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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

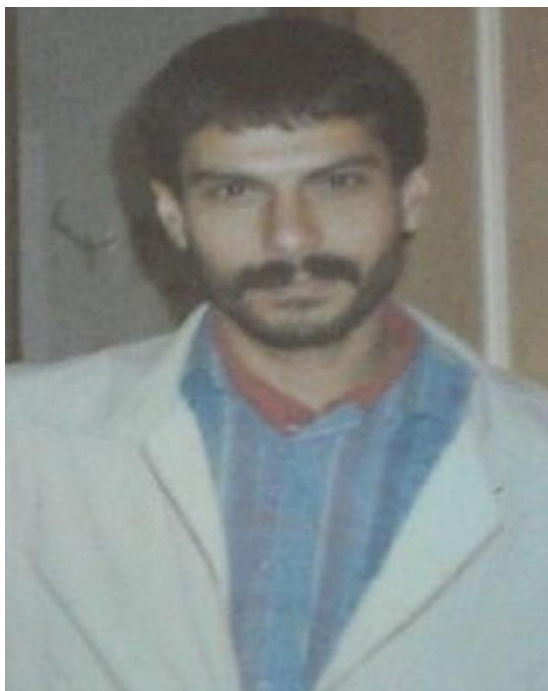
**Reported age**

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**

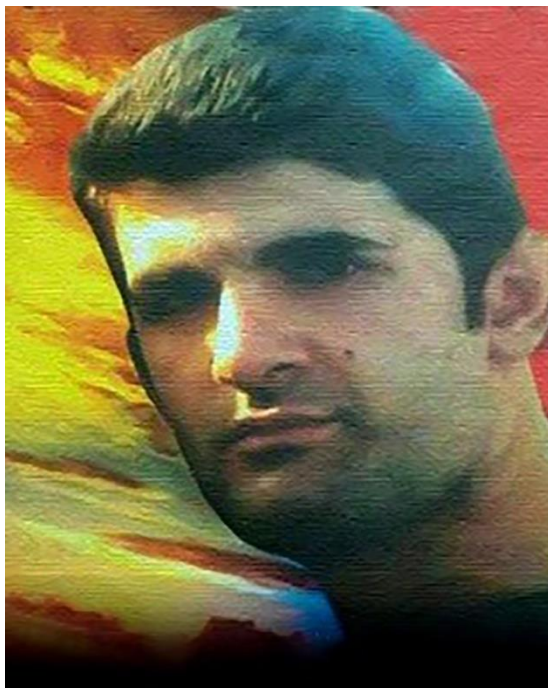
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**Source**

[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](#)