

Appendix V

Violations of the Right to Life and Rights of the Child

The Reports of Secret Burials

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The news of the secret burial of martyrs of recent protests has gained widespread coverage in the media in recent days. Norooz website, the media arm for the Islamic Iran Participation Front [Jebheye Mosharekat Iran Eslami] has been under attack by government supporters for exposing the issue.

As a journalist and editor-in-chief of Norooz, I will attempt to explain how this news was uncovered, how it began and how it arrived at this point.

1 – On July 12, the mother of one of the victims of the post-election turmoil informed a Norooz reporter that a number of corpses had been stored at the Aminzadeh cold storage facility, one of the country's largest industrial cold storage centers located in Islamshahr, south of Tehran. She said that while looking for his son's corpse in this cold storage facility, she saw a large number of bodies that were piled on top of each other. The observations of this mother dated to two days earlier, ie July 9.

2 – On July 12 Norooz published the statements of this mother. However, since sufficient confirmation was not available to confirm the news, the report started with "It has been heard."

3 – After the publication of the report, Norooz website colleagues began searching for evidence and took steps to gather information pertaining to the issue. We learned from the testimony of Aminzadeh cold storage facility personnel that on the night of the publication of the news, a significant amount of unusual traffic took place at the facility, as vehicles moved certain things out of the compound.

4 – In the days following the publication of the report, we received news that several of the corpses delivered to the families were completely frozen. Photographs of the martyrs that were published on Norooz website as well, belonging to martyr Behzad Mohajer, clearly indicated that the corpse of this person was totally frozen. Bodies that are kept at the coroner's office, however, are never frozen to such degree, even after 40 days. This issue confirmed Norooz's report about the storage of corpses at an industrial cold storage facility.

5 – After continued investigation, we concluded that on July 11, a significant number of vehicles that did not belong to the Behesht Zahra cemetery transported corpses to the cemetery. At that time too, there were reports that some corpses had been

transported to Isfahan and outskirts of Tehran. So far, we have not been able to confirm those reports. With respect to Behesht Zahra, however, reports that were confirmed by the cemetery's personnel indicate that on July 11 and July 14, a number of non-standard vehicles, which are not used to transport corpses, came to and left Behesht Zahra.

6 – Further investigation revealed that several corpses were taken to and buried anonymously at the newly-formed section 302 in Behesht Zahra, located outside of the cemetery's general area.

7 – Based on this information, a week before our final report we were able to gather all the necessary evidence and were even in the possession of the burial certificate numbers of the martyrs. Due to the sensitivity of the news, we first contacted the Behesht Zahra cemetery officials. They neither confirmed nor denied the news, and did not give us any convincing answers.

8 – In the end, the editorial board of the Norooz website reached the conclusion that the best way to commemorate the rights of the martyrs was to publish the details of this event, especially because a large number of families are still waiting since the early post-election days for the return of their loved ones and are unaware of their fates. We published the report on July 21 while accepting the costs of doing so.

9 – On that same day, July 2, Majid Nasirpour, member of the Majlis Social Committee reacted to Norooz's report by claiming that the Majlis will investigate the group burial of the martyrs. The fact that a lawmaker promised to investigate the matter caused us much hope.

10 – To our utter surprise, however, on that same day Farhad Tajari, member of the Majlis National Security Committee and the committee to investigate prison and detainee treatment announced that the news is one hundred percent false. Mr. Tajari's denial took place within hours of the publication of Norooz's original report. He could have at least visited the Behesht Zahra cemetery and the specific location revealed by Norooz to investigate. However, he said that the report was false without any serious inquiry.

11 – As a first step at Norooz we tried to report this issue in brief terms. After our reports were rejected, we decided to provide the burial certificate numbers as proof that what we published was supported with evidence.

12 – As is normal procedure at Behesht Zahra, when someone passes away and a burial certificate is issued, a little plaque is set aside for that person that contains the person's name, burial site and other related information. The video clip that our Norooz colleagues prepared of the martyrs' graves clearly show that, while other graves that belong to the public include such plaques, some graves do not have them.

13 – Mr. Hamid Reza Katouzian, who serves on the Majlis committee to investigate prison and detainee conditions, announced that he was willing to investigate this matter. We highly welcome this determination and are prepared to provide our published and unpublished evidence to that committee or any neutral committees.

14 – Finally, I would like to mention that our only mission in this matter is to serve our duties as journalists. A journalist has the duty to investigate important news that he receives, and to publish them after confirming their validity and truth. The next step falls on the shoulders of judicial officials to follow up on the matter and punish the violators.

Source: Roozonline

List of 114 Juvenile Offenders on Death Row

This list by the International Campaign for Human Rights in Iran is not complete and not all information could be compiled. The names, ages, court dates, and trial locations are only provided for those juveniles whose cases were known. A number of the juveniles have already been executed

1. Abbas – Karaj, Branch 77, Tehran Children’s Court, Supreme Court, 30/May/2006
2. Afshar, Habib – 15 years old, from Qom, case # 1126-83 T, Qom Criminal Court
3. Afshari – from Tehran, Branch 1603, Tehran Criminal Court, Supreme Court, May 1999
4. Ahmad, Jaberi – 15 years old, from Khuzistan, Branch 29, Supreme Court, case # 39/711
5. Ahmadi, Rahim – 16 years old, Branch 5, Fars Penal Court, 20 January 2007, Branch 37, Supreme Court
6. Ahmadpour, Sadiq – 17 years old, from Chahar Mahal and Bakhtiari, Branch 104, Shahrkurd Public Court, Branch 27 Supreme Court, 23 July 2006
7. Akbari, Salman – from Ardebil, Public Court of Arshagh, 14 July 2003 case # 2-8728/7
8. Ali – 16 years old from Tehran, case #2101, Tehran Children’s Court Branch 27, July 2002
9. Ali (citizen of Afghanistan) – 15 years old from Shahriar, Branch 74, Tehran Criminal Court, 22 July 2007
10. Alimohammadi, Akram (alias Setayesh) – 17 years old
11. Alinezhad, Reza – 17 years old

12. Alireza – 17 years old from Tehran, case #2102, Children’s Court, April 2002
13. Alkoozeii, Omaruldin – 17 years old from Yazd, Branch 101, Taft Public Court, 12 January 2003, Branch 26 Supreme Court
14. Amir – from Tehran, Branch 1156, Tehran Besat Judicial Complex
15. Amir Hooshang
16. Amrullahi, Amir – 16 years old from Shiraz, Branch 5, Shiraz Penal Court, Branch 27, Supreme Court, 10 November 2007
17. Angooti, Safar – 17 years old
18. Anvari, Mehyaar – 17 years old from Golestan, Branch 6, Khoramabad Public Court, 13 June 2004; case #690, Branch 27 Supreme Court
19. Arab, Saeed – from Golestan, Public and Revolutionary Court of Gorgan, Branch 3 Gorgan Criminal Court, 18 July 2006
20. Ashkan – 16 years old, Branch 122, Special Court for Children, 26 October 2003
21. Atashjan, Nazbibi – 16 years old from Semnan, Branch 107, Khoramabad Criminal Court, 1 May 2006, case #222/84/3015
22. Ayootundi, Rasool – 17 years old
23. Azimi, Mehdi
24. B., Milad – 17 years old from Tehran, case # 2106, Tehran Children’s Court, August 2002
25. Bakhtiari, Mehdi – Branch 74, Tehran Children’s Court; Branch 27, Supreme Court, November 2004
26. Barahooti, Gholamnabi – 16 years old from Yazd, Branch 10, Yazd Public Court, case # 2067, 6 February 2003; Branch 27, Supreme Court, case # 89
27. Benyamin Rasooli – 16 years old from Karaj, Branch 74, Tehran Penal Court; Supreme Court, October 2005
28. Chaleh Chaleh, Amir – 17 years old
29. Darabi, Delara – executed 1 May 2009; 17 years old from Rasht
30. Fada – Tehran, Branch 71, Tehran Children’s Court, 5 March 2006
31. Fadaii, Mohammad – 17 years old
32. Faramarz – from Karaj, Branch 71, Tehran Penal Court, 2006; Branch 28, Supreme Court, September 2007

33. Farhad – from Tehran, Branch 1157, Tehran Criminal Court
34. Feizi, Morteza – 17 years old
35. Feyz, Mohammad (citizen of Afghanistan) – 16 years old from Karaj, case # 122, Karaj Children’s Court, 2004
36. Ghaderi, Mohammad Shah – from Tehran, Branch 1608, Tehran Criminal Court, June 1999
37. Ghandali, Mehdi – from Semnan, Branch 4, Semnan Public Court, 16 June 2006
38. Gharehbaghloo, Hussein – 16 years old from Tehran, Branch 71, Tehran Public Court, 1 November 2006
39. Golshani, Ramin – from Tehran, Tehran Criminal Court, November 1997; Supreme Court, June 1998
40. Haddadi, Mohammad Reza – 15 years old from Shiraz, Branch 42, Supreme Court
41. Haghgoo, Mehryar – 17 years old from Rasht, Branch 102, Rasht Penal Court
42. Haghi, Hussein – 17 years old, Branch 27, Supreme Court, 24 June 2004
43. Hajer – 16 years old from Karaj, Branch 122, Karaj Children’s Court, January 2006
44. Halat
45. Hamid – Branch 17, Isfahan Penal Court
46. Hamid – 17 years old from Shariar, Branch 71, Tehran Penal Court, October 2005
47. Hamzeh, Zolfali – from Markazi, Branch 2, Saveh General Court
48. Hasan – from Tehran, Branch 1156, Tehran Besat Judicial Complex
49. Hashemi, Iman – 16 years old from Isfahan
50. Heidari, Asghar – 17 years old
51. Heidari, Saeed – from Tehran, Branch 1602, Tehran Criminal Court, 17 June 1999
52. Hijazi, Reza – 15 years old from Tehran
53. Hussein – from Tehran, Branch 37, Tehran Public Court, 11 April 1998

54. Hussein, Aku – from Kurdistan, case # 1326, 3 November 2003, Branch 27, Supreme Court
55. Iman (also Iman Jirofti) – 16 years old from Tehran, Tehran Children's Court, September 2004
56. J., Amir – from Tehran, Branch 1601, Tehran Criminal Court, 22 October 2000
57. J., Javad – from Tehran, Branch 1602, Tehran Criminal Court
58. Jahedi, Mohammad – 16 years old from Fasa, Branch 4, Fasa Public Court, 25 December 2003; Branch 27, Supreme Court
59. Jazzi, Saeed – 17 years old, Branch 1183, Children's Court, 21 May 2005
60. Kafishir, Masood
61. Kalbali, Naiim – 15 years old from Sistan and Baluchistan, Branch 102, Zahedan Criminal Court
62. Khaleqi, Bahador – 16 years old, Branch 1, Saqez Public Court, 21 June 2005; Branch 27, Supreme Court, 13 March 2005
63. M., Mohammad – from Shiraz, Shiraz Criminal Court, 2004; Supreme Court
64. Mavari, Mohammad – from Golestan, Branch 2, Kerdkooori Public Court, 18 August 2000; Branch 40, case # 40/28
65. Mehdi – Branch 71, Tehran Children's Court, 5 March 2006
66. Mehran – 17 years old from Karaj, Branch 77, Tehran Children's Court; Supreme Court, 30 May 2006
67. Mehrdad – 17 years old from Tehran, Branch 71, Tehran Children's Court, 4 February 2006
68. Mihan Torabi, Ali – 16 years old from Karaj, Branch 33, Special Public Court for Children, 30 October 2003; Branch 27, Supreme Court, 8 June 2004
69. Mohamad (alias Seifullah) – from Tehran, Branch 71, Tehran Children's Court, 23 January 2006
70. Mohammad – 16 years old from Qazvin, Supreme Court, 4 August 2006
71. Mohammad Reza – from Tehran, case # 1602, Tehran Criminal Court, Branch 33, 30 September 2002
72. Mojtaba – from Tehran, case # 1188, Tehran Children's Court, August 2003
73. Momeni Yasaghi, Hani – from Golestan, Public Court of Gorgan, 20 November 2004, Branch 26, 9 March 2005

74. Moradzadeh Zagheh, Ali – from Qom
75. Morazavian, Ahmad – 15 years old from Isfahan
76. Morteza – 17 years old from Tehran, Branch 74 Tehran Penal Court
77. Mostapha – 16 years old from Tehran, Branch 74, Tehran Criminal Court; Branch 33, Supreme Court, August 2005
78. Mowsali Roodi, Alireza – 16 years old from Qom, case # 4786-85 T, Qom Criminal Court
79. Mozafari, Hasan – from Bushehr, Bushehr Criminal Court, case # 85/18; Branch 27, Supreme Court, case # 530/85
80. Nabavi, Iman – Semnan, Branch 4, case # 15-471/85
81. Naghdi, Mostapha
82. Najafpour, Soghra – 13 years old from Gilan
83. Nemat – 17 years old, Branch 106, Isfahan Criminal Court; Supreme Court, 1 May 2006
84. Nooriani, Rasool – from Hamedan, Hamedan Penal Court
85. Noorzehi, Ahmad – 12 years old from Sistan and Baluchistan, Revolutionary Court, 2005
86. Nour Mohammad, Ali – 16 years old, Branch 24, Kermanshah; Branch 8, Kermanshah Appeals Court
87. Padashi, Reza – 16 years old, Branch 71, Tehran Penal Court, 20 February 2005; Branch 37, Supreme Court, 3 September 2006
88. Pezhman, Mohammad – from Bushehr, Branch 27, Supreme Court, case # 530/85
89. Pour Heidari, Hamed
90. Rakshani, Abdolkhaleq – from Golestan, Branch 2, Golestan Appeals Court, 16 March 2006
91. Ramrdar – 17 years old from Shiraz, case # 12, Shiraz, June 2004
92. Reza – from Tehran, case # 1157, Tehran Criminal Court, June 2003
93. Reza – Islamshahr, October 2003
94. Sohrabi, Abu Moslem – from Firoozabad, Fars, Branch 3, Firoozabad Court; Branch 33, Supreme Court

95. Saeedi, Mustapha – from Markazi, Saveh General and Revolutionary Court; Branch 42, Supreme Court
96. Safar, Ali – from Tehran, Branch 1156, Tehran Besat Judicial Complex
97. Sara – Islamshahr, Tehran Criminal Court, September 2003
98. Sarani, Omid – 17 years old from Sistan and Baluchistan, Branch 102, Zahedan Criminal Court
99. Sh., Javad
100. Shahidi, Rahman – from Bushehr, Bushehr Criminal Court, case # 85/18; Branch 27 Supreme Court, case # 530/85
101. Shahmazhi, Khodamorad – 17 years old from Sistan and Baluchistan
102. Shanbehzadeh, Alinazar – 17 years old
103. Shirnejad, Siavash – from Lorestan, Branch 107, Khoramabad Criminal Court, 9 May 2006
104. Shojai, Behrooz – 16 years old
105. Soltani, Feyzollah – from Yazd, Revolutionary Court
106. Taleii, Ebrahim – Tehran, Branch 1602, Tehran Criminal Court, 25 July 1999; Branch 11, Supreme Court, March 2001
107. Taranj, Hussein
108. Unknown – 17 years old, 3 June 2004; Supreme Court, 20 June 2006
109. Unknown – from Kerman, Branch 101, Kerman Court; Supreme Court
110. Vahid – 16 years old from Tehran, Branch 71 Tehran Children’s Court, 6 November 2004
111. Zahir – 15 years old from Tehran, case # 77, Tehran Children’s Court, 2004
112. Zamani, Mehیار – 16 years old, Branch 102, Rasht Children’s Court
113. Zamani, Mosleh – 17 years old, Branch 27, Supreme Court
114. Zare, Behnam – 16 years old from Fars, executed 26 August 2008