

BALUCH GENOCIDE, ETHNIC CLEANSING, ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES BY PAKISTAN

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Abstract

Baluchistan is situated in a very important location in Asia. Due to its vast availability of rare earth minerals such as gold, silver, copper, chromite, lead, iron ore, limestone, molybdenum, zinc, top-quality coal, ochre, vermiculite, fluorite, celestite, soapstone, asbestos, magnesite, sulphur, oil, natural gas, uranium, precious stones, lithium, and other minerals.

Baluch people are Sunni Muslims with Shia minorities but are secular, peaceful, and believe in religious harmony, freedom of expression, regional harmony, and diversity. You can find mosques, churches, gurdwaras, and temples on the same street. Baluchistan. The Hanglaj Matta, which Baluch people call Nani Ka Mandi, is also situated in Baluchistan, where half a million visitors come to take the blessing of Nani Mandir. Baluch have been taking care of it for centuries.

Despite having trillions of dollars' worth of natural resources and the extremely important region having the two vital ports of Gwadar (under Pakistani occupation) and Chabahar (under Iranian rule), Baluch people are deprived of their fundamental rights.

Baluch people have been demanding the UN intervene in occupied Baluchistan by sending peacekeeping missions and denuclearizing Pakistan. They have been asking India to raise gross human rights violations in

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Balochistan and facilitate the Baloch people opening embassy in India and other countries.

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Historical Background

Pakistan's invasion of Balochistan 1948

While India was engaged in its war of independence from the British Empire, at the same time, Balochistan was also fighting for its national independence from Britain. Surprisingly, Balochistan and India were facing the same occupier in the war for their national independence. When Britain announced its permanent withdrawal from the subcontinent, Balochistan declared its independence from the yoke of colonial occupation by the British on August 11, 1947.

Britain left this region, but unfortunately, it left behind evils like Pakistan, which has become a breeding ground for global extremism. The fact of the matter is that Pakistan is a project of global imperialist forces that was invented by Britain to protect its interests. Since Pakistan was a landlocked area, the founder of Pakistan, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, asked Prince Mir Ahmad Yar Khan Baloch, the last ruler of Balochistan's Kalate state, to join Pakistan. Historic documents show that the Prince of Kalat (Balochistan) put up the proposal of Mr. Jinnah to both houses (the House of Lords and the House of Commons), and the assembly members unanimously rejected Islamabad's request to merge Balochistan into the newly created radical state of Pakistan. Hence, the rogue state of Pakistan started pressuring Mir Ahmad Yar Khan to sign the annexation document. The Prince of Kalat was kept under house arrest in Dhadar, Sibi, and the Pakistani army forced him to sign the document of annexation under duress. This act of blatant violation of the territorial integrity of Balochistan was observed as an invasion of Balochistan by the Pakistani

army. The military invasion of Pakistan sparked a nationwide uprising and revolt from the Baloch masses across occupied Balochistan. The younger brother of Mir Ahmed Yar Khan and governor of Makuran, Prince Abdul Karim Baloch, led the resistance movement. He went up to the mountains and revolted against this aggression in Islamabad. He also travelled to Afghanistan for political and diplomatic support but could not become victorious in the war of independence due to a lack of valuable support.

Pakistan-occupied Balochistan has been in a state of war for the past seventy-five years, where the occupying forces of Pakistan have been pursuing the policy of looting and plundering the natural resources of Balochistan on a large scale. China has been made a direct accomplice in the looting of Balochistan's coast and resources. China is always looking for global markets to strengthen its economy, and Balochistan has been badly affected by China's growing influence in the region. Especially in Central Asia. Seven decades have passed since the war between Pakistan and Balochistan continued. There have been four bloodiest wars between the people of Balochistan and the Pakistani army. The ongoing war of independence is the fifth war of independence started in the in the early 1980s, led by Baloch nationalist leader Hyrbyair Marri, followed by other Baloch political parties, which is the continuation of previous wars.

Balochistan: victim of divide and rule by imperialist powers

Balochistan was an independent country until it was invaded and occupied in 1839 by the British Empire and then subsequently divided into three parts. Due to this division, Balochistan remained illegally divided into Iran, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. Among these divided parts, the eastern part of Balochistan is the largest, which was currently occupied by Pakistan on March 27, 1948; the western part is occupied by Persian-dominated Iran; and the northern part is controlled by Afghanistan under the Durand Line, which divided both sides of the Baloch and Afghan people. Interestingly, neither the Baloch nor the Afghan governments accepted the Durand Line. Despite all parts of Balochistan being

rich in gold, oil, natural gas, copper, uranium, molybdenum, and other natural resources worth trillions of dollars, the Baloch population is forced to live in extremely harsh conditions.

From Bangladesh to Balochistan

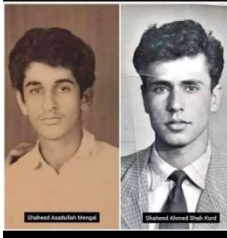
It seems Pakistan's military and Punjabi-dominated army and establishment did not learn any lessons from 1971's dispensation. In East Pakistan, the Bengali majority nation's mandate was disrespected, and Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was arrested and put behind bars.

To quell the liberation of Bangladesh, Pakistan's army dictator, Gen. Agha Muhammad Yahya Khan, appointed Gen. Tikka Khan, who had earned the nickname 'Butcher of Balochistan', where its military killed thousands of Baloch civilians in Kohistan Marri, Jahlawan, and Barkhan areas during the Balochistan liberation war against Pakistan in the 1960s.

According to The Tribune Express, Director General of Pakistan Lt Gen Ahmed Sharif Chaudhary revealed during his first press conference on April 25, 2023, that a total of 8,269 intelligence-based operations (IBOs) had been conducted since January, as a result of which 1,535 terrorists had been killed or apprehended. He accidentally admitted the war crimes of his army in occupied Balochistan by revealing that 4,040 IBOs (intelligence-based operations) were conducted in Balochistan from January to April 2023. <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2416430/security-forces-kill-five-terrorists-in-balochistan-operation>

A video of the press conference of DGISPR is available at the link below. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNbXLu11k&rco=1>

1976 Enforce Disappearances of prominent Baloch leaders



Son of former Chief Minister of Balochistan, Sardar Attaullah Mengal (late), Asad Ullah Mengal, was abducted from Karachi outside the residence of Balakh Sher Mazari on February 6, 1976. He, along with his friend Agha Ahmed Shah Baloch, was coming back home after visiting his father, Sardar Attaullah Mengal, in jail. Their families discovered their vehicle bearing blood marks, but they could not trace them. After 48 years, the Pakistani army and the ISI have not handed over the dead bodies of Asadullah Mengal and Agha Ahmed Shah Baloch. Numerous letters and memoranda were written to Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and other government heads about the recovery of the Baloch hostages, but Pakistan's rogue military did not give any heed to the suffering of the Baloch people.

In a shocking confession On February 20, 2012, a former head of ISI (Inter-Services Intelligence Agency) Lieutenant-General Hamid Gul said during a television talk show that "Sardar Ataullah Mengal's son, Asad, was killed in an interrogation centre during Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's era."

It is worth noticing that during the military offensives in Kohistan Marri areas of Kahan, Kohlu, and Jahwalan, Baloch people familiar with the situation from 1973 to 1976 say that about 15,000 Baloch have been killed and 50,00 have been made hostages. Baloch guerrilla leader Sher Mohammad Marri elaborated in his BBC Urdu interview during the 1990s that the Pakistani army abducted Baloch women and children. "Our women and girls were sold in Punjab, where he paid the ransom and brought back the Baloch girls." That translates to the intensity and deteriorating situation faced by the people of occupied Balochistan. Unfortunately, the scale of enforced disappearances and Baloch genocide is at its peak. At present, there are approximately 40,000 Baloch-made victims of enforced disappearances by the Pakistani army. Also in Iran-occupied Balochsitan, there are about 10,000 Baloch languishing in

Iranian jails; thousands were executed under false and bogus cases of drug trafficking and smuggling.



Ali Asghar Bangulzai Baloch's family is marking 22 years since his abduction. According to the family sources of Ali, he had a tailoring shop on Sariab Road, Quetta. The ISI intercepted his bike and abducted him in front of Degree College Saryab Road, Quetta, on October 18, 2001. His nephew Nasrullah Baloch formed VBMP (Voice for Baloch Missing Persons) to highlight the cases of thousands of Baloch who are abducted and languishing in the torture cells of Pakistan without having the right to justice or a transparent legal process. The family of Mr. Ali had multiple seminars, press conferences, and registered an FIR against the illegal arrest of him. Many meetings took place with the Chief Ministers of Balochistan, Prime Ministers, and other high-level authorities of Pakistan for the safe recovery of Ali, but there was a positive outcome from the Pakistani establishment.



Abdul Ghaffar Langov, a Baloch nationalist activist and father of Baloch female activist Dr. Mahrang Baloch, was first abducted in Mastung on June 27, 2007. He was held until February 13, 2008, after which he was handed over to the police. He remained in police custody until May 2009, when he was eventually found not guilty and released.

However, security forces abducted him again on December 11, 2009. Abdul Ghaffar Langov and his wife were leaving a hospital in Pakistan's southern city of Karachi after her discharge from surgery when two white Toyota pickup trucks suddenly stopped at the main gate. Langov's wife said that "about 10 men in plain clothes approached the couple, and one started beating Langov with the butt of an AK-47 assault rifle until he lost consciousness. The men then dragged him into one of the pickups and drove away. When the family went to register the abduction with the police, the police informed them that Langov had been detained because of his political activism, yet they refused

to provide further information on his whereabouts or specific charges against him.”

A police officer admitted that Langov had been detained, but he refused to file a complaint or provide more information. On July 1, 2011, Abdul Ghaffar Langov’s corpse was found in an abandoned restaurant near the Lakbado area of Gadani town in the Lasbela district of Balochistan.

<https://www.hrw.org/report/2011/07/28/we-can-torture-kill-or-keep-you-years/enforced-disappearances-pakistan-security>

Three prominent Baloch leaders killed extra judicially 9 April 2009



In a highly publicized case of enforced disappearance and extrajudicial killing, three Baloch activists—**Sher Mohammed Baloch, Ghulam Mohammed Baloch, and Lala Munir**—were in their lawyer’s office in a local courthouse in Turbat on April 3, 2009 when a group of about five or six people in civilian clothes burst in and started smashing things. Sher Mohammad Baloch managed to dial a friend from his mobile phone, saying they were being taken away by the “agencies,” but did not manage to say anything else. Witnesses at the courthouse told relatives that because of numerous witnesses and the FC (Frontier Corps) personnel who were securing the court grounds, they believe it was intelligence agents who handcuffed and hooded the three men and put them in their cars.

On April 9, 2009, the mutilated bodies of three prominent leaders were found in Pedarak, Murghab town, near Turbat city. The families identified the victims as Sher Mohammed Baloch, Ghulam Mohammed Baloch, and Lala Munir. The relatives said that there were multiple bullet holes on the bodies. The victims’ hands were tied and relatives. They saw what they believed to be signs of torture on the bodies, including burn marks and bruises on chests and backs.

27 March 2009



Kabir Baloch, Mushtaq Baloch, and Attaullah Baloch were forcibly disappeared by the Pakistani army on March 27, 2009, from district Khuzdar, occupied Balochistan. Their families have received no updates or progress regarding their whereabouts, causing prolonged anguish and uncertainty. The ongoing lack of transparency and accountability in this matter only serves to intensify their suffering. The families of the Baloch hostages say their loved ones must be produced in court and given a fair trial. Family members had been protesting across Balochistan, and Baloch activists organised a number of online campaigns to highlight the plight of their illegal abductions, but the occupational forces of Pakistan are not obeying international laws and the United Nations Charter, which allow citizens to obtain legal procedures and prove their innocence.



Safar Khan, S/O Sher Khan Baloch, was abducted on October 26, 2009, from Hazar Ganji Quetta. He was a petty contractor working in the Hazar Ganji Market. The secret agencies of Pakistan do not want the development of the area, so they are deliberately targeting Baloch businessmen and contractors who work for the betterment of the local people. Mr. Safar Khan was helping the Marri community in New Kahan Quetta repair schools and community centers. It is worth noticing that one of his brothers, Doctor Sohrab Marri, was martyred, and another brother was subjected to torture and imprisonment for years. His family members approached the Supreme Court of Pakistan, but there is no clue about his whereabouts.

8 June 2009



Zakir Majeed Baloch, Vice Chairman of BSO (Baloch Students Organisation) Azad, was abducted on June 8, 2009, by the ISI from Mastung, some 47 km from Capital Quetta, when he was travelling from Quetta to his native town Khuzdar. Mr. Zakir Baloch was pursuing his master's degree in English at the Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water, and Marine Sciences (LUAWMS) at Uthal.

He completed his intermediate studies at the Balochistan Residential College (BRC) in Khuzdar and his bachelor's degree in science at the Government Degree College in Khuzdar. At the time when Zakir was forcibly abducted, he was a master's student of English at the Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water, and Marine Sciences (LUAWMS) at Uthal University. His sister, Farzana Majeed, walked 3000 km in the long march as a participant with Voice for Baloch Missing Persons.



Dr. Deen Mohd Baloch

On June 29, 2009, **Din Mohammad Baloch**, a 40-year-old doctor, was on a night shift in his small clinic in the Ornach area of Khuzdar district. At around 2:30 a.m. seven men entered the clinic, tied up his assistant, and burst into his office. His assistant later told Baloch's family that he could hear the sounds of a scuffle. He then saw the men dragging Baloch out of the clinic. Baloch has not been heard from since. According to a

relative of Baloch, in August 2009, Former Chief Minister Raisani of Balochistan told Baloch's family that he was in custody of the intelligence agencies, but did not provide them with further details. Human Rights Watch wrote to Chief Minister Raisani asking him to clarify his position on this case but has not received any response.

<https://www.hrw.org/report/2011/07/28/we-can-torture-kill-or-keep-you-years/enforced-disappearances-pakistan-security>



Doctor Akbar Marri: According to the sister of Dr. Akbar Marri, his brother was abducted from his private clinic situated in Gahee Khan Chauwk Sariat Road, Quetta, on April 19, 2010. She added that Mr. Akbar is a medical officer in Kohlu district and was serving the patients at his Chiltan Clinic when ISI personnel rushed to his medical centre and abducted him by the barrel of the gun. His family members joined multiple press conferences and appealed to the courts of Pakistan, but they have failed to trace Mr. Akbar so far.

Pakistan's army and the ISI are repeating the tactics of search and destroy of the Baloch cream of society. Doctors are being targeted because they are working for the welfare of the common people. Doctor Akbar Marri was one of those who had established free medical checkup centres and offered free treatment to the poor Baloch families who could not afford the hospital.

Crackdown against peaceful Baloch students

In 2010, former Pakistan's interior minister Raheman Malik (late), in a threatening press conference, deliberately tried to label the BSO (Baloch Students Organisation) as a militant group and openly announced the state policy to use force against Baloch students.

At Quetta airport, while speaking to the media, he said that "some people in Balochistan have not understood the love of the government; now sticks will be used to improve the situation." He added that armed organisations (BLA) (Baloch Liberation Army) and BSO (Baloch Students Organisation) have taken the place of political parties in Balochistan, and action will be taken against them. Enough is enough; now we will ensure the writ of the government in Balochistan."

It is worth mentioning that the Pakistani army is already busy with the Baloch genocide, pursuing Baloch ethnic cleansing across occupied Balochistan since

2005, when Baloch veteran leader Nawab Akbar Khan Bugti was forced to take up arms.

During the dictatorship of General Musharraf, thousands of Baloch were made victims of enforced disappearances. According Baloch. https://www.bbc.com/urdu/lg/pakistan/2010/09/100908_malikrehman_baloch_istan

16 April 2012

Sadiq Umrani Baloch, a former member of the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan, revealed that when his team was passing from Quetta to Mastung, they saw the Pakistani military and ISI killing the Baloch hostages on the roadside. After his statement on the floor of the house, he was pursued and pressurised by the ISI. His close relative was subjected to enforced disappearances, and he was forced to take down his statement.

Frontier Corps (FC) Inspector General Major General Ubaidullah Khan Khattak also appeared before the court and rejected charges against his force.

“Peoples Party MPA Sadiq Umrani has accused Fortier Corpse of kidnapping and killing two people near Kalat and Mastung. It is a serious allegation. The MPA was accompanied by two ministers when the incident took place, and they cannot lie on the floor of the House,” the chief justice told Khattak.

<https://bolanvoice.wordpress.com/2012/04/16/quetta-police-produce-four-of-seven-missing-persons-before-court>



According to family sources, 32-year-old **Aziz Khan Marri, S/O Hydar Marri**, along with three other friends, was going for condolences to the house of one of their close relatives in Barkhan on July 31, 2012. At around 12 midday, when they reached the Sinjavi area of Balochistan district Loralai, four vehicles of Pakistan Paramilitary and FC intercepted them and stopped the passenger van in which they were travelling. To raise their voice, his son and mother took part in the Baloch Long March to Islamabad and put up multiple applications in Pakistani courts but did not receive any positive answers from the Pakistani agencies.



Jameel Ahmad was reportedly unlawfully arrested without proper legality by Pakistani occupying forces from Awaran, Balochistan, on April 29, 2013. In a civilised world, enforced disappearances are considered crimes against humanity. In occupied Balochistan, the number of Baloch hostages is widely known as “Baloch Missing Persons.” The establishment in Islamabad adopted the policy of “kill and dump” to create an environment of fear and panic among common people. Baloch rights groups had been urging the United Nations, Amnesty International, the EU Parliament, and other human rights champions in the world to take notice of the Baloch genocide.

Long march for the release Baloch missing persons

27 October 2013: Under the banner of VBMP (Voice for Baloch Missing Persons), headed by Nasrullah Baloch, Mama Qadir Baloch, Farzana Majeed, and other family members of Baloch hostages staged a historic long march in 2013 from Quetta to Karachi and then to Islamabad, walking 30,00 km, braving the freezing temperature of Quetta. The motive of the long march on foot was to grab the attention of the international community towards the plight of

Baloch hostages being kept in the Pakistani army and ISI's torture cells. The long march consisted of Baloch women, children, and men. It was overwhelmingly welcomed, supported, and encouraged across Balochistan and the Sindh region, but soon it entered the jurisdiction of Punjab. The participants were deliberately verbally abused and hit by a truck; fortunately, they escaped narrowly, but some members were slightly injured. They were harassed and abused on different occasions by the people of Punjab province.



"Current rulers have intensified the kill and dump policy in Balochistan," Nasrullah Baloch told reporters prior to launching of the march. We want recovery of our loved ones," Baloch demanded. The VBMP claimed that intelligence agencies have picked up a large number of Baloch political workers to suppress their voice.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/10522232>



Zahid Baloch, Chairman of the Baloch Students Organisation (Azad), was forcibly abducted by the ISI and Pakistan Army on March 18, 2014, in front of Karima Baloch, a female BSO leader from satellite town Quetta. Despite the passage of a decade, his whereabouts remain unknown. It is worth mentioning that the eyewitness to Zahid's abduction, Karima Baloch, was later assassinated in Canada and fled from Occupied Balochistan because of death threats from ISI and Pakistani establishments. The Canadian police and government did not investigate the mysterious death of Karima Baloch.

Baloch Students Organisation (BSO-Azad) is an unarmed Baloch student's organisation struggling peacefully for the restoration of Balochistan's independence. Hundreds of its core members from different areas of occupied Balochistan got abducted illegally, and their mutilated dead bodies were found on barren lands and roadsides. The Pakistani establishment imposed a ban on the statements of BSO and its rallies in occupied Balochistan by labelling it as a militant organization. Its cadres were prevented from organising book festivals and cultural events in Balochistan. Baloch masses see Pakistan's deliberate attempt to target peaceful Baloch students by imposing sanctions on them for many decades.

Long March by Free Balochistan Movement in Germany's Dusseldorf city

July 18, 2016, According to the Free Balochistan Movement's official statement, the leaders and activists of the Free Balochistan Movement (FBM) have started their "Long March" from Germany's Düsseldorf city.

Before commencing the march, participants issued an appeal to international media and human rights organisations to take note of the atrocities being committed in Balochistan by the Pakistani authorities.



*Free Balochistan Movement long march for the save recovery of thousands of Baloch being held in Pakistan
 . Photo credit: www.balochwarna.com*

The participants walked for 30 kilometres from Dusseldorf to Wuppertal on Saturday, chanting slogans and giving out leaflets to the German public.

“We have decided to organise this ‘Long March’ to highlight the ongoing Pakistani state atrocities and human rights violations in Balochistan.

The aim of our march is also to inform the free-born people of the world that there is a war going on in Balochistan, but the international community and world media mostly either remain unaware of this war or they are misled by Pakistani state sponsors into believing that everything is fine in Balochistan.”

<https://www.aninews.in/news/world/music/long-march-by-free-balochistan-movement-kicks-off-from-germany039s-dusseldorf-city/>

According to Balochwarna news, “the family of missing abducted **Mehr Gul Marri, Deputy Director of Agriculture**, had organised a separate rally, from Magsi House to Quetta Press Club, to protest against the long disappearance of Mr. Marri, who was abducted by Pakistani security agencies on September 15, 2015, from Saryab Road, Quetta, Balochistan.



A niece of Mehr Gul Marri said, ‘We have been demanding his release since his abduction by security forces. Initially, we were told that he’s a government official, so he’ll be released after we ask him some questions. Those were just false promises because my uncle is still missing.’

She said the family has knocked on all the doors and gone to every institution to ascertain the whereabouts of Mr. Marri, but their entire struggle so far has gone

in vain.

The family members of Mehr Gul Marri have urged the Chief Justice of Pakistan and other responsible high officials to play their role in his immediate and safe release.

<https://balochwarna.com/2018/06/17/balochistan-relatives-of-enforced-disappeared-baloch-protest-on-eid-day>

Each family in occupied Balochistan is suffering from trauma due to state brutalities. On 10 August 2016 five members of a family have reportedly gone missing after being unlawfully detained and forcibly disappeared by Pakistani forces in the Nurmok Johan area district Kalat, Balochistan.

Among them is an 80-year-old man named **Suhrab Khan Marri, Hamal Khan Marri, Ahmed S/O Qadir Khan Marri, Fayaz Ahmed S/O Qadir Khan Marri, Ali S/O Haji Mehr Ali.**



The families of the missing individuals are seeking justice and appealing to Pakistani institutions and judiciary to recover them. The families of victims of enforced disappearances say their loved ones must be produced in courts and given the right to defend themselves. Pakistan pretends to be a democratic country but as Balochistan is concern, its army is busy in carrying out the Baloch genocide in a broader scale.



Baloch student **Shabir Baloch**, affiliated with BSO, was forcibly disappeared by Pakistani military and intelligence agencies from Gwarkup, district Turbat, on October 4, 2016. Since then, his wife, Zarina, and sister, Seema Baloch, have been protesting for his safe recovery. According to Baloch rights groups, the Pakistani army had abducted thousands of Baloch students, teachers, and professors and killed hundreds of fake encounters. The custodial killings are crimes against humanity and must end. Most of the students are abducted from the university campus in Balochistan, Punjab, and KPK. There were videos of Baloch students who were beaten up for carrying books for distribution. Baloch students are well-read. A few years ago, there were 7 million books sold during a book festival organised by Baloch students.

Farhatullah Babar annoyed over presence of 'Gitmo, Bagram-like torture cells' in Pakistan

Citing examples of Guantanamo Bay detention centre and Bagram jail, Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Senator Farhatullah Babar said on Friday there were secret torture cells operating throughout the country.

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Says even Parliament and Supreme Court are not aware about presence of such detention centres

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Investigation bodies that were created long ago in the country had turned into secret torture cells like those in Guantanamo Bay and Bagram, Babar said.

“What is the number of these cells, how many people are languishing there, how many detainees are facing court cases, how many have died during interrogation... even Parliament and Supreme Court are not aware of this data,” he said during Friday's Senate session, Express News reported.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1561137/farhatullah-babar-annoyed-presence-gitmo-bagram-like-torture-cells-pakistan>



According to family members, a Baloch businessman, **Rashid Hussain Baloch**, was abducted by the security agencies of the United Arab Emirates with the collaboration of the Pakistan ISI on December 26, 2018. Pakistani media in 2019 reported that Rashid was deported to Pakistan by the UAE, but the ISI and the establishment in Islamabad later directed the media not

to speak about his abduction. The family of Rashid had approached the Pakistan Supreme Court seeking justice for him, but despite multiple orders from the court, he is not being produced by the police. The mother and sister of Rashid Baloch had been raising voices for him, but the authorities in Pakistan are not paying any heed to their cry.

Family members of Mr. Rashid say that” the issue of his arrest was raised on January 17 by the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances and the Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary, or Arbitrary Executions." Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch (HRW) have also raised the issue of his arrest by the officials of the UAE without any charges and of being deported to Pakistan.

Abdul Rehman Marri, a **shopkeeper** was abducted from New Kahan Quetta five years ago on January 13 along with another four Marri Baloch. Initially, he was detained at the city police station by SHO Zahoor Afridi behind bars

for four days. It is, however, not known where he was transferred after four days of detention at the city police station.

Massive scale of abduction of Baloch continues

In an article under the title “The Missing Persons,” written by Faisal Siddique, a Pakistani journalist, she said, “It is an undeniable fact that enforced disappearance is a consistent state policy because, firstly, the Pakistani state itself established the Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearances as far back as 2010, which is shockingly still functional after more than 13 years.

The Commission received 9,967 cases up to August 2023, out of which 2,708 belong to Balochistan. It may be noted that the very term ‘enforced disappearance’ by definition means that abduction and confinement are carried out by officials of the state.”

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1801825>

Manzoor Pashteen, head of the PTM (Pashtun Tahafuz Movement), said in a TV interview that the female family members of the missing persons were sexually harassed by one of the top members of the committee who was assigned to investigate the enforced disappearance cases. A woman who went to record her statement about the abduction of her husband was told by one of the commission members that “she is beautiful; she does not need any husband.” Baloch intellectuals believe that such acts of the state are deliberately pursued to terrorise and traumatise family members, not to approach the courts and speak about the illegal abductions being practiced by the Pakistani army and the ISI.

A video of the debate can be retrieved via this link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jjyl62AJPS0>

Teenage students forcibly disappeared from Turbat by Pakistan ISI and the army

Kolwah: A teenager named **Shahid Baloch, son of Char Shambey**, reportedly forcibly disappeared from Kolawi's stop in Turbat on July 17, 2023. Despite nine months passing, he has not been found, and his family has no information about his whereabouts.

Baloch Genocide goes un-noticed



On July 23, 2023, in its statement, “the Free Balochistan Movement urged the civilised world to play its role in stopping the Baloch genocide by Pakistan in Balochistan. The world is silent because of Pakistan’s blackmailing, but their silence is emboldening Pakistan to consider itself

exempt from international laws and accountability and continue its war crimes in Balochistan. The Free Balochistan Movement added in its statement that the way the international community took notice of the human rights violations in East Timor and Kosovo and the massacre of 199 people in East Timor and Santa Cruz, the whole world took notice of it and made the Indonesian state accountable. In the same way, the generals of Yugoslavia faced war crimes for the murder of Adam Jashari and his family in Kosovo. The international community intervened in East Timor and Kosovo and freed Kosovo from Yugoslavia and East Timor from Indonesia. In the same way, the world will have to break its silence on the bare aggression of occupying the state of Pakistan in Balochistan.”

<https://balochwarna.com/2022/07/23/ziarat-massacre-continuation-of-baloch-genocide-wold-must-take-notice-fbm/>



Baloch elder **Qaiser son of Gazzi Khan Bugti** resident of Chatar tehsil of district Naseerabad has been abducted by Pakistani security agencies on 20 November 2023 during a raid on his house! The family says that Mr. Qaiser Gazzi is still under the detention of Pakistani security forces and family have been denied any formation about his whereabouts.

Gwadar: Zakir Baloch, son of Abdul Razzaq, resident of Pasni District Gwadar, was forcibly abducted on 17th December 2023, and still, he is missing, and his whereabouts are unknown. His family along with victims of enforced disappearances staged a peaceful protest against his illegal abduction and blocked the Makuran coastal highway on 16th March 2024 at Nilant Zero point. But despite protests Pakistan's ISI and rogue state elements are not paying any heed to the suffering of Baloch masses.

UN Human Rights Council report says 14,000 Baloch are Missing

According to the United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances report issued under the title "Pakistan Should End The Practice Of Systematic Enforced Disappearances," "The UN Working Group on Enforced Disappearances concluded after their visit to Pakistan in 2012 that the problem of enforced disappearances not only exists but that, according to some of their sources, more than 14,000 persons remained disappeared only in Balochistan province of Pakistan."

A UN report further said that "many missing people aren't counted because their National Identity Card (NIC) details do not exist or their families lack the resources to register their cases. The abductees and their families are subjected to a perversion of justice that turns the presumption of innocence ('innocent until proven guilty') on its head."

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According to the family, **Muhammad Ayub Kurd, son of Bashir Ahmad**, was taken into custody along with Naveed Kurd on 10 February 2024 from Loier Kariz Sariab, Quetta. The family members say eyewitnesses saw the Pakistan ISI and military intelligence agencies abducted Muhammad Ayub Kurd and taken him to undisclosed locations.



According to close relatives, on 21 February 2024 a Baloch youth, **Abdulah Shah Marri son of Mehrab Marri** had been abducted by the frontier corps and ISI on his way to Kohlu. He was offloaded from local passenger vehicle and taken away by the forces. His whereabouts are unknown to the family members.

Balochistan: Families of Abducted Baloch Protest on Eid Day

On Eid Day, April 11, 2024, thousands of victims of enforced disappearances in Pakistan occupied Balochistan and took to the streets to protest against the illegal abductions of their loved ones. Eid is a religious festival for Muslims where families spend their vocation visiting relatives and greeting each other by exchanging gifts and food. But on the other hand, Baloch families are compelled to spend Eid in front of press clubs and protest, blocking the roads for the safe recovery of their loved ones, who were taken hostages by the occupational forces of Pakistan.



According to Balochwarna News, a pro-independent online news outlet, “Thousands of people took to the streets on Eid Day in response to a Balochistan-wide strike called by the Baloch Yakjehti Committee and Voice for Baloch Missing Persons. As part of the fifth phase of the ongoing movement against the Baloch Genocide, the Baloch Unity Committee called for protests across Balochistan on Wednesday, the first day of Eid, a Muslim religious celebration marking the end of the month of Ramadan. In this regard, protest demonstrations took place in all major cities of Balochistan, including Karachi, where thousands of men, women, children, and the elderly participated in the protest instead of celebrating Eid.

Political and social activists from different walks of life also participated in and supported the protests of Baloch families of Pakistan’s victims of atrocities and enforced disappearances. During the demonstrations, family members of the disappeared Baloch spoke of their suffering, pain, and unending wait for the return of their loved ones.”

<https://balochwarna.com/2024/04/11/balochistan-families-of-abducted-baloch-protest-on-eid-day/>



Bisharat's S/O Riaz Ahmed resides in the village of Bazdad in the Awaran district. He has left his room in Quetta since 17 January 2024, at around 2:00 pm and has not returned yet. His family tried their best but still has not found any trace of him. Bisharat's S/O Riaz Ahmed is in the custody of Pakistan army.



Pakistani army Frobtiier Corps (FC) unlawfully raided **Ali Jan Samalani S/O Master Hozoor Bakhsh Samalani**'s house. He forcibly disappeared and transferred to an unknown location at 3 o'clock night in Kali Tagzi, south of Kharan. According to sources, Ali Jan Samalani belongs to a poor family and is a professional shopkeeper. Pakistani forces abducted him at night time, 3 o'clock on 31 January 2024; he is still missing. Due to this, his family members are distraught.



A famous Baloch blogger and artist was arrested by Iranian security forces in **Zahedan Zahedan**: according to sources, on 31st Wednesday, January 2024, a well-known young Baloch blogger and artist was arrested by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) intelligence forces without a judicial warrant and was taken to an unknown place. The identity of this Baloch citizen blogger is Mohammed Totazahi, known as "Bachkok Zahedani (boy of Zahedani)", a resident of Zahedan, has been verified by Hal Vash news. There is no information about his whereabouts and condition after following up with his family and relatives. It should be noted that a few hours after his arrest, the personal page and channel of this famous blogger on Instagram, whose nickname was "Bachkok Zahedani" (boy of zahedani), was taken down by the Iranian authorities.



The recent incident in Kohlu district, where **Tariq, son of Mir Hassan**, was forcefully disappeared after being taken into custody by Pakistani forces. According to ground reports the highest number of abductions and martyrs are from Kohlu and Kahan areas. It is oil rich region. The Pakistan army is extracting top quality of coal from the area of Kohlu. It has been the hotbed for Pakistani military where during previous freedom movements. The area has huge reserves of Gold, Copper, Oil, Iron, Gypsum, Uranium, Coal, and other rare earth minerals. Pakistan army also established local death squads who are collaborating the ISI to abduct the local youth.



Pakistan army practicing its previous tactics applied in Bangladesh to search and destroy the cream of the Bengali society during 1971 Bangladesh liberation war. Another young **Baloch Imtiaz**, a graduate from PMAS Arid University Rawalpindi, abducted by Pakistani law enforcement agencies today on 28 February 2024 around 2:50 pm midnight from Hostel City, Islamabad. This egregious act represents a blatant violation of fundamental human rights and

the rule of law. There are hundreds of instances of abductions of Baloch students from the university campuses. Their studies are interrupted and due their abductions the family members are facing psychological issues. There are video footeges viral on social media showing the agencies of Pakistan attempting to abduct the Baloch students.



According to International Voices for Baloch Missing Persons, **Riaz Ahmed, the son of Fateh Muhammad Bangulzai**, is a resident of Bibi Ziarat (Bengalzai village) Sariab Quetta. He reportedly disappeared on March 3, 2024, from Jinnah -Town Street near IT University Quetta around 10:00 p.m. The family members are approaching the courts to force the secrete agencies to produce him.



According to International Voice for Baloch Missing Persons, family member of a Baloch youth **Bilal Ahmed, son of Ustad Mohammad Bakhsh**, was forcibly disappeared from Zehri Town, Khuzdar, on 4 March 2024. The occupational forces of Pakistan illegally detained him and took him to an unknown location. Bilal's family has not received any information about his whereabouts, and the administration is not providing information about Bilal's status.



Khuda Dad s/o Seraj Ahmed, a student and resident of Turbat Karki, district Kech was forcibly disappeared from Zafarullah Chowk, in front of Al Rashid Hospital in Sargodha, on March 8, 2024, at 8:30, in a white car. Khuda Dad Seraj is a student enrolled in Pathology Lab Sciences at Sargodha Medical College. Family and close relatives are extremely worried about his illegal arrest and via social media they have asked the United Nations and world champions of human rights to raise voice for the safe recovery of Mr. Khuda Dad Baloch.



According to the family sources, **Abdul Raziq Baloch** forcibly disappeared from Surab Bazar by Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) personnel after being tortured in front of the people on March 11, 2024. His father says his son is still in the custody of CTD. Local Baloch people believe CTD is a death squad established by the ISI and Pakistani establishment to pursue the state policies of “Kill & Dump” of Baloch cream of the society. After the illegal abduction of Mr. Abdul Raziq the family members staged a protest and block the main RCD highway, Quetta to Karachi for several hours.



Shoaib Baloch, son of Khan Mohammed, is a student at Bolan Medical College, Quetta. He was forcibly disappeared on March 9th, 2024, from his home located at Food City in Taunsa Sharif. His family has been protesting across various platforms for his safe release. We stand in solidarity with the family and demand the safe return of Shoaib Baloch.



Ameer Ehsan from Naal district Khuzdar, Abdul Hakeem from Khuzdar city, and **Zafar Akber** from Jhao district Awaran have been forcibly disappeared, leaving their families in anguish with no knowledge of their whereabouts.

Four more youths have been forcibly disappeared on 25 March 2024 by Pakistani forces in #Balochistan. The enforced disappearances are intensifying every other day. We have been informed of four disappearances from Awaran, Khuzdar, and Mastung, three different districts of Balochistan. Two of the victims are brothers. These abhorrent acts of forced disappearances by Pakistani forces are a blatant violation of human rights and a grave injustice to the affected individuals and their families.



Muzammil Baloch, son of Muhammad Afzal Mengal, a resident of Khuzdar was abducted by the Pakistani forces on April 8th at 11 a.m. from the city of Khuzdar.. The lack of information regarding his whereabouts raises serious questions about his safety and well-being. Relatives had approached the Pakistani local administration to immediately investigate his disappearance and ensure his safe return. But despite public uprising the state of Pakistan is not willing to reveal any information about the status of Mr. Muzammil.



Reports of the abduction of **Israr Ahmed**, a resident of Kirdagaap, on 9 April 2024, by the Pakistani intelligence agencies are deeply concerning. His family deserves answers and accountability. Pakistan army is pursuing massive scale of offensives across occupied Balochistan. During the military offensives dozens of people are being apprehended on daily bases but the due to media blackout, the reports of the abductions come weeks later. On the other hand the families of the victims are threatened and terrorized not to speak about the illegal detention of their loved ones.



The reports of the forced disappearance of **Zarif S/o Gamshad** resident of Malar district Awaran, by the Pakistani Army is deeply concerning. There is a new trend that the ISI calls local youth to report in army cantonments but once they visit the military camps for the sake of cooperation with the forces that they have done no crimes, at this point they are arrested and disappeared. Families of the Baloch hostages appeal to United Nations and human rights groups to take notice of such ill practices by the Pakistan army. Mr. Zarif was also summoned to Army camp in Geshkor on April 13, 2024, and subsequently arrested.



Pakistani military's raid, door to door search operations and use of violence have become a common practice of Pakistan in occupied Balochistan. According to local sources on 18 April 2024, the ISI with collaboration of local administration raided the house of **Aziz Shambey** in Bulaida, Kech at 2:00 AM. The occupational forces made the women and children hostages, looted the valuables and took away Mr. Aziz Baloch with them. Relatives approached the police station nearby but the police is also not cooperating for the registration of the FIR.

Three Baloch youth abducted in a single day



Doda Lal Bakhsh from Turbat, **Dilsard Baloch** from Pasni, and **Hasil Baloch** from Mashkay. Pakistan allocated a huge chunk of its budget to counter the independence struggle of Balochistan. The Pakistani establishment is assisting the Chinese PLA to carry out military operations across the Balochistan region. The CPEC (China Pakistan Economic Corridor) which Beijing and Islamabad portrays as development project, has become a destructive project for the people of occupied Balochistan. Thousands of Baloch are being kept in secrete torture cells across Balochistan and the Pakistani military mafia is involved in organ harvesting of these thousands of Baloch people.



Two teenagers identified as **Dawood son of Abdul Wahab Baloch and Shehzad son of Ubaid Baloch** were forcibly disappeared by Pakistan's occupational forces from Newano Zamuran on May 2nd, 2024. The civil society had been raising voices against such heinous crimes of Pakistan in occupied Balochistan. Baloch women had come commence long march from Turbat city to Islamabad to highlight the plight of the Baloch hostages. The civilized world must not overlook the illegal abductions of Baloch by the occupational army of Pakistan.



Muslim Rashid and Shah Nawaz, residents of Sundom Gishkaur, forcibly disappeared in the Sundom area of Gishkaur Awaran by Pakistani forces. Baloch mother are afraid of giving birth to children especially sons because they say that if their sons are grown up the Pakistani occupational forces will come to their houses and take their young sons and kill them in fake encounters. There are TV channels on animals and wildlife but a population of 50 million Baloch are deprived of a TV channel, radio station. The news of the Baloch genocide seldom comes out because the military and the ISI had imposed strict rules for censorship.



According to Baloch media, Pakistan's occupational forces and ISI with collaborator had abducted two Baloch youth namely **Javid son of Mohammad Qasim Baloch and Qambar son of Murad Baloch** from Awaran city. Both of them are relatives and belong to Badrang area of Jahao.

According to local sources, a Baloch youth was abducted from Sarbandar area of Gwadar where the Chinese and Pakistan army are busy in loot and plunder of resources of occupied Balochistan. Meanwhile another **Baloch Jahan son**

of Naseer Baloch was abducted by the occupational forces of Pakistan from Tump area of Gomazi in the evening of Friday 10 May 2024.

Fourteen People abducted on a single day



Pakistan army and the ISI have accelerated the abduction of Baloch people across occupied Balochistan. Another graduate Baloch student Hayat Baloch son of Jumma Baloch was made victim of enforced disappearances. According to his close relatives Mr. Hayat Baloch was whisked away at 1:00am from his residence situated at Bazar Absar Turbat district. He was a graduate student in Geology from Lasbela University of Agriculture Water and Marine Science.

Pakistan army turned Balochistan a concentration camp, mass abductions are being reported on daily bases. According to Baloch media six more individuals – Sameer, Bilal, Dur Muhammad, Ameer Aslam, Nizam Qayyum and Aman – have been forcefully disappeared.



Also worrying reports of abductions from Dera Bugti district have been received, where six more individuals – Zahoor, Dilawar, Ahmad Ali, Nawaz Ali, Khaliq Gul, and Jalal Bugti – have been subjected to enforced disappearance. Dera Bugti is the region where Pakistan had been extracting natural gas for last 5 decades but the people over there are deprived of their own natural gas and subjected to burn woods for baking purpose.

Pakistan army is busy in ill practices of abducting the Baloch unarmed civilians. Another Baloch youth Zahid Hussain was abducted from Chitkan area of Panjgur. None of abducted people have been produced in front of any court till the filing of this report nor the families are informed about wellbeing.



A Baloch student **Niyaz Abdul** was forcibly disappeared by Pakistani forces. This follows a series of abductions from Surbandar area of Gwadar the port city of Occupied Balochistan. The family members said that he was taken away by the occupational forces of Pakistan in front of eyewitness. He was an unarmed Baloch common citizen. The relatives approached the police station for FIR of his abduction but the local authorities are reluctant to register the abduction case of Mr. Niyaz Abdul.



On same day in another incident local people informed the media that a Baloch fisherman **Mohsin Baloch**, a resident of Surbandan from Gwadar where the Chinese and Pakistan army are collaborating to build multibillion dollar projects. The local Baloch people are being abducted on daily bases. Now the Chinese are funding Pakistan army to fence the area and digging trenches to cut the local population from Gwadar and adjoining areas. People of occupied Balochistan are resisting the latest fencing of Gwadar because they are not allowed for fishing from their own sea which they consider an economic genocide of Baloch people.

Pakistan violates International Laws

The right to peaceful assembly is guaranteed under international human rights law, including Article 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), which Pakistan ratified in 2010 and is legally obligated to implement.

The UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders also reiterates that everyone has the right to participate in peaceful activities against violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and obligates the State to take necessary

measures to ensure the protection by the competent authorities of peaceful protestors against “any violence, threats, retaliation, de facto or de jure adverse discrimination, pressure or any other arbitrary action as a consequence of his or her legitimate exercise of the rights”.

Baloch are fighting for Independence, Acknowledges former PM of Pakistan

Pakistan's caretaker Prime Minister Anwarul Haq Kakar in an interview acknowledged that the people of Balochistan were not merely dissatisfied with the Pakistan but are seeking an independent state of Balochistan. Speaking on enforced disappearances he went on saying that the issue of enforced disappearances is complex. He recognized the challenges in resolving these cases and stressed the importance of focusing on the return of missing person (which Baloch people call Baloch hostage). This rare admission of a sitting Prime Minister of Pakistan is observed by Baloch nation as success to their narrative.

Complete video interview of Former PM of Pakistan Anwarul Haq Kakar

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ho17lpOCUnE>

Conclusion

The people of occupied Balochistan are facing absolute genocide, ethnic cleansing, and a massive scale of enforced disappearances. Baloch pro-independence parties and their leadership had been undertaking testimonies, giving memoranda to the United Nations, European Union delegations, the UK parliament, the US Congress for Foreign Affairs, and numerous media press releases. Baloch rights groups say the number of Baloch-enforced disappearances is approximately 40,000. There is a total blockade of the media and freedom of speech. Independent journalists are not allowed to write about the genuine issue of Balochistan, which is the occupation of Baloch land by Pakistan. The foreign media is not allowed to visit the war-hit region of Balochistan and report from the ground. UN fact-finding missions are not allowed to approach the families of the victims of state terrorism. Pakistan's

ISI has the impunity to carry out large-scale abductions, and the military has been given free hand to use tanks and artillery in order to quell the ongoing Balochistan liberation movement. Pakistan is using air forces against the Baloch people in mountainous areas of Kahan, Kohlu, Dera Bugti, Bolan, Khuzdar, Kalat, Awaran, Nushki, and other parts of Balochistan.

There is a human catastrophe taking place under the nose of the civilised world and the United Nations. The ongoing situation in Balochistan is worse than the Bangladesh War of 1971. At that time, Bengalis had support from India, but here in Balochistan, the Baloch people are fighting without foreign support. Even the Muslim world is sitting idle and witnessing the Baloch genocide. The OIC had been a silent spectator in reference to Pakistani crimes in occupied Balochistan.

The Balochs in Iran-occupied Balochistan are facing similar atrocities. The Iranian authorities had prohibited the Baloch parents from giving Balochi names to their newborn children. Baloch are being arrested over fake charges of drug smuggling and executed on false charges.

The people of Balochistan urge the global community to intervene in Balochistan by stopping Pakistan and Iran from subjugating the Baloch people. Balochistan is rich in minerals; it is the richest country on earth. If given independence, it will play a vital role in combating poverty and climate change. Balochistan has the potential to offer mobility and economic connectivity to India and other regions. Baloch is a nation with an extremely important geography that doesn't deserve to be overlooked any more.

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