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IRAN: DETAILS OF 72 DEATHS IN CUSTODY SINCE 2010

This document lists the cases of 72 men and women recorded as having died in custody since January 2010. The deaths occurred at 42 prisons and detention centres in 16 provinces across the country including Alborz, East Azerbaijan, Golestan, Ilam, Kermanshah, Khorasan Razavi, Khuzestan, Kurdistan, Lorestan, Markazi, Mazandaran, Sistan and Baluchistan, South Khorasan, Tehran, West Azerbaijan, and Yazd.

In 46 cases, informed sources including the relatives and/or fellow inmates of the deceased reported that the death resulted from physical torture or other ill-treatment at the hands of intelligence and security agents or prison officials. A further 15 deaths occurred following the lethal use of firearms and/or tear gas by prison security guards to suppress prison protests over Covid-19 safety fears in March 2021. In the remaining 11 cases, the deaths occurred in suspicious circumstances, but no further details about potential causes were available.

For 36 of the 46 alleged victims of torture or other ill-treatment recorded since 2010, information about their exact or approximate age was available. According to this information, 16 were in their twenties, 12 in their thirties, and three between 18 and 20 years of age, which means, based on known age, younger people constitute 86% of the deceased.

Of the 46 deaths in custody involving reports of physical torture or other ill-treatment, at least 36 took place during the preliminary investigation stage. The majority (28) died in custody within a few days of their arrest and detention. One died immediately after arrest and before even being transferred to a detention centre.

According to information compiled by Amnesty International, at least nine people died in facilities run by the investigation unit of Iran's police (Agahi), 11 in facilities run by the ministry of intelligence (Mol), two in facilities run by regular city police, two in facilities run by border or immigration guards, and one person each in facilities run by Iran's Cyber Police (FATA) and the Revolutionary Guards, respectively.

Amnesty International believes that the real number of deaths in custody is likely much higher given the lack of transparency in Iran's justice system and the fact

that many human rights violations go unreported due to widespread fear of reprisal and systematic repression of civil society.

Methodology

Amnesty International documented 31 of the deaths in custody cases taking place since 2010, including by speaking directly to primary sources impacted by the deaths, such as relatives, fellow inmates and acquaintances. In the remaining 41 cases, the organization recorded the deaths based on the reporting of 14 trusted human rights groups and 12 credible media outlets with informed sources on the ground.

The human rights groups whose reports are cited with respect to the cases recorded include: Abdorrahman Boroumand Centre (ABC); Ahwaz Human Rights Organization (AHRO); Baloch Activists Campaign; Centre for Human Rights in Iran (CHRI); Centre for Supports of Human Rights (CSHR); Committee for the Defense of the Rights of Iranian Ethnicities and Nations (CDRIEN); Hengaw Organization for Human Rights (Hengaw); Human Rights Activists News Agency (HRANA); Human Rights for Turkmen Sahra (Tuhra); Iran Human Rights (IHR); Iran Human Rights Documentation Centre (IHRDC); Iran Prison Atlas (IPA); Justice for Iran (JFI); and Kurdistan Human Rights Network (KHRN).

Media outlets whose reports are likewise cited include: Asoy Rojhelat; BBC Persian; Deutsche Welle (DW); Iran International; IranWire; Kalame, Kurdpa; Radio France International (RFI); Mukrian; Radio Farda; Radio Zamaneh; and Voice of America (VOA).

Amnesty International also regularly monitored state-affiliated media outlets in Iran, and analysed statements made by state officials.

1. ZAHRA JAFARI

Reported location of death

The central prison in Urumieh, West Azerbaijan province

Reported date of death

January 2010

Reported age

21

Source

[CSHR](#)

2. ANVAR RAHMANI

Reported location of death

The central prison in Saqqez, Kurdistan province

Reported date of death

January 2010

Reported age

Unknown

Source

[CSHR](#)

3. AMIRHOSSEIN KOUHZADI

**Reported location of death**

A police station in Sari, Mazandaran province

Reported date of death

May 2010

Reported age

24

Source

[ABC](#)

4. GHOLAMREZA BAYAT

**Reported location of death**

An *Agahi* detention facility in Kamyaran, Kurdistan province

Reported date of death

August 2010

Reported age

Unknown

Source

[Amnesty International](#)

5. FARSHID NOURI

Reported location of death

The central prison in Urumieh, West Azerbaijan province

Reported date of death

November 2010

Reported age

18

Source

[HRANA](#)

6. ESMAIL KEYVANPOUR

Reported location of death

The central prison in Mahabad, Kurdistan province

Reported date of death

January 2011

Reported age

Unknown

Source

[Mukrian](#)

7. NASER DERAFSHAN ALBOSHOKEH



Reported location of death

A Mol detention facility in Ahvaz, Khuzestan province

Reported date of death

January 2011

Reported age

19

Source

[Amnesty International](#), [ABC](#), [IPA](#)

8. SHAHAB PARVIZI

Reported location of death

The central prison in Saqqez, Kurdistan province

Reported date of death

May 2011

Reported age

Unknown

Source

[CSHR](#)

9. REZA MOGHAMESI

Reported location of death

A Mol detention facility in Dezful, Khuzestan province

Reported date of death

February 2012

Reported age

Unknown

Source

[Amnesty International](#), [Radio Farda](#), [Radio Zamaneh](#)

10. MOHAMMAD AI-KA'BI

Reported location of death

A Mol detention facility in Shush, Khuzestan province

Reported date of death

February 2012

Reported age

34-35

Source

[Amnesty International](#), [ABC](#)

11. ZAKARIA RIGI



Reported location of death

The central prison in Zahedan, Sistan and Baluchistan province

Reported date of death

March 2012

Reported age

27

Source

[ABC](#)

12. MOHSEN GHAZIZADEH

Reported location of death

Dizelabad prison, Kermanshah, Kermanshah province

Reported date of death

April 2012

Reported age

29

Source

[CSHR](#)

13. MANSOUR RADPOUR



Reported location of death

Raja'i Shahr prison in Karaj, Alborz province

Reported date of death

June 2012

Reported age

41

Source

[CSHR](#)

14. ALIREZA GHABISHAVI

Reported location of death

A Mol detention facility in Ramshir, Khuzestan province

Reported date of death

August 2012

Reported age

37

Source

[AHRO](#), [Radio Zamaneh](#)

15. SATTAR BEHESHTI



Reported location of death

A detention facility of the Cyber Police in Tehran, Tehran province

Reported date of death

November 2012

Reported age

35

Source

[Amnesty International](#), [ABC](#), [CSHR](#)

16. JAMIL SOUVEIDI



Reported location of death

An unidentified location in Ahvaz, Khuzestan province

Reported date of death

November 2012

Reported age

45

Source

[IHRDC](#), [Kurdpa](#)

17. ABOLFAZL RAJABI



Reported location of death

An *Agahi* detention facility in Mianeh, East Azerbaijan province

Reported date of death

August 2013

Reported age

20

Source

[CSHR](#)

18. HOSSEIN ARMASHI

Reported location of death

An unidentified location in Ahvaz, Khuzestan province

Reported date of death

November 2013

Reported age

37

Source

[Kurdpa](#)

19. SALAH HABIBI

Reported location of death

The central prison in Saqqez, Kurdistan province

Reported date of death

September 2014

Reported age

Unknown

Source

[Asoy Rojhelat](#), [CDRIEN](#)

20. SEYED GHOLAM HEYDAR HOSSEINI

**Reported location of death**

Sefid camp in Fariman, Razavi Khorasan province

Reported date of death

August 2015

Reported age

54

Source

[ABC](#)

21. ALIREZA REZAI



Reported location of death

A border control station in West Azerbaijan province

Reported date of death

September 2015

Reported age

24

Source

[ABC](#), [RFI](#)

22. EHSANOLLAH EHSANI



Reported location of death

An *Agahi* detention facility in Yazd, Yazd province

Reported date of death

May 2016

Reported age

20

Source

[ABC](#)

23. NADER DASTANPOUR



Reported location of death

127 Narmak police station in Tehran, Tehran province

Reported date of death

June 2016

Reported age

Unknown

Source

[ABC](#), [HRANA](#)

24. NADER SHARIFIFARD

Reported location of death

An *Agahi* detention facility in Abadan, Khuzestan province

Reported date of death

June 2016

Reported age

Unknown

Source

[IranWire](#)

25. MOHAMMAD ESHAGHABADI



Reported location of death

Greater Tehran Central Penitentiary in Tehran, Tehran province

Reported date of death

November 2016

Reported age

Unknown

Source

[IranWire](#)

26. BABAK ZAREI

Reported location of death

Raja'i Shahr prison in Karaj, Alborz province

Reported date of death

November 2016

Reported age

Unknown

Source

[HRANA](#)

27. DIAKU HASHEMI



Reported location of death

An *Agahi* detention facility in Karaj, Alborz province

Reported date of death

May 2017

Reported age

24

Source

[Hengaw](#)

28. SINA GHANBARI



Reported location of death

Evin prison in Tehran, Tehran province

Reported date of death

January 2018

Reported age

22

Source

[Amnesty International](#), [BBC Persian](#), [Radio Farda](#)

29. ALI POULADI



Reported location of death

An *Agahi* detention facility in Chalus, Mazandaran province

Reported date of death

January 2018

Reported age

26

Source

[HRANA](#)

30. SAROO (SARO) GHahremani



Reported location of death

A Mol detention facility in Sanandaj, Kurdistan province

Reported date of death

January 2018

Reported age

24

Source

[Amnesty International](#), [ABC](#), [CHRI](#)

31. VAHID HEYDARI



Reported location of death

12 Razavi police station in Arak, Markazi province

Reported date of death

January 2018

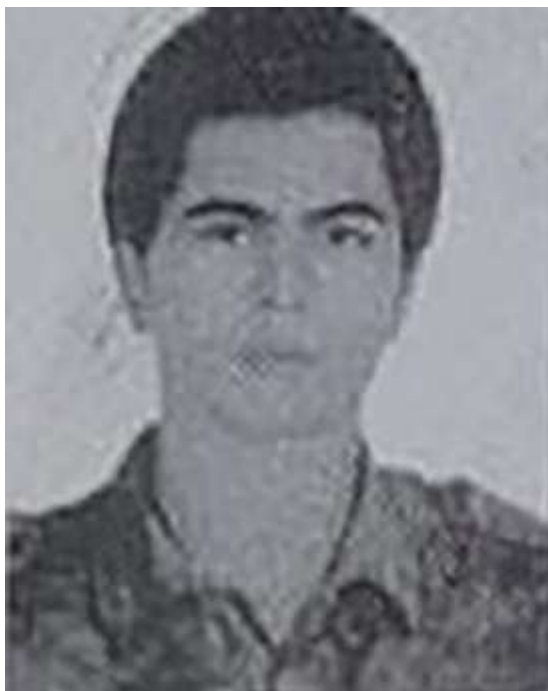
Reported age

23

Source

[Amnesty International](#), [BBC Persian](#)

32. KIANOOSH ZANDI



Reported location of death

A Mol detention facility in Sanandaj, Kurdistan province

Reported date of death

January 2018

Reported age

24

Source

[CHRI](#)

33. ABDOLRAHMAN NARU'I

Reported location of death

The central prison in Birjand, South Khorasan province

Reported date of death

January 2018

Reported age

30

Source

[Baloch Activists Campaign](#)

34. HOSSEIN GHADERI

Reported location of death

The central prison in Sanandaj, Kurdistan province

Reported date of death

January 2018

Reported age

30

Source

[ABC](#)

35. TALEB BASATI



Reported location of death

A Mol detention facility in Ilam, Ilam province

Reported date of death

February 2018

Reported age

Unknown

Source

[Radio Farda](#), [BBC Persian](#), [CHRI](#)

36. KAVOUS SEYED EMAMI



Reported location of death

Section 2A of Evin prison in Tehran, Tehran province

Reported date of death

February 2018

Reported age

64

Source

[Amnesty International](#), [Radio Farda](#), [DW](#), [VOA](#)

37. MOHAMMAD RAJI



Reported location of death

Shapour *Agahi* detention facility or Baghiatollah hospital in Tehran, Tehran province

Reported date of death

February 2018

Reported age

56

Source

[Amnesty International](#), [BBC Persian](#), [Radio Farda](#)

38. VAHID OLAMAEI



Reported location of death

Raja'i Shahr prison in Karaj, Alborz province

Reported date of death

September 2018

Reported age

Unknown

Source

[Hengaw](#)

39. NEMATOLLAH CHERAGHI



Reported location of death

An *Agahi* detention facility in Ilam, Ilam province

Reported date of death

October 2018

Reported age

Unknown

Source

[Hengaw](#)

40. BEHROUZ ZEINALIZADEH

Reported location of death

The central prison in Khoy, West Azerbaijan province

Reported date of death

January 2019

Reported age

Unknown

Source

[Hengaw](#)

41. BAHMAN MIRZAEI



Reported location of death

Raja'i Shahr prison in Karaj, Alborz province

Reported date of death

March 2019

Reported age

33

Source

[IHR](#)

42. BENYAMIN ALBOGHBIESH



Reported location of death

A Mol detention facility in Ahvaz, Khuzestan province

Reported date of death

June 2019

Reported age

26

Source

[Amnesty International](#)

43. SEYED ALI HOSSEINI



Reported location of death

An *Agahi* detention facility in Urumieh, West Azerbaijan province

Reported date of death

July 2019

Reported age

Unknown

Source

[KHRN](#)

44. ERSHEAD RAHMANIAN



Reported location of death

A Mol detention facility in Marivan, Kurdistan province

Reported date of death

November or December 2019

Reported age

24

Source

Amnesty International, [Radio Zamaneh](#), [Radio Farda](#)

45. HAMID SHEYKHANI



Reported location of death

An unidentified location in Mahshahr, Khuzestan province

Reported date of death

November or December 2019

Reported age

35

Source

Amnesty International, [JFI](#), [IranWire](#), [Radio Zamaneh](#)

46. MOHMMAD TAMOLI TARFI

Reported location of death

Sepidar prison in Ahvaz, Khuzestan province

Reported date of death

March or April 2020

Reported age

25

Source

Amnesty International

47. SEYED REZA KHARASANI

Reported location of death

Sepidar prison in Ahvaz, Khuzestan province

Reported date of death

March or April 2020

Reported age

38

Source

Amnesty International

48. MOHAMMAD SALAMAT

Reported location of death

Sepidar prison in Ahvaz, Khuzestan province

Reported date of death

March or April 2020

Reported age

Unknown

Source

Amnesty International

49. AMIN ABIAT

Reported location of death

Sepidar prison in Ahvaz, Khuzestan province

Reported date of death

March or April 2020

Reported age

Unknown

Source

Amnesty International

50. SHAHIN ZOHEIRI

Reported location of death

Sepidar prison in Ahvaz, Khuzestan province

Reported date of death

March or April 2020

Reported age

Unknown

Source

Amnesty International

51. ALI KHAFAJI

Reported location of death

Sepidar prison in Ahvaz, Khuzestan province

Reported date of death

March or April 2020

Reported age

Unknown

Source

Amnesty International

52. MAJID ZOBEIDI

Reported location of death

Sepidar prison in Ahvaz, Khuzestan province

Reported date of death

March or April 2020

Reported age

Unknown

Source

Amnesty International

53. NASER ZOBEIDI

Reported location of death

Sepidar prison in Ahvaz, Khuzestan province

Reported date of death

March or April 2020

Reported age

Unknown

Source

Amnesty International

54. SAJAD PISHDAD

Reported location of death

Sepidar prison in Ahvaz, Khuzestan province

Reported date of death

March or April 2020

Reported age

Unknown

Source

Amnesty International

55. ALIREZA HAJIVAND

Reported location of death

Sepidar prison in Ahvaz, Khuzestan province

Reported date of death

March or April 2020

Reported age

Unknown

Source

Amnesty International

56. MAJID GHEITASI

Reported location of death

Sepidar prison in Ahvaz, Khuzestan province

Reported date of death

March or April 2020

Reported age

Unknown

Source

Amnesty International

57. SORUSH MAKVANDI

Reported location of death

Sepidar prison in Ahvaz, Khuzestan province

Reported date of death

March or April 2020

Reported age

Unknown

Source

Amnesty International

58. ADEL NASERI

Reported location of death

Sepidar prison in Ahvaz, Khuzestan province

Reported date of death

March or April 2020

Reported age

Unknown

Source

Amnesty International

59. ALI ZARGANI

Reported location of death

Sepidar prison in Ahvaz, Khuzestan province

Reported date of death

March or April 2020

Reported age

Unknown

Source

Amnesty International

60. SAJAD ABIAT

Reported location of death

Sepidar prison in Ahvaz, Khuzestan province

Reported date of death

March or April 2020

Reported age

Unknown

Source

Amnesty International

61. NADER MOKHTARI



Reported location of death

Kahrizak detention facility in Tehran, Tehran province

Reported date of death

September 2020

Reported age

35

Source

Amnesty International, [BBC Persian](#), [Radio Zamaneh](#), [Kalame](#)

62. MEHRDAD SEPEHRI



Reported location of death

A public space in Mashhad, Khorasan-e Razavi province

Reported date of death

October 2020

Reported age

28

Source

[Iran International](#)

63. FARHAD VOSOUGHI



Reported location of death

The central prison in Khoramabad, Lorestan province

Reported date of death

November 2020

Reported age

27

Source

[Hengaw](#)

64. MOHAMMAD DOJI



Reported location of death

Amirabad prison in Gorgan, Golestan province

Reported date of death

November 2020

Reported age

19

Source

[Tuhra](#)

65. DANIAL ZINOLABEDIN



Reported location of death
Miandoab prison, West Azerbaijan

Reported date of death
April 2020

Reported age
19

Source
[Amnesty International](#)

66. BAHMAN OGHABI



Reported location of death
An *Agahi* detention facility in Kermanshah, Kermanshah province

Reported date of death
January 2021

Reported age
35

Source
[Hengaw](#)

67. MEHRDAD TALESHI



Reported location of death

Shapour *Agahi* detention facility in Tehran, Tehran province

Reported date of death

February 2021

Reported age

21

Source

[Hengaw](#), [Radio Farda](#)

68. NASER KARIMI



Reported location of death

The central prison in Bukan, West Azerbaijan province

Reported date of death

May 2021

Reported age

25-27

Source

Amnesty International, [Hengaw](#)

69. AMIR REZAEI

Reported location of death

The central prison in Urumieh, West Azerbaijan

Reported date of death

June 2021

Reported age

35

Source

[Hengaw](#)

70. RAHMAN AHMADIAN



Reported location of death

A Mol detention facility in Urumieh, West Azerbaijan province

Reported date of death

July 2021

Reported age

38

Source

[Hengaw](#)

71. HADI ATAZADEH



Reported location of death

The central prison in Ahar, East Azerbaijan province

Reported date of death

September 2021

Reported age

Unknown

Source

[Iran International](#), [BBC Persian](#), [Radio Farda](#)

72. YASER MANGOURI



Reported location of death

A Mol detention facility in Urumieh, West Azerbaijan province

Reported date of death

September 2021

Reported age

31

Source

[Hengaw](#)