessions from detainees under torture, and such confessions are often broadcast on state media. According to an informed source in Zahedan, approximately 200 people are reported to have been arrested by MOI and IRGC intelligence for participation in the protests.<sup>[72]</sup> On October 4, five people were confirmed to have been taken into custody, and reports indicate many more have been arrested across the province.<sup>[73]</sup> There is no information about the condition nor whereabouts of many arrestees, including children.<sup>[74]</sup> The Islamic Republic has a well-established history of mistreating detainees and denying them basic due process rights. This remains a serious concern regarding those detained on September 30 and on subsequent days. A Baloch rights activist outlined the experience of one teenager who was in the custody of security forces for several days. "You don't have an

identification document [...] I can kill you here like a dog," the interrogator stated to the detained teenager.<sup>[75]</sup>



The information concerning protesters from local demonstrations prior to and on September 30 remains spotty. According to the UK-based Baloch Campaign, there is no information about the condition nor the whereabouts of Afan Malazahi (pictured), a 17-year-old, who was arrested during the protests of September 27 in Chabahar.<sup>[76]</sup>

## III. Continuation of Horrors in Zahedan

Weeks after the deadly crackdown of protestors in Zahedan there is no accountability for the security forces' attack on protestors. The number of casualties continues to increase with the identification of the dead, and there is little to no information about the condition of the detainees.

### A. Deprivation of Proper Medical Care

Different reports indicate that Zahedan hospitals faced a severe shortage of blood due to a large number of patients wounded with live ammunition. It has also been reported that the security forces have prevented hospital personnel from helping injured persons.<sup>[77]</sup> In at least one case, the surgery of an injured person was deliberately delayed in a public hospital, resulting in his death.<sup>[78]</sup> Khodayar Lajaei, who was shot in the kidney and the leg during the protests in the Shirabad neighborhood, was admitted in the Tamin Ejtemaee Hospital in Zahedan, where he died.<sup>[79]</sup> According to an informed source at Bu Ali Hospital in Zahedan, there has been a high number of patients who have been hospitalized as a result of being shot by live ammunition. The lack of medical supplies, personnel, and facilities has forced medical personnel to make impossible triage decisions. According to the source, the medical staff had to "give priority to the surgery of those who were more likely to survive" especially on Friday and Saturday.<sup>[80]</sup>

On October 10, Haalvsh reported that an injured citizen was taken into custody at Tamin Ejtemaee Hospital in Zahedan.<sup>[81]</sup> Some Baluch activists also have reported that in Khatam Hospital, the injured were told to announce that they are "members of Jaish ul-Adl" so that the authorities would allow



surgery to be performed on them.<sup>[82]</sup> An informed source inside Zahedan also stated to IHRDC that many of the injured in critical condition were discharged prior to the visit by Ahmad Vahidi, an IRGC commander and current Minister of the Interior, to possibly give the impression that fewer critical patients were hospitalized as a result of the crackdown.<sup>[83]</sup> It has been reported that some of the wounded have not sought medical care due to fear of arrest at medical centers.<sup>[84]</sup>

Dr. Ashkan Pouyan, a neurosurgeon who treated the wounded in Zahedan, published a story on his Instagram account on October 6, confirming that many people, including a 13-year-old child, were shot from the back.<sup>[85]</sup> He later deleted the story. Since the time of the post, rumors of his disappearance circulated online.<sup>[86]</sup> At the time of preparation of this report, IHRDC confirmed, through correspondence with his relatives, that Dr. Ashkan Pouyan is not in custody, although he has been harassed by security forces.

## B. Pressure on Families of Victims and the Wounded

There are reports that security forces are threatening the families of those who were killed in Zahedan, pressuring them to join the Basij militia or face charges in connections with membership in armed groups.<sup>[87]</sup> At least one source has reported that a delegation from Tehran met with these families promising monetary compensation contingent on their silence about the massacre.<sup>[88]</sup>

## C. Continuation of Sporadic Clashes

Eyewitnesses have reported that military helicopters continuously patrolled the skies of Zahedan following the events of September 30. On October 3, they allegedly fired at a car in the north of Zahedan and killed all four passengers inside the vehicle.<sup>[89]</sup> It has also been reported that military helicopters shot at cars in a parking lot, resulting in severe damages.<sup>[90]</sup>



Haalvsh reported that plain-clothes security forces have disguised themselves as locals and burned down a number of schools and other public places in Zahedan in order to intimidate people.<sup>[91]</sup> An informed source in Zahedan also confirmed that recently many non-local people in Baluchi clothes have been seen in different parts of the province. The source told IHRDC, "Several stores and shopping centers belonging to Baluchi people were burned to the ground by unknown individuals who were in local clothing. Golestan and Royal shopping malls at Rasouli Crossways were set on fire, and local businesses incurred serious damage."<sup>[92]</sup>



Abdullah Aref, an organizer of the Baloch Activists Campaign, confirmed that the protests in recent days have continued within neighborhoods, and it is not clear whether they are organized or not. "Most of the protests take place in the Shirabad neighborhood, which is a severely poor and deprived area. In fact, it is a ruined part of the city that has been left to itself. As the streets of this area are narrow and crowded, youths can protest and then run away. It is not easy for the security forces to catch them in this place. There are still shootings in this area."<sup>[93]</sup>

## IV. Conclusions: Excessive Use of Force and Disregard for Human Life

Following analysis of video footage, photos, and witness testimony, IHRDC can confirm that security officials used excessive force and waged a highly disproportionate response to unrest in Zahedan on September 30, resulting in mass casualties, including the death of at least 13 children. While it is not possible to confirm that every protester was entirely nonviolent, evidence suggests that the majority of protesters were peaceful and that some protesters had only thrown rocks, which does not amount to action warranting the use of live ammunition by the security forces. Only one witness testified to an instance of a single protester shooting, which was reportedly in response to firing by security forces. The events of September 30 amount to a massacre of protesters by security forces.

In the aftermath of the shootings, reports indicate that medical care was limited or outright denied for some citizens. The families of the dead and wounded have reportedly been intimidated and pressured to keep silent about the events of September 30. Very young children, including a two-year-old, have been killed in clashes following the massacre. Since Bloody Friday, government-imposed internet outages have also continued in Sistan and Baluchistan Province, limiting the free flow of information.

Perhaps most disturbing are the footage and accounts of targeted firing into the Great Mosalla, where thousands of peaceful civilians who were not a part of the protest were conducting afternoon prayers. The authorities' use of live ammunition against civilians demonstrates a clear disregard for human life. The government's total denial of responsibility for the massacring of citizens by its security apparatus is

consistent with similar past denials and is evidence that internal calls for investigation of such crimes are insufficient. As the death toll continues to rise from Bloody Friday, the Iranian government must be held accountable for authorizing security forces to exercise excessive force to quash protests with disregard for protesters' life.

## ***Reader advisement:***

***The appendices which follow this report contain graphic images which depict violence.***

## **Appendix I– The Victims Who Were Shot in the Head and the Heart**







## Appendix II – The List of the Dead

This list is accurate to the knowledge of IHRDC staff as of October 14, 2022. IHRDC recognizes that further information may come to light from the time of writing and of publication concerning the details of deaths which occurred as a result of the September 30 crackdown.

ID	Name	نام	Age & Other Details	Place of Death	Date of Death
1	Arman Hassan Zehi	آرمان حسن زهی	Not found	Not found	Not found
2	Ebrahim Gorgij	ابراهیم گرجیج	Not found	Not found	Not found
3	Abubakr Alizehi	ابوبکر علی زهی	Father: Abdul Shakoor. He was 23-year-old and was shot in the heart.	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
4	Abobakr Nahtani	ابوبکر نهتانی	Not found	Not found	Not found
5	Ahmad Sarani	احمد سارانی	Father: Aman Allah. He was 26-year-old was shot in the chest and the neck.	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
6	Ahmad Sargolzaei	احمد سرگلزایی	Not found	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
7	Ahmad Shah Bakhsh	احمد شه بخش	Not found	Not found	Not found
8	Ismaeel Abil	اسماعیل آبیل	Father: Abdul Rahman – Nabovat Surgery Center	Karimabad neighborhood, Zahedan	Not found
9	Esmaeil Hossein Zehi	اسماعیل حسین زهی	Father: Mohammad Slim	Not found	Not found
10	Eghbal Shahnavaizi	اقبال شهنوازی	Not found	Not found	Not found
11	Omid Sarani	امید سارانی	Father: Khaleghdad. He was 13-year-old and was killed by gunshots to the chest and the heart.	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
12	Omid Safar Zehi	امید صفرزهی	Father: Naeim. He was 17-year-old and was shot	Not found	Not found



			in the head.		
13	Amir Hossein Parnian	امیرحسین پرنیان (میرکازهی ریگی)	Farther: Ebrahim. He was 19-year-old and was shot in the head and heart from behind.	Not found	Not found
14	Amir Hamzeh Shahnavaizi	امیرحمزه شهنوازی	Not found	Not found	Not found
15	Amin Allah Gholjaei	امین الله قلیجایی	Seminary student	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
16	Amim Golebache	امین گله بچه	Not found	Not found	Not found
17	Balal Anshini	بلال آنشینی	Not found	Not found	Not found
18	Balal Rakhshani	بلال رخشانی	Name of father: Abdulvahab	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
19	Behzad Rigi	بهزاد ریگی	Name of father: Reza. He was 30 year old and was shot in the head.	Not found	Not found
20	Jaber Shiru Zehi	جابر شیروزهی	Name of father: Ahmad. He was 12-year-old.	Shirabad, Zahedan	Not found
21	Jalil Rakhshani	جلیل رخشانی	Name of father: Majid	Not found	Not found
22	Jalil Ghanbarzehi	جلیل قنبرزهی	Name of father: Rahman	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
23	Jalil Mohammad Zehi	جلیل محمد زهی	Name of father: Abdulrahman	Not found	Not found
24	Jamal Abdunaser Mohammad Hasani (Barahoei)	جمال عبدالناصر محمد حسنی (براهویی)	Not found	Not found	Not found
25	Javad Poushe	جواد پوشه	Name of father: Ahmad. He 11-year-old.	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
26	Hamzeh Naroei	حمزه نارویی	Name of father: Mohammad.	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
27	Hamzeh Naroei	حمزه نارویی	He was shot in the leg and kidney.	Not found	Not found
28	Hamid Isazehi	حمید عیسی زهی	Not found	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
29	Hamid Naroei	حمید نارویی	Name of father: Mohammad Ali	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
30	Hamid Naroei	حمید نارویی	Name of father: Rashid	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
31	Khodanoor Lajei	خدانور لجوی	Name of father: Issa. He was shot on the back.	Tamin Ejtemai Hospital,	October 3, 2022

				Zahedan	
32	Zolfaghar Hassan Zehi	ذالفغار حسن زهی	Not found	Not found	Not found
33	Samer Hashem Zehi	سامر هاشم زهی	Father: Haj Abdunabi. He was 16-year-old.	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
34	Sami Hashem Zehi	سامی هاشم زهی	He was 33-year-old.	Not found	Not found
35	Sudis Keshani	سدیس کشانی	14-year-old.	Not found	Not found
36	Salman Maleki	سلمان ملکی	Not found	Not found	Not found
37	Soleyman Arab	سلیمان عرب	Name of father: Sardar Mohammad	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
38	Salah Aldin Gomshadzehi	صلاح الدین گمشادزهی	Name of father: Haji Nemat Allah	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
39	Abdul Jalil Rakhshani	عبدالجلیل رخشانی	Not found	Not found	Not found
40	Abdul Khalegh (Omar) Shahnavaizi	عبدالخالق (عمر) شهنوازی	Name of father: Mohammad Sharif	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
41	Abdul Rahman Baluchi Khah	عبدالرحمن بلوچی خواه	Name of father: Shahi	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
42	Abdulsamad Barahoei	عبدالصمد براهویی	Name of father: Sakhidad	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
43	Abdulsamad Sabetizadeh	عبدالصمد ثابتی زاده	Name of father: ShirAli	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
44	Abdulghafor Dehmardeh	عبدالغفور دهمرده	Not found	Not found	Not found
45	Abdulghafor Noor Barahoei	عبدالغفور نوربراهویی	Name of father: Zaher. He was shot in the heart.	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
46	Andullah Shahbakhsh	عبدالله شه بخش	Name of father: Jome	Not found	Not found
47	Abdullah Naroei	عبدالله نارویی	Name of father: Abdul Majid	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
48	Abdulmajid Rigi	عبدالمجید ریگی	Not found	Not found	Not found
49	Abdulmalek Shahbakhsh	عبدالملک شه بخش	Not found	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
50	Abdulmanan Rakhshani	عبدالمنان رخشانی	Not found	Not found	Not found
51	Abdulvahid Tohidinia	عبدالوحید توحیدینیا	Name of father: Rahim. He was shot in the chest.	Shirabad, Zahedan	Not found
52	Azizallah Kabdani	عزیزالله کبدانی	Name of father: Habibollah. (reported by Haalvsh)	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022

53	Ali Akbar Halghebeghoosh	علی اکبر حلقه بگوش	Not found	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
54	Ali Agheli (Naroei)	علی عاقلی (نارویی)	He was 26-year-old.	Not found	Not found
55	Omar Shahnavaizi	عمر شهنوازی	Not found	Not found	Not found
56	Omran Hassan Zehi	عمران حسن زهی	Name of father: Haj Ali	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
57	Farzad Shahbakhsh	فرزاد شه بخش	Father: Zaher – He was shot in the heart.	Makki Mosque, Zahedan	Not found
58	Gangur Zehi Rigi (Unknow First Name)	گنگوزهی ریگی (نام نامشخص)	Not found	Not found	Not found
59	Laal-Mohammad (Lalbakhsh) Anshini	لال محمد آنشینی – لالبخش	Construction worker. Name of father: Sharif	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
60	Lal Mohammad Aali Zehi	لال محمد عالی زهی	Name of father: Zarif	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
61	Mah Aldin Shir Zehi	ماه الدین شیروزهی	Not found	Not found	Not found
62	Matin Qanbar Zehi	متین قنبر زهی	He was 18-Year-Old.	Not found	Not found
63	Majid Baluch Zehi Shahbakhsh	مجید بلوچ زهی شه بخش	Name of father: MehrAllah	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
64	Mohammad Gomshad Zehi	محسن گمشادزهی	Not found	Not found	Not found
65	Mohammad Eghbal Nayeb Zehi (Shahnavaizi)	محمد اقبال نایب زهی – شهنوازی	Name of father: Niaz Mohammad. He was 16-year-old.	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
66	Mohammad Barhoei	محمد براهویی	Seminary Student	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
67	Mohammad Rakhshani	محمد رخشانی	Name of father: Abdulqader. He was 12-year old and was shot in the head.	Intersection of Kowsar Street and Besat Street, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
68	Mohammad Rigi	محمد ریگی	Not found	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
69	Mohammad Sadigh Naroei	محمد صدیق نارویی	Name of father: Serajodin. He was 23-year-old	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022

70	Mohammad Gholjani	محمد قلجانی	Not found	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
71	Mohammad Amin Gomshadzehi	محمد امین گمشادزهی	Name of father: Abdul Hamid. He was 17-year-old.	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
72	Mohammad Reza Adib Totazehi	محمد رضا ادیب توتازهی	Name of father: Seyed Mohammad	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
73	Mohammad Ali Ismaeil Zehi	محمد علی اسماعیل زهی	Name of father: Abdulvahed	Makki Mosque, Zahedan	Not found
74	Mohammad Ali Gomshad Zehi	محمد علی گمشادزهی	Father: Abdul Hamid. He was 18-year-old.	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
75	Mohammad Farogh Rakhshani	محمد فاروق رخشانی	Not found	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
76	Mahmood Barahoei	محمود براهویی	Seminary Student. He was 18-year-old.	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
77	Mahmood Hassan Zehi	محمود حسن زهی	Not found	Not found	Not found
78	Morteza Hassan Zehi	مرتضی حسن زهی	Not found	Not found	Not found
79	Mostafa Barichi	مصطفی بریچی	Name of father: Hassan. He was 24-year-old and was killed by 2 gunshots.	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
80	Mansoor Rakhshani	منصور رخشانی	Not found	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
81	Mehdi Anshini	مهدی آنشینی	Not found	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
82	Mosa Anshini	موسی آنشینی	Name of father: Aziz	Not found	Not found
83	Mosa Virah (Naroei)	موسی ویراء (نارویی)	Name of father: Abdulgheys. He was 18-year-old	Not found	Not found
84	Molavi Omid Shahnavaizi	مولوی امید شهنوازی	Name of father: Ahmad. He was shot in the heart.	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
85	Mirshekar	میرشکار	2-year-old. The first name is unknown.	Jam-e Jam Boulevard, Zahedan	Oct. 2, 2022
86	Not found	نامشخص - زن(هویت نامشخص/مصلی زاهدان)	Not found	Not found	Not found
87	Not found	نامشخص - کودک(هویت)	Not found	Not found	Not found

		نامشخص/منطقه شیرآباد			
88	Not found	نامشخص – یک مرد (هویت نامشخص/اهل شیرآباد)	Not found	Not found	Not found
89	Not found	نامشخص – یک مرد(هویت نامشخص/ اهل شیرآباد)	Not found	Not found	Not found
90	Najmodin Tajik	نجم الدین تاجیک	Name of father: Hafiz Allah – Afghan Citizen	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
91	Nemat Allah Kabdani	نعمت الله کبدانی	Not found	Great Mosalla, Zahedan	Sep. 30, 2022
92	Yasir Sahu Zehi	یاسر شاهوزهی	He was 16-year-old and was shot in the heart.	Not found	Sep. 30, 2022
93	Yaser Shahbakhsh	یاسر شه بخش	Name of father: Haji Taj Moahammad – Shahdad	Tohid Street, Zahedan	Not found
94	Younes Naroei	یونس نارویی	Not found	Not found	Not found

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