



# Iran Revolution 22-23



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Sarina Esmailzadeh, a 16-year-old who posted popular vlogs on YouTube, was also allegedly beaten to death by security forces at a protest in Gohardasht in Alborz province on 23 September.

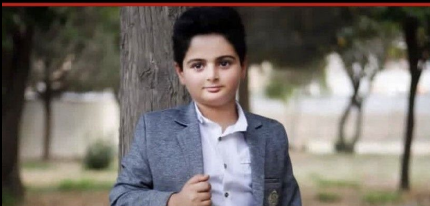


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Kian Pirfalak, 9, was one of seven people – including a 13-year-old child – killed in the western city of Izeh last Wednesday. His family said security services had opened fire on the family car, where Kian was sitting next to his father.

*Iranian security services have denied responsibility for his death, blaming the shooting on "terrorists".*



**Iran protests**



**At least 58 children reportedly killed since anti-regime protests began**



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# Mahsa Zhina Amini

16<sup>th</sup> of September 2022







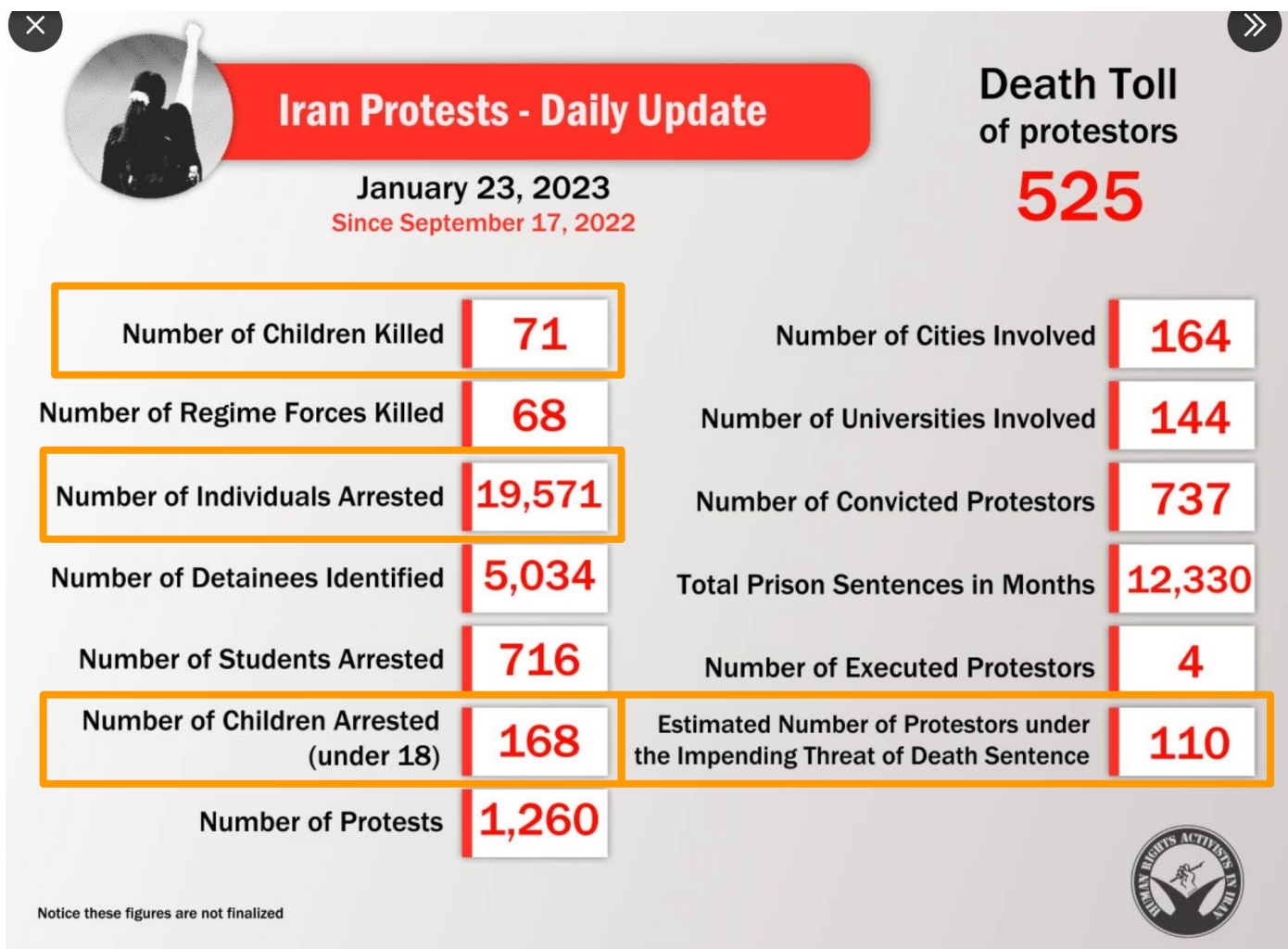
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Mahsa's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary



UN officials, the UK, and other G7 Governments have criticised the Iranian regime's response, including its use of force against protesters and suppression of the internet. While the numbers are uncertain, activists report that at least 19,200 people have been detained and 516 protesters killed (as of 3 January 2023, according to the Human Rights Activists News Agency).

From: UK Parliament



# History of uprisings since the 1979 Islamic Revolution

When	How long	Why	Numbers involved
March 8th 1979	6 days	Protesting against the enforced modesty laws for women. They were attacked and insulted by vigilantes and some women wearing the chador	Thousands of men and women
July 8th 1999	6 days	Students protesting the forced closure of reformist newspaper. Security forces attacked a Tehran University dormitory where the student protesters were holed up. Riot police beat the students with clubs and set several rooms on fire	10,000 4 killed 1500 detained
2009 Green Movement	6 months	Protests against election fraud and corruption, and the fake election of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. Then evolved into anti-dictatorship protests and demanding democratic rights	Approx 3 million At least 100 killed At least 4000 detained
2017,18,19	3 years	Economic Grievances was the main point, with slogans like “not Gaza, not Lebanon, my life for Iran,” “leave Syria, think about us,” and “Death to the Dictator”. In 2019 against the hiked gas prices. The regime used tear gas, water cannons and live ammunition to disperse the protesters. The government also nearly completely shut down the internet for five day	300,000 in 100 cities At least 350 killed At least 11000 detained

# Where are we now?

With so many protesters detained, so many influential political leaders in prison, and many cities facing a brutal winter, protests haven't continued as fiercely as before. Moreover, the regime's fear tactics including the execution of 4 protesters have been effective at curbing the unrest.

However, many political experts point to the need to move on from protesting to general strikes for the success of the democratic revolution of 2022-23.

## Iran protests: 15 minutes to defend yourself against the death penalty

🕒 18 January



2022 Iran protests



WANA/REUTERS

| Mohammad Mehdi Karami told his family he was tortured in detention

**Four young men have been executed in connection with the nationwide protests that erupted in Iran four months ago, while 18 other people have been sentenced to death. Human rights groups have said they were convicted after grossly unfair sham trials.**

**Mohammad Mehdi Karami, a 22-year-old karate champion, was hanged on 7 January, just 65 days after his arrest.**

The **NUFDI unveiled a 15-point document** consisting of action plans and strategic tools for the provision of maximum support as a complement to the US policy of “maximum pressure”, which holds the promise of creating a more complete framework for US-Iran policy.



Charlie Weimers member of the European Parliament

## MEP Weimers Calls For Creation Of Fund To Support Strikes In Iran

Thursday, 03/02/2023

Iran Protests



Charlie Weimers, a member of the European Parliament, has said that the EU should create a fund to support Iran's strikes by the blocked Iranian assets.

“One point that I will take to my fellow legislators is the need to support the Iranian labor movement. Many Iranian workers are struggling under almost slave-like situations in IRGC-owned entities... and we need to support them in some way by a strike fund,” stated Weimers.



Iran's exiled Prince Reza Pahlavi speaking at an event held by the National Union for Democracy in Iran (NUFDI) on March 13, 2023

## Pahlavi Calls For 'Maximum Support' By US And EU For Secular Rule In Iran

Wednesday, 03/15/2023 | 5 minutes

Author: Iran International Newsroom

More on this during the Q/A section and what the NEU can do to support



# History of women's rights movement in Iran



Tahereh  
Qurratu'l-Ayn

1852



The Society of Patriotic  
Women was established.

1922

- Polygamy and temporary marriages became legal!
- Women's right to divorce was revoked.

Family Protection  
Act was abrogated!

1979

Girls of Revolution  
Street

2017



2022

Woman, Life,  
Freedom movement



The first girls'  
school was  
opened.

1907

Women are  
granted the right  
to vote

1963

The One Million  
Signature campaign  
began.

2006

To this date, Iranian women...

- Face discrimination in relation to marriage, divorce, child custody and international travel.
- Are not truly protected against domestic violence and honour killing!
- Are deprived of basic rights such as choice of dress code in public spaces or access to contraceptives.



## Handmaid's tale of Iran



Women and girls in Iran are looked on as handmaids in Gilead!

# Schools of Iran...

Sexual segregation  
from primary  
school



Minority students are  
denied the right to  
education in their mother  
tongues

## Persian Language Dominance and the Loss of Minority Languages in Iran

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## Iran: how to kill a language

Zara Mohammadi was sentenced to 10 years in prison for teaching Kurdish. This is part of a state policy against minorities.

Haider Khezri

6 August 2020, 12:01am

Mandatory hijab in schools  
from age of 7



Lack of recognition  
for learning  
disabilities



MARCH 5, 2019

Autistic Children in Iran Segregated and Punished for Having Learning Disabilities

Mandatory participation in "Celebration  
of Worship" at age of 9



Iran's Parliament Rejects Motion To Raise legal age of marriage

December 25, 2018



Compulsory Religious Studies from primary school  
and lack of necessary modules according to  
international standards.



## Iran bans English being taught in primary schools

'This is because the assumption is that, in primary education, the groundwork for the Iranian culture of the students is laid,' says head of the state-run High Education Council

Maya Oppenheim • Sunday 07 January 2018 17:39 • [Comments](#)



# School poisonings



**Iran: Deliberate poisoning of schoolgirls further evidence of continuous violence against women and girls**

16 March 2023



# Extent of violence against children



Iranian schoolgirl 'beaten to death for refusing to sing' pro-regime anthem



Asra Panahi  
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