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THE STATE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN BALOCHISTAN: KEY VIOLATIONS IN 2024

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Here is a summary of the key human rights violations in Balochistan as reported by the Baloch National Movement's Human Rights Department (Paank) for the year 2024:

OVERVIEW:







Enforced Disappearances: A total of 619 cases were documented throughout the year, with significant spikes in May, October, and November, indicating a disturbing trend of state-sanctioned abductions.







Extrajudicial Killings: 68 cases were reported, with a notable increase in August and November, showing a pattern of state violence aimed at suppression and control.

Torture: 339 victims reported across the year, with consistent monthly figures, underscoring the systematic use of torture as a tool of repression.

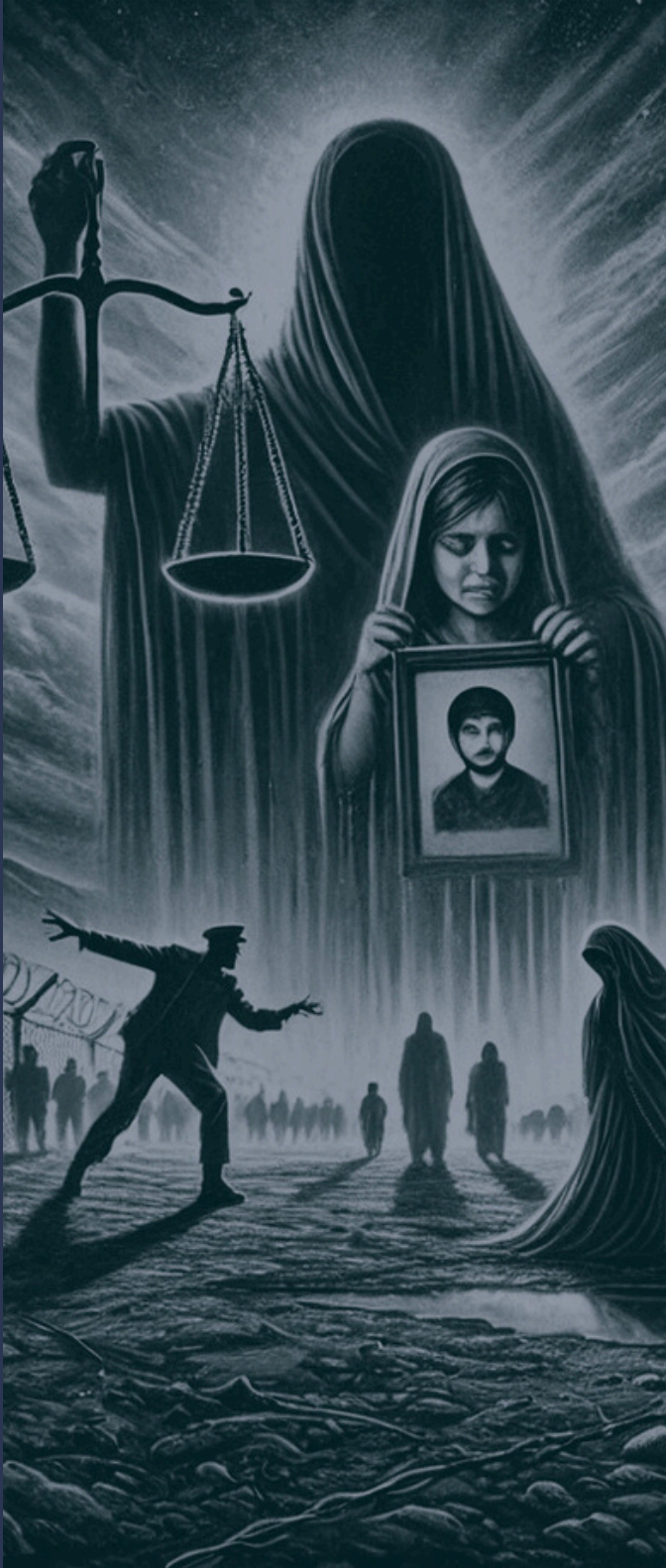


KEY INCIDENTS BY MONTH

- January**  **Aerial Attack:** An attack on Baloch refugees near the Iran-Balochistan border resulted in multiple civilian deaths, highlighting the vulnerability of displaced populations.
Enforced Disappearances: 39 cases, including the abduction of Wahid Kamber Baloch.
- February**  **Killings Post-Conflict:** After a conflict in Mach, detainees were killed, raising concerns about the treatment of prisoners of war and detained civilians.
- March**  **Extrajudicial Killings in Karachi:** Two individuals forcibly disappeared previously were killed in what appeared to be staged encounters.
- April**  **Freedom of Movement:** The fencing around Gwadar restricts local populations' mobility, potentially violating rights to freedom of movement and residence.
- May**  **Death Squad Activities:** Notable cases of killings by state or state-affiliated death squads, illustrating the danger faced by civilians.
- June**  **Psychological Impact:** The suicide of Aqeel Ahmed points to the severe psychological toll of enforced disappearances and torture.

- July**  **Protest Suppression:** Violent crackdown on peaceful protests against human rights abuses, resulting in deaths and injuries, with communication blackouts used to isolate the region.
- August**  **Assassination Attempt:** The attack on Abid Washdil shows ongoing threats to those previously detained or acquitted.
- September**  **Killings of Brothers:** The murder of Muhammad Ismail and Muhammad Abbas by security forces exemplifies the brutality and lack of accountability.
- October**  **Mass Enforced Disappearances:** With 110 cases, this month saw the highest incidence, particularly targeting students and intellectuals.
- November**  **Strategy of Fear:** The use of extrajudicial killings as part of a broader strategy to control and intimidate the population.
- December**  **Continued Disappearances:** Despite some decline, the pattern of disappearances continued, with 22 cases noted.

PAANK'S CALL TO ACTION



Investigation and Accountability:

Urgent need for independent investigations into these human rights violations, particularly enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings.

Protection of Civilians: Immediate measures to ensure the safety of civilians, especially those returning from forced disappearances, and protection against reprisals.

International Scrutiny: Calls for international bodies to monitor, pressure for accountability, and assist in documentation and support for victims.

Humanitarian Access: Advocacy for unhindered humanitarian access to regions like Gwadar to mitigate the effects of state policies on civilian life.

Paank emphasizes the critical need for comprehensive human rights reforms, the cessation of these practices, and the establishment of mechanisms for justice and reconciliation in Balochistan.



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About us:

Paank is the human rights department of the Baloch National Movement (BNM), which aims to raise awareness and promote human rights in Balochistan. BNM is a political organization dedicated to the rights and freedoms of the Baloch people in Balochistan.

Paank focuses on the protection and promotion of human rights in Balochistan by conducting investigations, documenting human rights abuses, and advocating for change. Its monthly report on the human rights situation in Balochistan provides up-to-date information on the state of human rights in the region and highlights areas where improvement is needed. These reports serve as a valuable resource for those concerned with human rights in Balochistan and provide a platform for BNM to voice its concerns and advocate for change.

One of the key areas of focus for Paank is the issue of enforced disappearances in Balochistan. This is a serious concern in the region and has been widely reported by human rights organizations. Paank works to document cases of enforced disappearances and bring attention to this issue in the hopes of bringing an end to this human rights violation. The website will regularly update information on enforced disappearances, including the number of cases, the names of those who have disappeared, and the efforts being made to secure their release.

Paank is also active in organizing events and activities that promote human rights in Balochistan. These events range from peaceful protests to public awareness campaigns and educational seminars. Paank's events provide a platform for the Baloch people to voice their concerns and demand change. The website will share updates on Paank's events and activities, allowing supporters to stay informed and get involved.

Paank is a vital part of BNM's efforts to promote human rights in Balochistan. Its monthly reports and updates on enforced disappearances provide valuable information and insight into the human rights situation in the region. Its events and activities help to raise awareness and promote change. The website provides a platform for Paank to share its work and engage with supporters, making it an essential resource for anyone concerned with human rights in Balochistan.

Baloch National Movement (BNM) is an organization struggling for the independence of Balochistan from Pakistan. The human rights department of BNM, known as Paank, focuses on raising awareness about the human rights situation in Balochistan. Paank's mission is to advocate on all forums to bring global attention to the atrocities committed in Balochistan and to work towards a better future for the Baloch people.

Paank's team is dedicated to creating a brighter future for the Baloch people. Through their tireless efforts, Paank works to bring justice to the victims of human rights violations in Balochistan and to hold those responsible accountable for their actions.

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