Paank's Human Rights Report of Balochistan April 2024

Torture victims | 23 Extrajudicial killings | 2 Enforced disappearances | 38

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Human Rights Situation in Balochistan: April 2024

Introduction: This investigative report examines into critical human rights issues plaguing the region of Balochistan, focusing on enforced disappearances, extrajudicial killings, and the impact of the Gwadar fencing on citizen's freedom of movement. Through rigorous data collection and field investigations, this report aims to shed light on the concerning trends and challenges faced by the Baloch people.

Key Findings:

1. Statistical Analysis:

Instances of enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings have been documented across various districts of Balochistan, indicating a widespread violation of human rights. Detailed statistical analysis reveals the extent of these incidents, highlighting the urgent need for intervention and accountability.

Based on the findings of our data collection team and field investigations conducted across 10 districts of Balochistan in April 2024, it has been documented that 38 Baloch individuals were forcibly disappeared subsequent to extrajudicial detentions by agencies associated with the Pakistani security forces, notably the Army.

In April 2024, numerous districts in Balochistan experienced a significant impact from enforced disappearances. The affected regions were as follows:

- Kech | 9 Cases
- Gwadar | 4 Cases
- Awaran | 12 Cases
- Dera Bugti | 1 Cases
- Kohlu | 1 Case
- Hub | 3 Cases
- Khuzdar | 2 Cases
- Shaal | 3 Case
- Kharan | 1 Case
- Chagai / 2 Cases

In April 2024, a total of 23 individuals, who had previously been subjected to forced disappearance, were released across 6 districts of Balochistan.

Malik Raba, son of Gul Muhammad Marri and a resident of Kohlu district, was detained by Pakistani forces at the Mache checkpoint on April 11. 2024. Regrettably, his lifeless body was found discarded in Sibi district 13 days later, indicating a tragic outcome following his enforced disappearance.

On April 14, 2024, Barkat Sajidi, an employee of the Levies Govt of Balochistan was extrajudicially killed. Authorities initially attempted to portray his death as a suicide. However, an investigation conducted by the Paank team revealed that Sajidi's demise was not self-inflicted but rather a result of state murder. Paank released their investigative report on April 20, 2024.

2. Concerns Regarding Judicial Proceedings:

The case of human rights advocate Rashid Baloch has raised significant concerns about the fairness and transparency of judicial proceedings. Renowned lawyer Iman Mazari has expressed dissatisfaction with the ongoing legal proceedings, highlighting consistent postponements and lack of progress.

<u>Rashid Hussain Baloch</u>, a human rights activist, was forcibly disappeared in the United Arab Emirates on 26 December 2018, following his refusal to comply with an unlawful arrest. The UAE government, in collaboration with Pakistani authority, facilitated his illegal detention.

Renowned lawyer <u>Iman Mazari</u>, overseeing the case of the enforced disappearance of prominent human rights activist Rashid Hussain Baloch, has voiced dissatisfaction with the ongoing legal proceedings. Mazari highlighted that the hearings for the Rashid Hussain case have been consistently postponed, raising concerns about the lack of progress.

3. Impact of Gwadar Fencing on Citizens: Freedom of Movement

The substantial presence of the Pakistani army in Baluchistan's coastal regions has significantly disrupted the social fabric of the community. The proliferation of checkpoints, the appropriation of public land under the guise of security, and unwarranted interference by various agencies in the economic and social affairs of the populace have instilled a pervasive sense of fear, depriving citizens of their freedom. The ongoing construction of a perimeter fence around Gwadar, purportedly to fortify the city, will exacerbate restrictions on citizen's mobility. According to credible sources, extensive fencing from Gwadar Zero Point to the shores of Pishukan will not only restrict freedom but also sever a significant suburban area from the city.

The state-level approach towards Gwadar city not only widens the gap between the Baloch nation and the state but also impacts the entirety of Balochistan. The Pakistani establishment is promoting the notion that Gwadar is solely its territory, disregarding its historical ties to the Baloch nation.

This narrative, contrary to historical facts, drives initiatives such as constructing a perimeter fence around Gwadar and isolating it from Balochistan, along with the issuance of special entry and residency passes. Pakistan's security agencies seek to deflect blame for their shortcomings onto the citizens.

The Gwadar fence initially faced public backlash, leading to a temporary halt in the project. However, construction resumed late last month despite continued opposition from citizens. In response to public dissent, state institutions are resorting to heavy-handed tactics to suppress opposition, including organizing fake rallies in support of the project.

As of the report's drafting on April 4, 2024, citizens have reported instances where they were coerced into holding the Pakistan flag during what appeared to be a rally in support of the Gwadar fence. Such actions represent a blatant violation of human rights. Individuals should not be compelled to participate in activities against their will or without their consent.

Paank is concerned that the Gwadar fencing controversy could escalate into a new conflict in Balochistan, exacerbating the already dire human rights situation. We urge countries interested in investing in Gwadar to intervene on humanitarian grounds to prevent such a crisis from unfolding in the future.

Recommendations: Based on the findings of this report, the following recommendations are proposed:

- Urgent intervention by United Nations human rights organizations to address enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings in Balochistan
- Advocacy for transparent and impartial judicial proceedings in cases involving human rights violations, including the case of Rashid Baloch
- Diplomatic efforts to mitigate the impact of the Gwadar fencing on citizens' rights and livelihoods, prioritizing humanitarian considerations.

Conclusion: In conclusion, this investigative report underscores the pressing need for action to address human rights abuses in Balochistan and safeguard the rights and dignity of its people. By amplifying their voices and advocating for accountability, we can strive towards a more just and equitable future for all residents of Balochistan

	List of Enforced Disappearances along with detailed Information											
No	Name	Father Name	Location of Disappearance	Home Address	Profession	Enforced disappearances by	Date of Disappearance	Follow-up status				
1	Sarwar jamaldini	Abdulla Jamaldini	Dalbandin	Chaghi district	Labour	Pakistani security forces	01.04.2024	Still not released				
2	Peer Jan	Khair Muhammad	Dalbandin	Chaghi district	Labour	Pakistani security forces	01.04.2024	Still not released				
3	Mustaq	Suwali	Tall area of Hoshap	Kech district	Medical assistance	Pakistani security forces	01.04.2024	Released on 05.04.2024				
4	Dostain	Faqeer Muhammad	Malar area of Awaran district	Awaran district	Labour	Pakistani security forces	02.04.2024	Released on 07.04.2024				
5	Anees	Sabzal	Kohad area of Tump	Kech district		Pakistani security forces	02.04.2024	Still not released				

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6	Wali	Nazeer	Taank area of	Awaran		Pakistani security	03.04.2024	Still not
	Jan	Ahmad	Mashkai	district		forces		released
7	Sajjad Azum	Muhammad Azum	Taank area of Mashkai	Awaran district		Pakistani security forces	03.04.2024	Still not released
8	Zahoor Ahmad	Khalid Ahmad	Dazan area of Tump	Kech district		Pakistani security forces	05.04.2024	Released on 29.04.2024
9	Zakir	Abdul Razzaq	Kapar area of Gwadar	Gwadar district		Pakistani security forces	December 17,2023	Released on 07.04.2024
10	Faisal	Adam	Zero-point area of Pasni	Mand district Kech		Pakistani security forces	06.04.2024	Still not released

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11	Harris	Shahbaik	Zero-point area of Pasni	Mand district Kech		Pakistani security forces	06.04.2024	Still not released
12	Usman	Raza Muhammad Bugti	Chena Check post area of Sui	Dera Bugti district		Pakistani security forces	July 19,2024	Released on 08.04.2024
13	Wahid Bakhsh	Deen Muhammad Bugti	Duhli area of Sui	Dera Bugti district		Pakistani security forces	September 14,2024	Released on 08.04.2024
14	Muzmil	Muhammad Afzal Mengal	In Khuzdar city	Khuzdar district	Student	Pakistani security forces	08.04.2024	Released on 10.04.2024
15	Imdad	Khuda Bakhsh	Ronjaan area of Mashkai	Awaran district		Pakistani security forces	08.04.2024	Released on 10.04.2024

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16	Muhammad	Khuda Bakhsh	Ronjaan area of Mashkai	Awaran district		Pakistani security forces	08.04.2024	Released on 10.04.2024
17	Sawal Jan	Muhammad Noor	Ronjaan area of Mashkai	Awaran district		Pakistani security forces	08.04.2024	Released on 10.04.2024
18	Fateh Muhammad	Muhammad Noor	Ronjaan area of Mashkai	Awaran district		Pakistani security forces	08.04.2024	Released on 10.04.2024
19	Muhammad Raza	Bahar	Ronjaan area of Mashkai	Awaran district		Pakistani security forces	08.04.2024	Released on 10.04.2024
20	Jasim Baloch		Ronjaan area of Mashkai	Awaran district		Pakistani security forces	08.04.2024	Released on 10.04.2024

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21	Sham Shad Baloch		Ronjaan area of Mashkai	Awaran district		Pakistani security forces	08.04.2024	Released on 10.04.2024
22	Tahir Baloch	Muhammad Umar	Jahoo area of Awaran	Awaran district	Health worker	Pakistani security forces	March 23,2024	Released on 09.04.2024
23	Shahid Baloch	Char Shambay	Kolowai stop in Turbat city	Kech district	Student	Pakistani security forces	July 17,2023	Released on 10.04.2024
24	Arif	Bejar	Jahoo area of Awaran	Awaran district	Shepherd	Pakistani security forces	December 22,2023	Released on 10.04.2024
25	Malik Raba	Gul Muhammad Marri	Mache check post area of Kahlu	Kahlu district		Pakistani security forces	11.04.2024	Extra judicially killed on 24.04.2024

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26	Zarif Baloch	Gamshad	Geshkor military camp	Awaran district	Labour	Pakistani security forces	13.04.2024	Still not released
27	Younas Mengal		Jafarabad area of Khuzdar city	Khuzdar district		Pakistani security forces	15.04.2024	Still not released
28	Uzair Baloch	Shambay	Jousak area of Turbat City	Bit Buleda district Kech		Pakistani security forces	18.04.2024	Still not released
29	Nawaz Baloch	Sarwar	Jousak area of Turbat City	Kech Dist.		Pakistan Security Forces	18.04.2024	Still not released
30	Abdulla	Abdul Aziz	Singoline area of Lyari Karachi	Karachi, Sindh	Mechanic	Pakistani security forces	September 5,2023	Released on 20.04.2024

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31	Aslam Shah	Syed Cherag Shah	Hospital road Kharan	Kharan district	Levies solider	Pakistani security forces	21.04.2024	Still not released
32	Shoaib Sumalani		Kili Shahnawaz area in Quetta city	Quetta		Pakistani security forces	24.04.2024	Still not released
33	Shoail Shahwani		Kili Shahnawaz area in Quetta city	Quetta		Pakistani security forces	24.04.2024	Still not released
34	Sajawal Baloch		Kili Shahnawaz area in Quetta city	Quetta		Pakistani security forces	24.04.2024	Still not released
35	Yasir Baloch	Mulla Nijam	Daki Bazar, Absar Turbat	Kech district	Student	Pakistani security forces	September 28,2023	Released on 25.04.2024

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36	Karar	Bahot	Hoar area of Pasni	Gwadar district	Labour	Pakistani security forces	22.04.2024	Still not released
37	Bagan	Meren Bugti	Gornadi area of Dera Bugti	Dera Bugti		Pakistani security forces	25.04.2024	Still not released
38	Rafiq Bugti		In Hub city	Lasbella district	labour	Pakistani security forces	25.04.2024	Still not released
39	Ali	Ahmad	In Hub city	Lasbella district	labour	Pakistani security forces	25.04.2024	Still not released
40	Hazar Khan	Ghulam Muhammad Bugti	In Hub city	Lasbella district	labour	Pakistani security forces	25.04.2024	Still not released

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41	Dilsard	Boudal	Pasni area of Gwadar district	Gwadar district	Labour	Pakistani security forces	25.04.2024	Still not released
42	Hasil	Muhammad Hassan	Tank Military camp area of Mashkai	Awaran district		Pakistani security forces	26.04.2024	Still not released
43	Shah Fahad	Babu	In Kharan city	Kharan district		Pakistani security forces	March 16,2022	Released on 27.04.2024
44	Doda Khan	Lal Bakhsh	Balochi Bazar, Absar Turbat	Kech district	Student	Pakistani security forces	27.04.2024	Released on 29.04.2024
45	Sheyak s/o	Jalil Ahmad	Kasanu area of Tump	Kech district		Pakistani security forces	28.04.2024	Still not released

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46	Faraq	Kamal Baloch	Drachko area of Dasht	Kech district		Pakistani security forces	28.04.2024	Still not released
47	Mujahid	Taj Muhammad	Drachko area of Dasht	Kech district		Pakistani security forces	28.04.2024	Still not released
48	Mohammed Anwar	Mohammed Hayat	Zehri Khuzdar	Khuzdar district		Pakistani security forces	Feb.2024	Released on 30.04.2024
49	Nasrullah	Abdullah	Zehri Khuzdar	Khuzdar district		Pakistani security forces	Feb.2024	Released on 30.04.2024

