HUMAN RIGHT VIOLATIONS AND SITUATION OF AUGUST 2023 IN BALOCHISTAN

TORTURE VICTIMS: 24

ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES: 64

EXTRA JUDICIAL KILLING: 3



The forced disappearance of Noor Khatoon and her kids is seen as collective punishment targeting people associated with the Baloch movement.



An overview of Human Rights Situation in Month Of August 2023

Key Topics:

- Statistics: 64 enforced disappearances, 24 tortured detainees, a teacher falsely accused of blasphemy murdered, a migrant couple slain in West Balochistan, a farmer killed in Jhal Magsi, and the body of another detainee found
- False Accusations of Blasphemy, Murder of Teacher Abdul Rauf, and State-Sponsored Religious groups
- The brutal murder of human rights activist Rukhsana (Hani Baloch) and her husband Sameer Baloch and its motives.
- Killing of Imdad Joyo Leaves Lasting Injustices
- Noor Khatoon and Her Kids Enforced Disappearance Deeply Alarming
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The situation in Balochistan has taken a grim turn as the August 2023 report reveals an increase in enforced disappearances and state-sponsored religious attacks. Pakistan Army has forcibly disappeared 64 individuals this month after extrajudicial arrests, surpassing the previous month's record of 57 cases. These figures highlight the alarming rise in enforced disappearances, signalling a worsening human rights crisis.

Additionally, 24 detainees were subjected to torture and subsequently released without explanation. Concerns are growing that Pakistan, under economic pressures and foreign investors' influence, particularly China for the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), aims to weaken potential opposition or resistance forces in Balochistan. This sinister agenda may facilitate resource exploitation by multinational companies, raising severe human rights concerns for the foreseeable future.

Makuran Division, crucial for the CPEC project, has become a prime target for Pakistan Army operations, with **22** reported cases of enforced disappearances. Disturbing incidents of violence have occurred in Hairabad, Hotabad, Balicha, and Nasirabad of Tump Tehsil in Kech district, where people have been detained, tortured, and subsequently released.

The body of Ghulam Farooq, son of Muhammad Waris, forcibly disappeared from Mastung on October 27, 2022, and was discovered on August 31, 2023, in a vineyard on Kili Qambrani Road.

Tragic incidents from last month include the wrongful murder of language teacher Abdul Rauf Barkat on false blasphemy charges in Turbat, the killing of farmer Imdad Joyo by influential people, and the abduction and burning of migrant couple Samir and Rukhsana (Hani Baloch) in Phara (Iran Shaar), West Balochistan, which have heightened insecurity within the Baloch society.

Moreover, the arbitrary arrest and targeting of human rights activist and Baloch woman lawyer Iman Mazari, who raises a strong voice against enforced disappearances, represent an oppressive attempt to silence Baloch rights advocates - an action that we vehemently condemn.

The detailed incidents mentioned here are part of Paank's comprehensive August 2023 report, ensuring these grave human rights violations are recorded and acknowledged.

• False Accusations of Blasphemy, Murder of Teacher Abdul Rauf, and State-Sponsored Religious groups

On August 5, 2023, a tragic incident occurred in Malik Abad in Turbat, where Abdul Rauf Barkat, a resident of Dasht Tehsil in Kech District, was ambushed and fatally shot. Abdul Rauf and his friends were visiting local scholars to defend himself against false accusations of blasphemy.

Abdul Rauf, an 18-year-old student who had just completed his 12th-grade exams, was working hard to support his education and that of his younger brother. He taught English at a language centre to make ends meet. Unfortunately, he became a target of blasphemy accusations. Abdul Rauf was also an aspiring poet known for his expressive views on national matters among his close friends. Tragically, his brother, Samir Baloch, who was associated with a Baloch Freedom Movement armed organization, was also brutally murdered following this incident. Samir and his wife were kidnapped and killed. There are suspicions that they were targeted due to social media criticism of certain scholars involved in Abdul Rauf's murder.

The police have shown reluctance in investigating the murder and holding the individuals involved in the conspiracy accountable. One of the key accused, Mufti Shamir, is associated with a death squad operating under the protection of the Pakistan army. His father, Aziz Bizenjo, and brother, Miran, are known to be involved in anti-Baloch armed groups in the region. Numerous photographic evidence suggests their connections with armed groups. Authorities have shown hesitancy in prosecuting them.

Mufti Shahmir has significantly promoted religious hatred within the region, expanded his influence, and protected religious extremists who openly propagate bigotry against those with differing beliefs. Disturbing reports have surfaced from Kech, mentioning using Minbars and Mihrabs of mosques as tools to spread religious hatred.

The killing of Abdul Rauf Barkat in the name of blasphemy has raised concerns among civil society, moderate religious figures, and political parties. This incident has resulted in an increase in religious extremism among the youth. Additionally, the growing activities of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan in Balochistan indicate a deliberate effort to divert the youth's attention from the Baloch movement by allowing the spread of religious extremism.

Despite being implicated in the triple murder of members of the same family, Shahmir continues his activities with the support of the powerful Pakistan army. In August of last year, serious charges were filed against Mufti Shahmir, as Radio Zrumbesh reported, which detailed their terrorist activities disguised as religious fervour in Tehsil Dasht District Kech.

Mufti Shahmir has utilized religion to create a network of individuals with a jihadi mind-set receiving full support from the Pakistani army. It is worth noting that Mufti Shahmir's father, Aziz Bizenjo, is associated with the National Party, though his influence was previously limited to Pidrak. Mufti Shah Mir has expanded his influence on Turbat and other areas of the Kech District.

In June 2019, a religious organization called 'Ulama-wa-Sulha Committee Kech' was founded by a group of 8 people led by Mufti Shamir Aziz. Mufti Shamir has taken on this organization's coordinator role and made political statements in its name. He has also been involved in meetings and discussions with the local administration.

Concerns have been raised by the local administration about the group's intentions, suspecting that they aim to seize mosques and acquire land in the name of religion to build shelters. In addition, Mufti Shamir Aziz operates a website called 'Balochi Bayan' and is known for issuing blasphemous fatwas against musicians.

There is a list of individuals who have been murdered, and Mufti Shahmir Aziz is being blamed for their deaths. These victims include Dad Bakhsh r/o Shadi Kaur, Master Maqbol, Ghous Bakhsh r/o Jamak, Wahag Son of Khudadad, Paulat r/o Shadi Kaur, Bahot, son of Pir Muhammad r/o Kalag, Wali Muhammad, son of Shikari Yusuf r/o Solani, Wahid, son of Sawali r/o Darmkol, Faizal, son of Fazal r/o Darmkol, Hassan, son of Zahoor r/o Pidrak, Waqar, son of Manzoor r/o Pidrak, Shujaat son of Nimatullah S /o Darmkol, Khuda Bakhsh son Pullan r/o Pidrak, Javed son of Pir Bakhsh r/o Darmkol, Abdul Rauf Barkat, Hani Gull (Rukhsana), and Sameer Baloch son of Abdul Barkat.

The murders of Abdul Rauf Barkat, Hani Gull, and Sameer Baloch were carried out due to religious sentiments. Hani Gull and Sameer Baloch, who were living as emigrants in Western Balochistan, were abducted after speaking out against Mufti Shahmir following Abdul Rauf's murder. It is believed that Mufti Shahmir, who holds influence among religious extremists in the region, played a role in these killings.

Paank is deeply concerned about the activities and growing influence of Mufti Shamir. The allegations against him must be thoroughly investigated, and immediate action should be taken. If these individuals are allowed to continue operating freely in Balochistan, it will only worsen the humanitarian crisis and create a dire situation for the public.

The brutal murder of human rights activist Rukhsana (Hani Baloch) and her husband Sameer Baloch and its motives.

On August 9, just four days after the killing of Abdul Rauf Barkat in Turbat, his brother Sameer and his wife Hani Gull (Rukhsana) were abducted. Sameer had resided in western Balochistan for

several years due to the situation. Hani Gull, a human rights activist in Balochistan, was the fiancée of Naseem, who had forcibly disappeared, and she had been a victim of enforced disappearance in Pakistani torture cells. After getting married to Sameer, she had temporarily refrained from participating in human rights protest activities and had moved to West Balochistan. However, she continued to advocate for human rights on social media. Even after Abdul Rauf's murder, she continued to speaspokee. It is suspected that his strict statements were the cause of Mufti Shahmir, who used his sources to kill both spouses.

Following their torture and murder, the bodies of Hani Gull and Sameer were burned, with Hani Gull being pregnant at the time. On August 23, their bodies were discovered in the Sarawan area of West Balochistan, sparking widespread chaos in Balochistan. This incident shed light on Baloch refugees' grave challenges, especially concerning their precarious lives.

Before this incident, Pakistani forces and intelligence agencies had faced serious accusations of assassinating their opponents abroad. Prominent figures such as BNM leader and BSO Azad's exchairperson Shaheed Banuk Karima and renowned Baloch journalist Sajid Hussain have been among those who were assassinated abroad. The Pakistani army has also been responsible for the deaths of numerous Baloch refugees in neighbouring countries such as Iran and Afghanistan.

It is worth mentioning that Paank has previously drawn attention to the predicament of Baloch refugees in Iran and Afghanistan. In Afghanistan, domestic and international organizations had afforded these refugees protection during the previous government. The current Afghan government should also take steps to safeguard the refugees and facilitate their engagement with international institutions.

Furthermore, Baloch refugees in Iran have also been subjected to violence, as they lack official or legal protection. As a result, many of them stay hidden locally as they lack proper documentation to reside there, making them vulnerable to arrests by law enforcement agencies. They are also deprived of necessities like education and healthcare. Therefore, we strongly urge Iranian authorities to prioritize humanitarian concerns and provide protection to Baloch refugees.

The killing of Hani Gull and Sameer has exposed the severity of this issue. The agents of the Pakistan Army in Western Balochistan are well-organized and influential. Individuals such as Mufti Shamir can potentially manipulate these elements to achieve their objectives while aligning with Pakistan's interests. Pakistan is displeased with the presence of peaceful Baloch refugees in neighbouring countries, Iran and Afghanistan. These refugees were compelled to migrate to safer areas due to the brutality of the Pakistani military and the constant attacks on their residents.

Countless villages along the CPEC route in Makuran were forcefully evacuated, causing many residents to migrate to urban areas. However, even there, they faced ongoing oppression by the Pakistani army. Consequently, many Baloch individuals chose to emigrate. Given their roots and connections in Western Balochistan, it was relatively easier for them to settle there. However,

the Pakistan army has continued pursuing these non-combatants, resulting in dozens of casualties.

The situation regarding Baloch refugees has raised significant concerns and created anxiety among the local Baloch community. It is crucial for Iran and Afghanistan to strongly protest the Pakistani army's terrorist activities on their territories and hold the perpetrators accountable for their crimes.

Hani Gull Baloch was targeted and murdered due to his human rights activism, particularly his efforts against forced disappearances in Quetta, Sindh, and Islamabad. Pakistani agency personnel arrested him on May 14, 2019, along with her fiancé Naseem. While Hani Gull was eventually released after enduring a month and a half of forced disappearance and torture, Naseem Baloch remains forcibly missing. After her release, Hani Gull Baloch revealed the details of her ordeal at a press conference held at the forced missing persons' camp in Quetta. His emergence as a prominent voice against forced disappearances made her a target for those involved in such acts.

Hani Gul had expressed fears for her safety and had even survived a murder attempt where she was targeted by a car. Although she survived the attack, she sustained significant facial injuries requiring medical treatment.

Paank gathered information about the case from multiple sources. According to the victim's family, they have no suspicions towards anyone except Mufti Shahmir. Sameer strongly believes Mufti Shamir was involved in his brother's murder and is openly expressing his anger. Due to this, he was targeted in West Balochistan.

It is imperative to investigate and gain access to the perpetrators responsible for these heinous murders. Serious steps must also be taken to ensure the protection of Baloch refugees.

Killing of Imdad Joyo Leaves Lasting Injustices

Imdad Joyo was assassinated on August 4, 2023, against the backdrop of influential individuals occupying the lands and his long struggle for his rights. The land ownership disputes between farmers and the influential class of landowners in Jhal Magsi are deeply rooted in past injustices in Balochistan. It is crucial to examine this issue and reach a permanent resolution critically. However, in Jhal Magsi, like other areas of Balochistan, the administration and government seem to neglect the safety and justice of the vulnerable.

The family of Imdad Joyo is also facing an arduous and dangerous battle for rightful ownership of their land. Even after Imdad Joyo's murder, influential figures refuse to acknowledge their land possession and seek to seize it through illegal and extrajudicial means forcefully. Such actions cannot be accepted. All disputes should be resolved through laws, collective harmony, and the judicial system, hallmarks of civilized societies. Failure to do so will lead to social division and widespread human rights violations.

In Arbab Joyo's account of her family's struggle for justice, she explains that their land in 'Mauza Kirmani' is legally registered under her father, Imdad Joyo's name in revenue records. However, before 2017, the land was under the unlawful possession of 'Rahija Magsi', acting on behalf of the Jhal Magsi Nawabs, and belonged to their tribe; repeated requests were made to the concerned authorities, including meetings with the Assistant commissioner and the commissioner of Jhal Magsi, to regain possession. Finally, on November 30, 2017, they repossessed their land.

Despite acquiring the necessary paperwork, Arbab Joyo states that the administration failed to grant them physical possession of the land. In their attempts to resolve the issue, they repeatedly met with the relevant authorities. They even resorted to three months of peaceful protest in front of the Islamabad Press Club, the capital of Pakistan, but no responsible parties showed any interest in meeting them.

In Jhal Magsi, according to Arbab Joyo's assessment, the "Nawabs" have established their quasistate in 'The Kingdom of Jhal Magsi'. Those who resist or challenge them are met with violence or death. Unfortunately, the district administration seems to facilitate these illegal actions, and despite protests, state institutions did not assist. Whenever the family tried to return to their land, armed individuals attacked them daily to evict them forcibly. The district administration failed to protect them, resulting in serious injuries sustained by Arbab Joyo's sister, Khair-Nisa, currently undergoing treatment. Later, Ali Gull (son of Faqir Muhammad), Hazar Khan (son of Ali Gull), Salim, Hidayatullah, Deen Muhammad (son of Ahmad Nawaz), Rahija Magsi, Jehan Khan Bugti, Bakhtiar (son of Balach Khan), and three other armed men, on the invitation of Nawab Khalid Khan Magsi and Nawabzada Tariq Khan Magsi, attacked and murdered our beloved father, Imdad Joyo, on August 4, 2023.

Paank supports Arbab Juyo's account of the situation in Jhal Magsi concerning the Sardari system. This system has given influential individuals in most districts of Balochistan the ability to suppress other tribes and vulnerable individuals by force and tribal bias. As a result, these people's lives, property, and dignity hold no value. The Pakistani state has little interest in establishing control over these areas, as these elements are helpful in facilitating the Pakistani army's occupation of Balochistan. These individuals are given free rein to engage in criminal activities and atrocities against the vulnerable population with little to no accountability. In such an environment, the fight for justice by Imdad Joyo's family is brave but incredibly tragic. It is concerning that they have received little to no support and are constantly under threat. Immediate justice and protection must be provided to this family.

Arbab Joyo explains that when they took their father's body to Dera Murad Jamali, the division headquarters of the NaseerAbad region, to stage a protest, the Deputy Commissioner of Jhal Magsi prevented them from entering Dera Murad Jamali. Consequently, the body was placed under police custody and shifted to Ustah Muhammad via a rugged and rough road. This route extended the journey from the standard two hours to an exhausting eight hours. As a result, their

father's body was mistreated, and they were subjected to police brutality during a peaceful protest.

According to Arbab Joyo, no legal action has been taken against the individuals her family nominated.

• Noor Khatoon and Her Kids Enforced Disappearance Deeply Alarming

On August 28, 2023, Pakistani forces detained Noor Khatoon and her two kids, Banari and Abdul Ghaffar, in Quetta, the central city of Balochistan. Noor Khatoon had gone to Quetta for medical treatment and was kept in enforced disappearance for six days, during which she was mentally tortured.

Noor Khatoon is not involved in political or anti-state activities, as she is a housewife. However, her family has connections to Baloch nationalist leader Khair Bakhsh Marri, which led them to migrate to Afghanistan to escape state violence. While in Afghanistan, the family lived there until 1992, when they returned to Balochistan with thousands of refugees. Due to their political affiliation with Khair Bakhsh Marri, the family was repeatedly targeted by Pakistani state institutions once back in Balochistan.

The forced disappearance of Noor Khatoon and her kids is seen as collective punishment targeting people associated with the Baloch movement. In the past, women and children have also been victims of collective punishment in Balochistan.

Baloch leader Sher Mohammad Marri has claimed that in the 1970s, Baloch women were kidnapped and sold as sex slaves in Punjab. He stated that he played a crucial role in freeing numerous women from sexual slavery and enabling them to return to their homes. He achieved this by paying for their liberation from slavery abroad. As a result, these women were able to escape their harrowing circumstances and live a life free.

Enforced disappearances have unfortunately become a regular occurrence in Balochistan and are frequently reported in the news. However, when the news highlights enforced disappearances of women, it becomes an even more alarming issue. The Pakistani army in Balochistan utilizes enforced disappearances as a tool to discourage individuals from participating in Baloch national politics.

Mama Qadeer Baloch, Vice Chairman of Voice for Baloch Missing Persons, has revealed a distressing statistic indicating that hundreds of women have been abducted and forcibly disappeared in Balochistan since 1970. Specifically, he highlights that enforced disappearances were resumed during the Musharraf regime, and women were not spared from this horrifying trend. According to Mama Qadeer, approximately 300 women and children have fallen victim to these forced disappearances.

The lack of accurate data regarding the women who have been forcibly disappeared is a distressing aspect of this situation. It is important to note that the Voice for Baloch Missing

Persons (VBMP) only compiles a list of individuals whose families have reported their enforced disappearances. Therefore, the actual number of forcibly missing women may be much higher. During the military crackdown in Balochistan, the villagers residing in remote hilly areas were forcefully evacuated. Unfortunately, many women and children were taken to military camps, and many could not return.

During the military massacre in Dera Bugti, many Bugti victims were forced to flee to Sindh and other areas due to the violence. Unfortunately, they were subjected to further attacks even in these new locations. Men faced fatal consequences, while women and children were detained, leaving them victims of unimaginable atrocities. Shockingly, these specific incidents have not been fully recorded by any human rights organization.

Noor Khatoon's case is not unique, as there exists a lengthy list of women and children who have been forcibly disappeared as a means of collective punishment. Disturbingly, many of these individuals are eventually released after enduring severe torture. The organization Paank strongly advocates for an immediate cessation of this policy of collective punishment, emphasizing the urgent need to halt the ongoing forced disappearances of women and children. Failure to address this alarming trend will result in the insecurity of all women and children in Balochistan, as they are consistently vulnerable victims in times of conflict.

Enforced Disappearance and Custodial Killing: The Tragic Case of Ghulam Farooq

On 31 August 2023, the lifeless body of Ghulam Farooq Zehri was tragically discovered in a vineyard in Quetta. Before this, on 27 October 2022, Ghulam Farooq Zehri had forcefully disappeared following his detention by the Pakistan Army. After enduring an extended period of enforced disappearance, his mutilated remains were callously discarded due to custodial killing. Disturbingly, this pattern repeats itself in Balochistan, where disappeared individuals are either kept missing for agonizingly long periods or their mutilated bodies are unceremoniously dumped, thus terminating any hope of seeking justice or holding law enforcement accountable for their actions.

The Pakistani military has officially designated their so-called operation as 'Operation Silence,' but it is more commonly known as the 'kill and dump policy' due to its systematic and protracted nature. This policy has not only been implemented in Balochistan but has also extended to different regions of Pakistan. It is employed as a tool to suppress public resistance. While Pakistani forces view extrajudicial killings to maintain peace, in Balochistan, these tactics are used unjustly against innocent individuals and political activists advocating for their national rights. The campaign began with the arrest of BSO Muttahida and Baloch National Movement leaders, resulting in their enforced disappearances or extrajudicial killings or they remain missing for an extended period. Some individuals who have been forcefully disappeared are confined within Pakistani army torture cells for decades, while others have had their bodies disposed of, leaving their families in perpetual uncertainty.

In the past, enforced disappearances in Balochistan have resulted in brutal killings, with the bodies being callously dumped in deserts and along roadsides. Following public outcry, the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) was established within the police under the direction of the Pakistan Army. However, the CTD's claims of 'fake encounters' are widely disputed by local media and the Baloch community, who provide substantial evidence to refute these assertions. Regrettably, Ghulam Farooq, who had been forcibly disappeared, fell victim to the Pakistani army's outrageous 'kill and dump' policy.

For the past two decades, a relentless pattern of extrajudicial killings has plagued Balochistan, resulting in the deaths of thousands of individuals who were held in custody following arbitrary arrests. These figures specifically pertain to approximately 250 members of BSO and BNM and do not include members from other peaceful organizations such as BRP and BRSO. It is worth noting that the number of Baloch freedom fighters who lost their lives in armed conflicts with the Pakistan army in Balochistan is lower than those subjected to enforced disappearances or the kill-and-throw policy. Among those who have suffered enforced disappearance or death under this policy, the number of political activists is relatively more minor compared to the general population. Numerous writers, teachers, and artists who propagated nationalist ideas in Balochistan have also fallen victim to this policy.

The policy of custodial killing in Balochistan can only be described as nothing less than genocide, as it targets explicitly individuals who uphold their national identity. International organizations must exert continuous, unwavering pressure on Pakistan to end this genocidal policy of enforced disappearances and custodial killings. It is crucial to explore the possibility of prosecuting the Pakistani army for crimes against humanity in the International Court of Justice, as the domestic courts in Pakistan are incapable of delivering justice, particularly in cases involving the army.

Conspiracy to Implicate Iman Mazari in Cases

Iman Mazari is a committed human rights activist who relentlessly advocates for the recovery of Baloch people subject to enforced disappearances. As a Baloch herself, she actively participates in the protests held by affected families and works toward advocating for their cases. Recently, she attended a Pashtun Protection Movement (PTM) rally in Tarnool, Islamabad, where she joined other PTM leaders, including Ali Wazir, in appealing for the rights of Pashtuns. However, Iman Mazari and Ali Wazir were arrested on August 20 after the rally.

Iman Mazari is a committed advocate for human rights who actively supports the Pashtun Protection Movement, a prominent organization that works to uphold the rights of Pashtuns. Recently, she participated in a PTM rally where she spoke candidly about the state atrocities that Pashtuns have been subjected to, including enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings. The involvement of Pakistan's powerful army in these abuses is widely known.

As a passionate human rights activist, Iman Mazari wholeheartedly supports the PTM, a well-known organization that defends the rights of Pashtuns. She attended a PTM gathering and courageously addressed the issue of state-sanctioned atrocities against the Pashtun nation,

including enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings. It is widely acknowledged that the Pakistan army has played a significant role in such incidents.

Renowned lawyer Iman Mazari spoke out boldly against state terrorism during the said gathering. This is not the first-time human rights violations have been brought up against the Pakistan army, as cases of extrajudicial arrests have been registered in Pakistani courts. Pakistani political figures from across the political spectrum have accused the army of being complicit in enforced disappearances on multiple occasions.

Paank holds the view that Iman Mazari is facing discrimination because of her vocal stance on the issue of enforced disappearances. It is worth noting that Ms. Mazari is the daughter of Shireen Mazari, a former Federal Minister for Human Rights in Pakistan. Shireen Mazari was subjected to police brutality during a state crackdown against the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf, her political party. After her mother's arrest, Iman Mazari criticized the military's political interference.

Despite this, the Jag (Legal) branch of the Pakistan Army has booked Iman Mazari for allegedly defaming the army and its leadership. This case proves that Pakistan's powerful army has overwhelming control over the state and is willing to take action against those who speak out against it. There are concerns that the army will use different cases to discredit Iman Mazari and prevent her from carrying out her human rights work, much like they pressured her mother to withdraw from politics.

It is worth noting that Ali Wazir, a leader of the Pashtun Tahafuz Movement (PTM) and a former elected representative of the National Assembly of Pakistan, has also been a target of the Pakistani army's hostility for a considerable period. Despite being relieved and released by the court, he has been arrested and charged in multiple cases.

Paank thinks that the military authorities are employing the law and their administrative power to deprive Ali Wazir and Iman Mazari of their civil liberties, a tactic they have used against previous political and social activists. This strategy involves fabricating baseless cases in various jurisdictions to entangle the victims in prolonged legal proceedings, causing them mental anguish. Panak argues that Ali Wazir and Iman Mazari are targeted in a coordinated plot. This targeting of individuals who raise their voices for human rights demonstrates Pakistan's disregard for human rights, as all political rights and freedoms have been stripped away, and military dominance is increasing.

Enforced Disappearances by Pakistani Forces

Enforced Disappearances	64
Torture Victims	24
Extrajudicial Killing	3

Districts from where Enforced disappearances are reported

Islamabad	1
Karachi	5
Quetta	11
Gwadar	4
Kech	22
Awaran	1
Punjgur	2
Khuzdar	6
Kharan	4
Nushki	7
Qalat	1
Total Cases	64

List of Enforced Disappearances

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2	Saif Baloch s/o Umaid Ali	Absar area of Turbat city	Kech district	Student	Pakistani forces	August 1,2023	Still Missing		
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3	Hikmat Ali s/o Barkat	Tump	Tehsil Tump. Kech district	Student	Pakistani forces	July 10, 2023	Release on August 1,2023		
	On the night of July 10, Pakistani forces raided the house of school teacher Barkat Ali in Tehsil Tump area of Kech district of Balochistan and detained his 17 year old son Hikmat from the house, who recovered after severe physical and mental torture on August 1 st , 2023.								
4	Tariq s/o Safar Khan Bugti	Sui, area of Dera Bugti	Dera Bugti		Pakistani forces	July 8,2023	Released on August 3,2023		
	Tariq s/o Safar Khan Bugti, who was forcibly disappeared by Pakistani forces from Sui area of Dera Bugti district of Balochistan, has recovered and returned home on August 3, 2023.								
5	Meeran s/o Abdul Wahab	Dazan area of Tump	Tehsil Tump, Kech district	Shopkeeper	Pakistani forces	June 1 st ,2023	Released on August 4 th ,2023		
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7	Imdad Hussain Joyo	Naseer Abad	Naseer Abad	Social worker		August 5 th , 2023	Killed by state sponsored ,Tribal Chief			
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9	Barkat Murad	Pulabad area of Tump	Tehsil Tump, Kech district	Labour	Pakistani forces	August 6 th ,2023	Released on August 22,2023			
V	from Tump	4 brothers Barkat, Shoukat, Niabath and Ayaz were detained and shifted to Camp by Pakistani forces from Tump Pulabad tehsil of Kech district of Balochistan, who were released on August 22 after being forced missing for 19 days.								
10	Shoukat Murad	Pulabad area of Tump	Tehsil Tump, Kech district	Labour	Pakistani forces	August 6 th ,2023	Released on August 22,2023			
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16	Sher Jan s/o Liaqat Amen	Absar area of Turbat City	Kech district	Student	Pakistani forces	August 11 th ,2023	Still Missing		
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17	Dad Shah s/o Sabar Khan	Maripur area of Karachi	Gresha Nall, Khuzdar district	Student , writer, teacher	Pakistani forces	August 11 th ,2023	Still Missing		
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18	Dr Rafiq s/o Murad	Sadder area of Karachi city	Kech district	Doctor	Pakistani forces	August 11 th ,2023	Still Missing		
	Dr Rafiq s/o Murad, a resident of Kech district, was detained by forces from the Sadar area of Karachi, the main city of Sindh province and forcibly disappeared.								
19	Faqeer Jan s/o Khuda Dost	Chitkan area of Punjgur	Diz Parom, Punjgur district		Pakistani forces	August 11 th ,2023	Still Missing		
			itkan area of Ba e and forces hir	llochistan, Pakis n to disappear.	tani forces ar	rested Faqee	r Jan s/o Dost		
20	Fayyaz Ali	Quetta City	Quetta district	Student	Pakistani forces	August 11, 2023	Released on August 17,2023		
				disappeared by er severe menta			etta Baluchistan's		

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21	Yahya Baloch	Quetta City	Kech district	Student	Pakistani forces	August 12, 2023	Still Missing			
	The Student Yahya Baloch was detained and forcibly disappeared by Pakistani forces from Quetta the main city of Balochistan. Still no information given by authorities.									
22	Murad s/o Abdul Kareem	Dazan area of Tump	Tehsil Tump, Kech district		Pakistani forces	August 12, 2023	Released on August 16,2023			
	Murad s/o Abdul Karim, a resident of Dazan area of tehsil Tump was forcibly detained by security forces from his home, after a 4 days has been released on August 16,2023.									
23	Arif s/o Pindok	Tump city	Tehsil Tump, Kech district	labour	Pakistani forces	August 13, 2023	Released on 16,2023			
	Pakistani forces transferred 5 persons from Tump tehsil of Kech district of Balochistan to the detention Camp, who were Kept missing for a week and severely tortured. They were recovered on August 16, 2023. Identified as Arif, Shahzeb, Bahar, Nadeem and Aziz Aslam.									
24	Shah Zaib s/o Rahm Dil	Tump city	Tehsil Tump, Kech district	Student	Pakistani forces	August 13, 2023	Released on 16,2023			
	Pakistani forces transferred 5 persons from Tump tehsil of Kech district of Balochistan to the detention Camp, who were Kept missing for a week and severely tortured. They were recovered on August 16, 2023. Identified as Arif, Shahzeb, Bahar, Nadeem and Aziz Aslam.									
25	Bahar Jan s/o Jan Muhamm ad	Tump city	Tehsil Tump, Kech district	Student	Pakistani forces	August 13, 2023	Released on 16,2023			
The same of the sa	detention C	amp, who were	e Kept missing f	n Tump tehsil of or a week and so b, Bahar, Nadee	everely tortu	red. They wer				

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26	Nadeem s/o Qadir Bakhsh	Tump city	Tehsil Tump, Kech district	Student	Pakistani forces	August 13, 2023	Released on 16,2023				
	detention C	amp, who were	e Kept missing f	n Tump tehsil o or a week and s b, Bahar, Nade	everely tortu	red. They wer					
27	Aziz Ahmad s/o Aslam	Tump city	Tehsil Tump, Kech district	Student	Pakistani forces	August 13, 2023	Released on 16,2023				
	detention C	amp, who were	e Kept missing f	n Tump tehsil o or a week and s b, Bahar, Nade	everely tortu	red. They wer					
28	Shams Baloch	Maula area of Khuzdar city	Khuzdar district	Student	Pakistani forces	August 13, 2023	Released on 16,2023				
		Shams Baloch, a student of Sargodha University was detained and disappeared by security forces from Moola area of Khuzdar district of Balochistan. He was released on August 16, 2023.									
29	Qamber s/o Muhamm ad Karim	Quetta	Awaran district	Student	Pakistani forces	August 14,2023	Still Missing				
	-			ediate Student s transferred to		•	orces from the				
30	Kamran Baloch s/o Soumar Baloch	Khuzdar	Khuzdar district	Student	Pakistani forces	August 14,2023	Still Missing				
<u> </u>		Kamran Baloch s/o Soumar Baloch, from Khuzdar district of Balochistan went missing after being detained by Pakistani forces, who is still missing.									

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31	M Isa s/o Muhamm ad Ayoub Domki	Kharan	Kharan district	Labour	Pakistani forces	August 14,2023	Released on 18,2023		
				detained and dis I and returned h			ces from Kharan		
32	Jafar Nawaz s/o Nawaz Ahmad	Kili jamaldini Nushki	Nushki district		Pakistani forces	August 14,2023	Still Missing		
		•	mad, who is stil iki district of Ba	l missing, was ar lochistan.	rrested and fo	orcibly disapp	eared by		
33	Fazal Yaqoob	Maula area of Khuzdar city	Khuzdar district	Teacher	Pakistani forces	August 15,2023	Released on August 16,2023		
	The student leader Fazal Yaqoob was detained by Pakistani forces from Moola area of Khuzdar district of Balochistan late at night. For his safe recovery, the Karachi to Quetta highway was closed by his family member and relatives, he was released on August 16, 2023.								
34	Naveed Baloch	Niya Abad area of Gwadar city	Gwadar district	Student	Pakistani forces	August 15,2023	Still missing		
	In different areas of Gwadar district of Balochistan, the army conducted a search operation and detained several people and shifted them to the military camp, in which 2 youths were forcibly disappeared, identified as Naveed and Zaheer Ahmad.								
35	Zaheer Ahmad	Niya Abad area of Gwadar city	Gwadar district	Student	Pakistani forces	August 15,2023	Released on August 16,2023		
	In different areas of Gwadar district of Balochistan, the army conducted a search operation and detained several people and shifted them to the military camp, in which 2 youths were forcibly disappeared, after a day Zaheer Ahmad was released on August 16, 2023.								
36	Zaman Baloch s/o Nawaz Ali	Lyari ,Karachi	Singoline Lyari , Karachi	Foot baller	Pakistani forces	August 15,2023	Still Missing		
	Nawaz Ali Karachi Sung Zaman Baloch was detained by the security forces from Lyari area of Karachi, the central city of Sindh province and transferred to unknown location.								

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37	Syed Ibrar shah s/o Syed Faqeer Shah	Qwari Road Quetta	Kharan district	Student	Pakistani forces	August 17,2023	Released on August 18,2023				
	Syed Ibrar shah s/o Syed Faqeer Shah, an intermediate student from Quetta, Baluchistan's main ci Was detained by Pakistani forces from his room in Quarry road, who was released a day later.										
38	Nabi Bakhsh s/o Jan Muhamm ad	A.One city ,Quetta	Kech district	Student	Pakistani forces	August 17,2023	Still Missing				
		y of Balochista		Nabi Bakhsh fro d him to enforce			ity of Balochistan oot been				
39	Hafeez Baloch	In Kharan City	Kharan district	Business	Pakistani forces	August 17,2023	Released on August 20,2023				
	Armed men kidnapped the famous businessman Hafeez Baloch at gunpoint from Kharan district of Balochistan. To recover him, the people of Kharan closed all the business centres in the city and set up a protest camp. He was released 2 days later.										
40	Samad Sasoli	In Kharan City	Kharan district	Student	Pakistani forces	August 17,2023	Still Missing				
		li was detained , who is still mi	•	sappeared by Pa	akistani force	s from Kharaı	n district of				
41	Asif s/o Adil	Nushki	Nushki district		Pakistani forces	August 17,2023	Still Missing				
		A young man named Asif was detained and forcibly disappeared by Pakistani forces from Nushki district of Balochistan, who is still missing.									
42	Shoaib Ali s/o Ghulam Ali Baba	Singoline Lyari	Karachi	Labour	Pakistani forces	August 17,2023	Still Missing				
				named Shoaib <i>F</i> d him to disappe		ome late at ni	ght in Karachi				

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43	Hafeez Rind s/o Abdul Amen Hafeez Rind	Sangeen area of Zehri, Khuzdar	Khuzdar district en was detained	Student I by security for	Pakistani force ces from sang	August 18,2023 gin Zehri area	Released on August 27,2023 of Khuzdar
		-	o returned hom	•	_		
44	Haq Nawaz	Kili Mengal, Nushki	Nushki district		Pakistani force	August 19,2023	Still Missing
			people from Kil en identified as	_			stan and forcibly en Baloch.
45	Jafar Baloch	Kili Mengal, Nushki	Nushki district		Pakistani force	August 19,2023	Still Missing
			people from Kil en identified as	_			stan and forcibly en Baloch.
46	Umar Baloch	Kili Mengal, Nushki	Nushki district		Pakistani force	August 19,2023	Still Missing
			people from Kil en identified as	_			stan and forcibly en Baloch.
47	Hamid Ali	Kili Mengal, Nushki	Nushki district		Pakistani force	August 19,2023	Still Missing
			people from Kil en identified as	_			stan and forcibly en Baloch.
48	Yaseen Baloch	Kili Mengal, Nushki	Nushki district		Pakistani force	August 19,2023	Still Missing
			people from Kil en identified as	_			stan and forcibly en Baloch.
49	Naeem Hasil s/o Hasil Khan	Mulla Jut Lyari, Karachi	Tump, Kech district		Pakistani force	August 20,2023	Still Missing
		•	n, a resident of I city of Sindh pro		•		•

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50	Zaheer s/o Lashkaran Pakistani fo	Civil hospital, Turbat	Balgater, Kech district	Student	Pakistani force	August 22,2023	Still Missing Furbat, the main		
	city of Kech	district of Balo	ochistan and sub Jan, Adil, Shah J	jected them to	forced disapp	eance. They			
51	Peer Jan s/o Lashkaran	Civil hospital , Turbat	Balgater, Kech district	Student	Pakistani force	August 22,2023	Still Missing		
AR	city of Kech	district of Balo	5 members of the ochistan and sub Jan, Adil, Shah J	jected them to	forced disapp	eance. They	Furbat, the main have been		
52	Adil Asa s/o Asa Khan	In Turbat City	Balgater, Kech district	Student	Pakistani force	August 22,2023	Still Missing		
	Pakistani forces detained 6 members of the same family, including 2 brothers from Turbat, the main city of Kech district of Balochistan and subjected them to forced disappeance. They have been identified as Zaheer, Peer Jan, Adil, Shah Jan, Ahmad Baloch and Shoukat.								
53	Shah Jehan s/o Atta	In Turbat City	Balgater, Kech district	Student	Pakistani force	August 22,2023	Still Missing		
	Pakistani fo city of Kech	district of Balo	6 members of the ochistan and sub Jan, Adil, Shah J	jected them to	forced disapp	eance. They	Furbat, the main have been		
54	Ahmad s/o Shugurull a	In Turbat City	Balgater, Kech district	Student	Pakistani forces	August 22,2023	Still Missing		
	city of Kech	district of Balo	6 members of the chistan and sub	jected them to	forced disapp	eance. They	Furbat, the main have been		

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55	Shoukat s/o Lewari	In Turbat City	Balgater, Kech district	Student	Pakistani forces	August 22,2023	Still Missing		
	Pakistani forces detained 6 members of the same family, including 2 brothers from Turbat, the main city of Kech district of Balochistan and subjected them to forced disappeance. They have been identified as Zaheer, Peer Jan, Adil, Shah Jan, Ahmad Baloch and Shoukat.								
56	Nabi Bakhsh s/o Lewari	In Turbat City	Balgater, Kech district	Student	Pakistani forces	August 22,2023	Still Missing		
	Pakistani forces detained 6 members of the same family, including 2 brothers from Turbat, the main city of Kech district of Balochistan and subjected them to forced disappeance. They have been identified as Zaheer, Peer Jan, Adil, Shah Jan, Ahmad Baloch and Shoukat and Nabi Bakhsh.								
57	Ijaz s/o Mir Ahmad	Mangochar area of Qalat	Qalat district	Student	Pakistani forces	August 23,2023	Still Missing		
	Around 2 o clock in the night in Mangochar tehsil of Kalat district of Balochistan forces raided the house and detained Ijaz Ahmad and forcibly disappeared him, his brother Says that Ijaz has been a victim of forced disappeance before.								
58	Dad Rahim s/o Ilyas	Turbat	Kech district	Labour	Pakistani forces	August 23,2023	Still Missing		
	Dad Rahim s/o Ilyas was detained and forcibly disappeared by Pakistani forces from Turbat in Kahn pusht area of Kech district of Balochistan, who is associated with oil transportation work on Pak.Iran border.								
59	Hammal Saba	Pirander area of Awaran town	Awaran district	Social worker	Pakistani forces	June 28,2023	Released on August 15,2023		
	Social worker Hammal Saba, who was arrested by security forces from Awaran district of Balochistan, went missing on June 28, 2023, and was released on August 15, 2023.								
60	Naik Bakht s/o Fida Ahmad	Shambey Ismail ward, Gwadar	Kech district	Student	Pakistani forces	August 24,2023	Still Missing		
	Naik Bakht s/o Fida Ahmad was taken into custody by Pakistani forces from Shambey Ismail ward in the coastal city of Gwadar district of Balochistan and forcibly disappeared, who is still missing.								

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61	Liaqat Bohar s/o Liaqat Ali	In Turbat city	Kulowa , Kech district	Student	Pakistani forces	August 25,2023	Still Missing		
	Liaqat Bohar s/o Liaqat Ali, a student of Atta Shad Degree Collage in Turbat, is missing from Turbat city, whose whereabouts are still unknown.								
62	Azrat Umar Nasir	Islamabad	Quetta district	Engineer	Pakistani forces	August 25,2023	Still Missing		
	Engineer Azrat Umar Nasir, resident of Quetta district of Balochistan has gone missing while coming from Islamabad towards Faizabad.								
63	Meeran Khan	Jalawan complex area of Khuzdar city	Khuzdar district	Student	Pakistani forces	August 26,2023	Still Missing		
	A young man named Meeran Khan was detained by the forces from Jalawan complex area of Khuzdar district of Balochistan and forcibly disappeared.								
64	Sajad Ali s/o Izzat Ali	Qambrani road Quetta	Quetta district		Pakistani forces	August 26,2023	Still Missing		
	The persons who have been identified as Sajad Ali and Muhammad Yusuf have been forcibly disappeared by Pakistani forces from Kili Nechari Qambrani road Quetta in the capital of Balochistan, near Kichi beg Police Station.								
65	Muhamm ad Yusuf s/o Muhamm ad Bakhsh	Qambrani road Quetta	Quetta district		Pakistani forces	August 26,2023	Still Missing		
	The persons who have been identified as Sajad Ali and Muhammad Yusuf have been forcibly disappeared by Pakistani forces from Kili Nechari Qambrani road Quetta in the capital of Balochistan, near Kichi beg Police station.								
66	Aman Ullah s/o Durr Muhamm ad Zehri	Injeera area o Zehri, Khuzdar	Khuzdar district	Government servant	Pakistani forces	August 27,2023	Still Missing		

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	Aman Ullah s/o Durr Muhammad Zehri, an employee of the health department went missing after being detained by Pakistani forces from Anjira area of Khuzdar district of Balochistan.								
67	Rasheed s/o Habib	Zahoor Shah Ward, Karachi	Gwadar district	Student	Pakistani forces	August 28,2023	Still Missing		
	Rasheed s/o Habib was taken into custody of Pakistani forces from Zahoor Shah Ward in the coastal city of Gwadar in Balochistan and forcibly disappeared.								
68	M Hassan s/o M Akram Bangulzai	Munir Ahmad road , Quetta	Quetta district		Pakistani forces	August 28,2023	Still Missing		
		The security forces detained Munir Ahmad from Quetta, the main city of Balochistan and force him to disappear.							
69	Noor Khatoon d/o Hazar Muhamm ad	United hotel Quetta	Badar area of district Sibbi	House wife	Pakistani forces	August 28,2023	Released on September 2,2023		
	30 year Noor Khatoon along with her children were detained by security forces from United hotel in Quetta, who were detained for the past 6 days by forces, have been released on September 2, 2023.								
70	Banari s/o Noor Khatoon	United hotel Quetta	Badar area of district Sibbi	child	Pakistani forces	August 28,2023	Released on September 2,2023		
	30 year Noor Khatoon along with her children were detained by security forces from United hotel in Quetta, who were detained for the past 6 days by forces, have been released on September 2, 2023.								
71	Abdul Ghaffar s/o Noor Khatoon	United hotel Quetta	Badar area of district Sibbi	child	Pakistani forces	August 28,2023	Released on September 2,2023		
	30 year Noor Khatoon along with her children were detained by security forces from United hotel in Quetta, who were detained for the past 6 days by forces, have been released on September 2, 2023.								

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72	Imran Baloch s/o Muhamm	Baldia town Karachi	Dilpul Abad Maripur, Karachi		Pakistani forces	May 11,2022	Released on August 30,2023	
	ad Hanif Imran Baloch s/o Muhammad Hanif, who went missing after being detained by securit May 11, 2022 from Baldia town area of Karachi, the central city of Sindh province, has recovered and returned home on August 30, 2023.							
73	Ghulam Farooq s/o Muhamm ad Waris	Mastung	Tehsil Zehri, Khuzdar district	labour	Pakistani forces	October 27,2022	Dead body found on August 31,2023	
	The body of Ghulam Farooq, who was forcibly disappeared by Pakistani forces from Mastung district on 27 October 2022, was found on 31 August 2023 from Qambrani road in Quetta. Remember that, the forced disappearance of Ghulam Farooq has been reported by Paank in October 2022 to HR bodies.							





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