

Balochistan Human Rights Group (BHRG)

Ladies and Gentlemen, Balochistan Human Rights Group urgently highlights the severe human rights crisis in Balochistan in Iran. This region is plagued by glaring violence, which demands immediate attention and action. The Islamic Republic of Iran resists diverse identities among ethnic minorities and violates the rights to religion, language, and culture. Recent UN reports have highlighted Balochistan's poverty despite its natural resources. Iranian authorities commit discrimination, unjustified arrests, and unlawful killings of Balochs, suppressing their freedoms and causing harm to civilians, activists, and journalists. In Balochistan, the absence of national identification documents condemns hundreds of thousands to a lifetime of exclusion from education, employment, banking, and legal representation. Iran's strict demands including the [inaudible] test only compound the struggle of these marginalized communities in obtaining vital identification papers. The Iranian government must prioritize accessible legal documentation, especially for remote areas, to alleviate the heavy burdens faced by Balochistan's impoverished majority. Simplifying this process is crucial to uphold their fundamental rights, free from discrimination based on socio-economic status, religion, or ethnicity. The Islamic Republic of Iran must treat its Baloch citizens with respect, refrain from relegating them to second-class citizens, and instead, affirm their dignity and equality under the law. Thank you.