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Report

Baloch Raaji Muchi (Baloch National Gathering) at Gwadar Balochistan and Human Rights Violations Committed by the State of Pakistan.

"Identity is of fundamental importance to indigenous peoples, who see their livelihood security, well-being and dignity as being inextricably/inseparable linked with the preservation of their ancestral lands, resources and territories".

United Nations.



The Baloch Yakjehti Committee (BYC) called a Baloch Raaji Muchi or Baloch National Gathering on 28th of July at port city of Gwadar in southern Balochistan. The idea was to hold a peaceful public assembly of the people from all over Balochistan to bring unification and harmony among Baloch nation and express their dissent against decade long repressive policies of Pakistan in Balochistan. Moreover, the purpose of Baloch National Gathering was: to serves/demonstrate/record/public power-show/display as a historical referendum against the systematic Baloch genocide, to raise awareness against human rights violations (particularly enforced disappearances and extra-judicial killings of Baloch people) and historical public resistance against exploitation of Baloch National resources under the guise of so-called megaprojects without free, prior-consultation, informed consent (FPIC) of people of Balochistan, and the conversion of Balochistan into a prison under the pretext of security by the state of Pakistan.

However, once again due to the repressions of the state this National gathering marked the beginning of a new wave of powerful public resistance.

In order to prevent BYC from holding the peaceful Baloch National Gathering the state and its institutions started a country wide crackdown on BYC members, arrested many, blocked the highways leading to Gwadar two days prior to 28th of July. The Baloch people marching from different regions of the country to participate in Baloch Raaji Muchi were stopped and forced back from different check points by paramilitary forces of Pakistan. Pakistan Army and frontier corps (F.C.) used violence to prevent people from joining the National Gathering.

They used unlimited teargas shells, baton charged and even straight fired on unarmed civilian killing at least three and injuring many others. Government authorities imposed an internet shutdown in Gwadar and later on the mobile cellular network and internet was shut down in entire Makran division. The blockage of roads and all means of communication brought the whole division at halt making the lives of millions difficult just of stop them holding a peaceful gathering. But on the face of all these state violence the people of entire Balochistan stood to send a clear message: we will not tolerate further oppression of the Baloch nation.



However, International human rights law prohibits broad, indiscriminate, and indefinite restrictions on fundamental freedoms, including the right to free expression and to provide and receive information.

Preparations for National Gathering and Barbaric behavior of State:

Hub Sedition FIR's: The preparations for Baloch National Gathering commenced on 1st July, 2024 by all lawful means including awareness campaign, public corner meetings, wall chalking and distribution of pamphlets to raise awareness regarding this event in different regions of Balochistan including Karachi and Dera Ghazi khan of Punjab (former part of Balochistan). The state, however, from day one started harassing the members of BYC to sabotage the preparation through different means and with mala fide intention and ulterior motives. They lodged many baseless FIRs and threaten BYC members to stop their campaign for National Gathering.

The FIR bearing No.53/2024 of police station Sakuran, district Hub, dated 21-07-2024 and FIR bearing No.103/24 police station Behrot, district Hub, dated. 20-07-2024 against the organizers of BYC namely Sammi Deen Baloch, Mahzaib Baloch, and Arif Baloch with serious nature of offence under Section-124-A: Sedition of Pakistan Panel Code.

Khuzdar incident: Another incident has been reported in Khuzdar, as BYC Khuzdar zone commenced their preparation for Baloch National Gathering, the preparation work/responsibilities were shared by females and male organizers as per female part of work was to distribute pamphlets and wall chalking for awareness campaigns. On 17th of July at



06:00pm, In the middle of town where female organizers were distributing pamphlets door-to-door and doing wall chalking, simultaneously the F.C and intelligence agencies of Pakistan cordoned off the female organizers namely Saira Baloch (sister of enforcedly disappeared Asif and Rasheed Baloch) Sadia Baloch and Jaweria Baloch (sisters of enforcedly disappeared Salman Baloch) and they(FC) used force upon the female organizer and harassed them just to make them stop from raising awareness campaigns in public places.

It is important to mention here that F.C threatened the female organizers by pointing their guns on them and forced them into their vehicles to forcibly abduct them. But the general public responded to such inhuman, immoral and barbaric conduct of security forces and intelligence agencies. The general public was able to organize powerful agitation against the abduction of female organizers of BYC from being victim of enforced disappearances. The general public resisted this high handedness of security forces by taking out a massive rally and decided to march towards national highway to record their protest in support of female organizers of BYC. Later on, rally was converted into sit-in on national highway, and demanded the immediate release of Saira, Sadia and Jaweria. Seeing such a huge public participation, the death squad (private militia men backed by security forces) led by Rahim Baksh, Naib of former Chief Minister of Balochistan Nawab Sanaullah Zehri, intervene to disperse the sit-in. They started straight firing upon sit-in due to which a participant met with serious injuries. However, later on BYC members were released owing to a huge public pressure. Even though BYC obtained a NOC from Deputy Commissioner Khuzdar to carry a rally toward Gwadar for National Gathering, the security forces tried every possible means to harass, threats, and even ban the transportation of district Khuzdar to prevent the participants from join the Baloch National Gathering.

Turbat-Panjgoor-Kalat incidents: The similar nature of tactics can be witnessed in Turbat and Panjgoor districts whereas police department with mala fide intention and ulterior motives lodged baseless FIR bearing No.135/24, dated.26-07-2024 of City police station Turbat, district Kech and FIR bearing No.101/24. Dated.25-07-2024. Police station City, district Panjgoor with serious nature of offences against the organizers and participants of Baloch National Gathering. Meanwhile City police station of district Kalat lodged another baseless FIR bearing No.47/2024. Dated.22-07-2024 under section 11F, 11W of Anti-terrorism Act against the participants.

Quetta: On 26th of July at 10:00pm, Security forces abducted two students from spiny road namely i) Jiand Baloch and ii) Sherbaz Baloch and were released on 8th of august after negotiations had been concluded at Gwadar.

Karachi: In meantime of preparation the organizers of BYC were taking part of awareness campaign and wall chalking, the security personals following, threating and profiling the organizers. During wall chalking security forces abducted one of organizers namely Balach for short term period, tortured him and after a weeklong abduction released him. Later, his family

has been pressurized by Police that sign on a affidavit that Balach was not abducted by Police force.

Abductions of three participants at Dasht, Mastung: On 27, July, 2024 the caravan of Quetta was passing through Dasht, district Mastung, three of participants were arrested by F.C and their bike was confiscated and they were handed over to local levies station. But later on the security forces raided the said levies station and abducted the below mentioned participants of Baloch National Gathering and yet they refuse to inform whereabouts of enforcedly disappeared persons and their fate is remain unknow to the families and BYC organizers.

Names and details of abductees/Enforcibly disappeared:

i) Zubair Ahmed s/o Muhammad Ibrahim ii) Zaid Aziz s/o Aziz-ur-rehman iii) Muhammad Anees s/o Haji Bahran khan all are residents of Piringabad Mastung.

Note: The above mentioned victims of Enforced Disappearances were released on 12th of August after negotiations at Gwadar by BYC leadership with Govt delegation.

However, The Baloch Yakjehti Committee has managed to proceed with the scheduled/issued "route map/plan'' for the participants of each region to connect with the organizers of BYC and collectively marched with the caravans towards port city of Gwadar to attend the National Gathering.

About Report:

This report is compiled by Department of Human Rights of Baloch Yakjehti Committee and will emphasize with classification of several incidents to address the human rights violation committed by state of Pakistan in Balochistan through-out Baloch National Gathering. Furthermore, this report will examine the various incidents, crackdowns, straight-firings, killing of innocent Baloch civilians, arbitrarily arresting of participants and abductions by FC and police personals occurring across the region which is the violations of Constitution of Pakistan and breach of International Human rights Law committed by the state of Pakistan over Baloch people for holding a peaceful gathering.

The Day of Baloch National Gathering: Crackdown, abductions, straight firing by LEA's of Pakistan

I. Siege of Gwadar: Crackdown and Curfew





The brutal crackdown against participants of the Baloch National Gathering in Gwadar, whatever number could reach there, started on 28th of July. The participant were largely (approximately 70 to 80 percent) the locals of Gwadar as the people from outside were not allowed to join them. After commencement of Baloch National Gathering, security forces started a brutal crackdown and started straight firing on participants. According to the reports, one participant died namely Asghar, more than ten received bullet injuries, and many other received minor injuries when forces attempted to forcefully disperse the participants of the National Gathering in Gwadar using tear gases, baton charge and arial and straight firings. State forces, Police, FC and army, made several such attempts to disperse the assembly of people from Paddi Zer (now Marine Drive) where they had been gathered for Raaji Muchi initially but forced to stage a sit-in owing to the violent crackdown of state forces. The several participants of the gathering and BYC members including its leadership faced arrest and short period disappearances during this chaotic situation deliberately created by the government. This situation was followed by a series of negotiations between government and BYC leadership to normalize the situation as the blockage of roads and all other communication services has created an uncertainty among the resident of Gwadar. The details of Gwadar siege and crackdown are as followed.

- The blockade of Gwadar's entry and exit routs from all sides for all kinds of movement since 25th of July till negotiation occurred dated 8th of August.
- Breaking of residential houses with the emphasis on braking house and vehicles of NP leader Ashraf Hussain
- Breaking and burning of vehicles of Raaji Muchi including the burning of truck being used for stage
- Killing incident and several injured during the 5day continues crackdown on peaceful protestors.
- Arrest of 100 of participants and disappearances of various participants and BYC members.
- Stoppage of water sources of Gwadar and shortage of food due to road blockage since 25th of July till negotiation occurred dated 8th of August.



In response to state barbaric and inhuman approach towards participants of Baloch national gathering, Dr. Mahrang Baloch addressed the Baloch Raaji Muchi at Marine Drive/Padi Zerr in Gwadar. She stated, "Pakistan wants to scare us with its guns, conscience-selling soldiers, and death squads. But I am sure that Baloch mothers have given birth to children who will stand in front of bullets."

She further emphasizing unity among the Baloch nation. "I know I may be the next target of this state, but unity is our strength, and we must remain united."

In the meantime, the state rather then address the grave grievances of Baloch National Gathering, they tried every possible tactics to sabotage and dealt with impunity. In pursuance of such inhuman behaviour the F.C being complainant in alleged FIR with mala fide intention and ulterior motives lodged an murder and anti- terrorism charges, wherein FIR bearing No.105/2024. Dated.29-07-2024, police station city Gawadar, district Gwadar with under section offences: 302, 114, 147, 149, 297 0f PPC and offence under section 7 of Anti-Terrorism Act against the leadership of BYC promptly, Dr. Mahrang Baloch, Sibghatullah Shah G, which is concealment of facts and based on conjectures.

Dr. Mahrang responded further, "Enough is enough. The Baloch are tired of your(State) oppression and are standing firm against this genocide policies and the exploitation of their resources and seas."

II. Khuzdar Convey: hurdles, harassment and intimidations

BYC organiser namely Saira Baloch was leading the caravan from Khuzdar city Jhalawan and its adjacent tehsils and villages which included thousands of participants women and children enroute towards Gwadar. She narrated the whole story of hurdles and challenges they faced during their journey towards Gwadar.

The following is her account



As per route given by BYC, our caravan started their journey via Sourab city, meanwhile the caravan from Kalat city also joined us for Baloch National Gathering upon receiving at Gidar. The levies force of Karghi Check post tried to stop us by use of force but the caravan somehow managed to cross the barriers with public resistance.



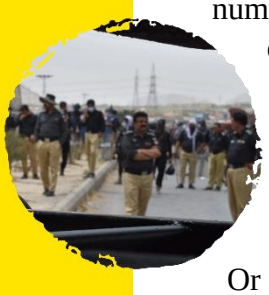
Additionally, upon reaching Basima, the caravan of Chaghi, Dalbandin, Nokhandi and Kharan also joined our caravan coming from Khuzdar making it a huge rally which was a landmark on this land. Proceeding further towards our final destination we reached Naag with minimal hurdles and stopped there for refreshment. Here we came to know that the caravans of Kalat and Sourab, which were at the tail of our large rally, have had met an unfortunate road accident and are left behind to treat their injured fellow. The reason of accident was a huge pat hole on the road which was dug by the F.C and levies force in order to make hurdles for the caravans going to attend the Baloch National Gathering.



Furthermore, as we reached in Panjgoor, thousands of people from Panjgoor were already present to welcome caravans. The state of Pakistan used different tactics to prevent caravans to join the Baloch National Gathering. In Panjgoor the forces had already closed all petrol station and threatened oil dealers not to provide petrol to these caravans. Upon reaching at Panjgoor we also came to know that mobile network and internet of all sort had been shut down in whole of Makuran. However, after a lot of search the caravan just managed enough petrol with the help of people of adjacent villages for our journey to Turbat.



On 28th of July at about 04:30 am the caravan was stopped near Goraan check post at Balgitar some 60km away from Panjgoor, a huge number of Frontier Constabulary were already posted on hills of Goraan check post with armed weapons and large searchlights. They started shouting and threatening us on loud speaker “if anyone step-out from his/her vehicle will face the bullets of our guns.” There were two vehicles which were already set on fire before our arrival while many bullets were also spread on road near check post probably have been fired on the caravans of Baloch National Gathering crossed before us. Or all this was pre-planned to harass and stop us by accusing participants of our caravan for setting vehicles on fire. At that point FC also snatched keys of 10 to 12 vehicles ahead of caravan to block the road from any kind of movement.





We were harassed, threatened and intimidated by the F.C at Goraan check post till Dawn without having any food and water. The participants slept on road. At sunrise we found out that along with FC

two civil Administrator officers were also there. On our demanding for free passage the officers refused to allow us for proceeding further and the Caravan was converted into a Sit-in protest. After almost spending 5 hours on road without any water and food, one of the civil administrator officers informed us to wait for further two hours as D.C is on his way to meet the organizers and participants. After waiting for a hour we proceeded on foot towards our destination, but the F.C open fired upon the caravan and also used tear gas shelling upon the participants due to which many participants were injured while many fainted due to tear gas. The injured were sent to Turbat for treatment meanwhile we also made our way toward Gwadar bearing the violence and barbarism by the F.C on the innocent participants. On our journey ahead we faced many other small hurdles but crossing all those we reached at Talaar about 3 pm on 28th of July 2024.

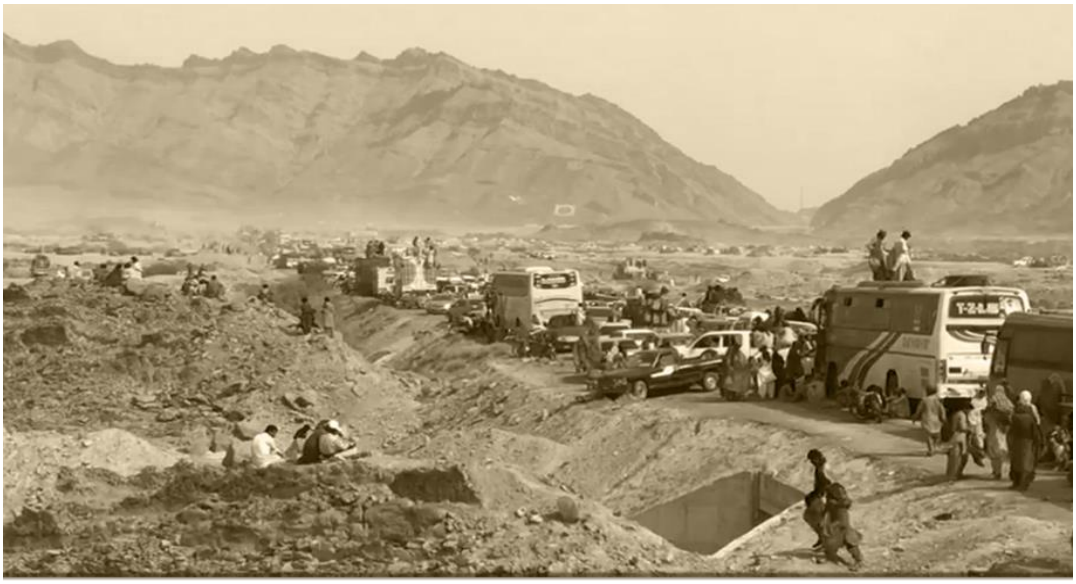
III. Talaar Check Post Attacks on Innocent Civilians by F.C and para-military personals

Talaar 'a remote mountainous area' between Gwadar and Kech, situated in some 100km south of the Turbat city and some 50km north of the Gwadar Zero Point. It is narrow pass which connects district Kech and Gwadar, controlled by FC and a special unit of CPEC security force encamped there from early 2000. At Talaar road was blocked by containers and security forces equipped with tear gas, baton charge, and weapons. It is the point where biggest number of participants coming from different parts of Balochistan, who had already faced several hurdles before reaching at Talaar, were halted to move further and join the Baloch Raaji Muchi.



During the several attempts by the crowd to cross the check point para-military forces responded with violent means killing at least one person and wounding dozens of other with bullets injuries and baton charges and many including women and children fell unconscious due to excessive shelling of gases.

At least a week before the arrival date of Raaji Muchi security forces at Talaar started strict checking of people going toward Gwadar. However, it was completely blocked for any movement at the night of 26 July when caravan for Raaji Muchi started arriving at this point. The caravans of Raaji Muchi coming from Khuzdar, Awaran, Beseema, Kharan, Chagi, Punjgoor and Turbat all were stopped at this point. According to the eyewitnesses there was a crowd of at least 30 to 40 thousand stuck at Talaar where temperature was above 40 degree and there was no source of water and food at this point. During these two night and two days from



26 to 28 July people were continuously reaching Talaar from other parts of Balochistan and were desperate to cross this point and reach Gwadar. They made several attempts to persuade the forces to open the roads but failed to do so. They also made several attempts to cross the check point by foot marching in shape of a rally. But, when ever they reached near the forces they met with heavy shelling of tear gas, baton charges and straight and air firing. Every attempt left 5 to 6 participants with serious bullet injuries many other with minor injuries due to shelling tear gas, baton charges and overrunning of the crowd.

The former President of Supreme Court Bar Association of Pakistan, Ali Ahmed Kurd was invited by organizers of BYC as speaker at Baloch National Gathering, who was also present on 27th and 28th of July at Talaar, addressed at a conference on 7th anniversary of '8th august Lawyers massacre' organized by Balochistan Bar Council held at Balochistan High Court premises. He stated that, "I am the eyewitness of witnessing thousands of people who were present at Talaar check post eagerly waiting to join Baloch National Gathering and I've never seen such huge gathering of people promptly women participants in my entire life". He further mentioned, I swear to GOD that 'people of Balochistan stands with the cause of Baloch under leadership of Dr. Mahrang Baloch & united under one banner of Baloch Yakjehti committee'.

One of the members of BYC on the condition of putting his name anonymous said that, "we formed a small committee BYC members and participants to negotiate with the forces." He said, "when we talked with the forces, they were too rude to listen our plea. They directly warrened us that if you make further attempt to cross this point you will be directly hit. One of the security personal said, we have clear instruction from above that "use as many bullets and teargas shells as you can but do not let the marcher cross Talaar. Gwadar means headshot the last word he (FC personal) said and ended the negotiations" commented the BYC member.

One of wounded commented that "at the morning of 28 July we out of desperation decided to cross Talaar at any rate. However, when we started foot march the security forces threatened us to go back. But we peacefully marched further near to them. Suddenly they (security forces) started selling teargas and straight firing. In this chaos I received a bullet in my hand as we were at the front. I saw Naseer Ahmed, son of Salih, (at that time I did not know his name) trying to push himself further near to them but he was also shot down. After that our colleagues



started collecting the injured fellows and we retreated with tears in our eyes. We were just peaceful marcher trying to reach at Gwadar but security forces had made the Talaar check point a battle ground" he said with utter hopelessness.

However, despite all these happenings people did not leave the ground and were hoping to compel the security forces to open up the way. But on July 28, approximately at 05:00 pm a large number of security forces coming from Turbat surrounded the crowd from all sides and threatened the peoples to leave the place or they would be hit and their car broken. When people resisted their orders, they literally started breaking the vehicles coupled with heavy gunfire and teargas shelling. This was the last clash between peaceful participants and the security forces after which they cleared the crowd from Talaar.



IV. Firing Incident with Caravan of Karachi:

On 27th of July, the caravan of karachi was supposed to departure from Yousaf Goath Bus terminal Karachi about 12:00pm for BNG but the caravan was halted by LEA's of state of Pakistan, creating hurdles and harassment of participants. Furthermore they(security forces) took keys of two buses(out of 8buses) to prevent till 8hours of disruption but the six buses of caravan manage to leave by changing different routes, finally reached to Zero-point, the caravan faced another hurdle by F.C blockage of national highway

The security forces of Pakistani opened straight firing upon the peaceful participants of caravan of Baloch Raaji Muchi at Kund Malir. The security forces forcibly tried each tactic to push the caravan back. In response, the organizers of BYC who leading the caravan has manage to begun a sit-in at Zero Point and Zero Point had been blocked until they are allowed to join Baloch Raaji Muchi in Gwadar.



Later on, the caravan of BYC Karachi was barred at Hangol and Forces and death squads person(local militia sponsored by Intelligence agencies of state of Pakistan) carried out straight firings upon the participants, which resulted critical injuries and many more fainted of participants including children, men and women of elderly aged had no source of drinking water and food. The caravan was forced to turn back towards Karachi.

In the meanwhile, the caravan had been stopped by LEA's of state of Pakistan at Uthal, whereas the civil administration was collaborator of this stoppage. The Deputy Commissioner Uthal had already ordered for closure of all shops and hotels due to which the participants of caravan was not able to get access of water and any food. Therefore the organizers of BYC decided to turn back to Karachi as security forces had created impunity all over area.

On 30th of July, BYC Karachi zone calls for sit-in against the martyrize of participants of Baloch National Gathering at Gwadar over national highway and blocked the route between Karachi and Balochistan at Hub Chowki, but the police personals initiated a crackdown and arrested several organizers and participants who were recording a peaceful demonstration.



It is pertinent to mention here that on July 31, BYC organizers scheduled/calls for press conference at Karachi press club regarding siege of Gwadar, the police personals cordoned off the premises of Karachi press club and started crackdown with baton charged against and illegally arrested and dragged her to police vehicle to the organizers of BYC namely Fozia Baloch who came to preside the press conference and illegally detained them at civil line police station of Karachi. In response to that, BYC announced a peaceful rally on 2nd of August against the arrest of their colleagues at press club from Arts council towards Karachi press club, police personals blocked roads and excused that section 144 has been imposed in entering red zone by Sindh government with this regard and tried every tactic to create hurdles and prevent the rally to proceed towards press club. Despite the fact that premises of press club isn't part of boundaries/jurisdiction of redzone and police personals frequently threating the participants of rally that we(police force) have received the

Orders/directions from superiors that “no any Baloch protestants are allowed to demonstrate Infront of press club”.

after several hours of stoppage, police forces started a brutal crackdown and baton charged resulted injuries of peaceful civilians and arrested several participants particularly women’s and children. Hours of popular resistance and sit-in at Arts council, they have released females detainees on a condition that rest of other detainees will be released on a assurance that BYC will not calls for any demonstration/protest in jurisdiction of Karachi. Despite assurance the police force did not released any peaceful protestors but once again police used force upon participants of rally around 12pm and arrested 50 peaceful participants. Despite of the fact that rally was commenced with a peaceful manner and not even a single member was entered into red zone premises. police used force to prevent the rally resulted several women and children injured and baseless FIR has been lodged against participants of rally with mala fide intention and ulterior motives FIR’s bearing No.172/24, dated.02-08-2024, police station Aaram Bagh, district Karachi and FIR bearing No.137/24, dated.03-08-2024, police station Artillery Medan, district Karachi south, against organisers of BYC and participants. This brutality and wickedness with which state forces are attacking innocent Baloch reflect their deep rooted mentality of hatred and genocide against the Baloch people.

V. Mastung Firing Incident

The buses carrying some of the BYC member/leader and the participants of Baloch National Gathering from Shaal(Quetta), including women and children, were targeted by FC forces in Mastung. The windows of buses were shattered, tire bursted and the caravan was halted by excessive use of force at Mastung. The FC used teargas shell, baton charge and straight fire to intimidate and stop caravan from further moving. More than a dozen became injured due to straight firing and many other including elderly women and children fainted due to teargas shelling. Consequently, the caravan of Quetta turned their journey to a staged sit-in on Mastung road against this crackdown and barricades erected on their way towards Gwadar. The district administration of Mastung also shut down the cellular services and internet to create further hurdles for protesters.



One of BYC organiser namely Bebarg Baloch stated, “Our journey began at Musa Colony in Quetta, from where we headed towards Gwadar. However, our path was first disrupted at Sona Khan Tana, where a roadblock by containers and heavy deployment of forces forced us to reroute via Dasht road towards Mastung. Continuing on, we faced another halt in Dasht, but with the help of the local population, we resisted to stop and manage to cross the obstacle. Finally, we proceeded towards the Kund Mahsori check post, where once again we were halted by security forces but we also successfully resisted this obstacle though we faced tear gases and baton charge. As we reached N25, we were forcefully stopped again by the same security forces that had previously halted us at Kund Masori.”



According to Farzana Baloch, a member of central committee, “this time security forces resorted to brutal force, firing bullets directly at our vehicles and vandalizing them by bursting tires, breaking mirrors, and using baton charges. The crackdown resulted in injuries to 14 of our participants, with one of our volunteers namely Abdul Mutalib S/oYaqoob R/O Mastung suffering a severe head injury admitted in civil hospital Quetta and later shifted to Karachi (still in comma). Due to the excessive use of force and the damage to our vehicles, we were permanently halted, prompting us to initiate a sit-in protest. We were compelled to call for a sit-in protest in response to the law enforcement agencies' excessive and illegal use of power. Given their history of brutality, we were uncertain about the severity of their response, and thus, felt it necessary to take a stand through peaceful protest.”

According to a participant, BYC members attempted to negotiate with authorities at three different check points: Sona Khan Tanah, Dasht, and Kund Mahsori. Unfortunately, all round of negotiations failed with authorities and security forces threatened and issued life threats and



humiliating to BYC members and all other participants. The negotiating team from Raaji Muchi comprised leading members of BYC, including Farzana Baloch and Bebarg Baloch.

The caravan of Shaal/Quetta continued the sit-in on main Mastung road for four days faced the harassment of local administration and forces with mobile services and internet shut down. On July 30 they decided to go back in Quetta and join the sit-in protest in front of University of Balochistan Saryab road who were already protesting there since the start crackdown on Baloch Raaji Muchi in the face of arrest and harassment.

VI. Quetta Sit-In and Crackdown

In a reaction to the crackdowns on the participants of Baloch Raaji Muchi in Mastung, Talaar, Gwadar and other places a large number of general public and students came out in Saryab road Quetta to protest against the state's violence on peaceful participant of Baloch National Gathering. However, the protesters of Quetta themselves became the victims of state brutal policies against which they were protesting. On the night of July 29, the police, FC and agencies started a crackdown on the protestors of Quetta arresting

12 female and more than a hundred males among them some were even not part of the protesters. During this crackdown CTD have also raided student apartments i.e. Shahwani Palaza at A.One City Quetta harassed the students by checking their mobile phone and abusing them. They also took at least half a dozen student with them and later on shifted them in Huda Jail where all other arrested student were being kept under 3 MPO.

While the authorities tried to disrupt the Quetta sit-in with brutal crackdown the protestors of Mastung under the leadership of BYC, Bebarg, Farzana and Sadia retuned to Quetta on the night of 30th July and staged a powerful sit-in at Saryab road until the negotiation between government and BYC leadership at Gwadar. During this sit in they also called for shutter down strike and road block in Quetta to bring the government at table talk. However, the government instead of negotiating with the protesters was becoming even harsher day by day. The police and CTD again arrested many protestors and even passerby when they attempted to block the main highway at Sona Khan point which connects Quetta with Mastung district. However, the Quetta sit-in at Saryab road in the face of all these brutalities continued until the last day of successful negotiation at Gwadar.



VII. Noshki Firing Incident



Owing to the continued violence of the state on BYC members and participant of Raaji Muchi people from many other cities also took to the streets and protested the government behaviour of not letting Baloch people to peacefully gather and share their common grief of state violence over them. One such huge rally was arranged at district Naushki on 1st August around 05:00 PM. When the rally was passing through a main Bazar the security forces deliberately stopped them to create clash like situation. Then they opened fire on the peaceful rally and used teargas shell and baton charge to disperse them. As a result, one person namely Hamdan Baloch died due to the bullet shot and many other received injuries. The Naushki rally was also converted to a sit-in protest blocking the main Quetta-Naushki highway for many days. Later on, they opened the high way on the call of BYC leader Mahrang Baloch but continued their protest to demand justice for martyred Hamdan Baloch and all other wounded and martyred of Baloch Raaji Muchi.

VIII. Dalbandin Firing Incidents



The rallies were also took out in many other places such as Kharan, Kalat, Surab, Awaran, Panjgoor, Dalbandin etc. However, another unfortunate incident of firing and crackdown was also reported in Dalbandin district. On August 1, the people of Dalbandin also took to the roads of the city in a large number. Like Naushki same tactics were used by the security forces to disrupt the agitation of Dalbandin. First, they blocked their ways by putting barricades and harassed them in different ways. The security forces wanted to provoke the agitator to make an excuse for crackdown as they used this tactic in all instances of use of force during the Raaji Muchi. Thus, in Dalbandin they also used force straight firing, teargas shelling and baton charge to disperse the protesters. Many people also receive injuries during this violent crackdown at Dalbandin. They also arrested some of the organizers of Dalbandin rally torturing them for three days and later on released them.

International law – especially within the human rights framework – has now evolved in a manner that allows indigenous peoples to make claims over their traditional lands, territories, and natural resources including marine space and marine water.

Request/Appeal to the United Nations to intervene

We would like to point out in particular that Chapter-I of Part-1 comprises, Article 8 to 28 of the Constitution of Pakistan guarantees citizens the freedom of "speech, press, assembly, association, procession, and demonstration,".

The UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, which Pakistan ratified in 2010, forbids all forms of torture and ill treatment. Article 19 and 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights furthermore enshrine the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

In this regard, Baloch Yakjehti Committee urges United Nations to intervene and call on the Pakistan government to immediately:

A. Respect the commemoration of Baloch National Gathering and the rights to privacy and to freedoms of peaceful assembly and expression enshrined in the Constitution of Pakistan and international human rights law, and hold accountable including investigation of all violations of international human rights law and ensure all para-military forces and police responses are

in line with international standards, including the United Nations Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials;

1. To hold Accountable and Immediately lodged an FIR against security personals who were involved in killing of three innocent participants namely Asghar(Gwadar), Naseer(Talaar), and Hamdan(Noshki) and indiscriminate straight firings, excessive use of force and firearms resulted hundreds of participants serious injuries.

B. Stop surveilling, harassing, mistreating, searching and arbitrarily arresting participants, journalists and press freedom defenders for independently reporting on the Baloch National Gathering;

C. To Immediately Drop/withdraw all charges made in the FIR's particularly FIR No.105/024, dated. 29-07-024, police station city Gwadar, District Gwadar, under section: 302, 114, 147, 149, 297 of PPC and offence under section 7 of Anti-terrorism Act, against the leadership of BYC promptly, Dr. Mahrang Baloch, Sibghatullah Shah G, which has been lodged on malafide intentions with ulterior motives to pressurize and sabotage the peaceful struggle of BYC and based on conjectures.

D. Stop interfering with, harassing, profiling and intimidating organizers, participants, Doctors, lawyers and legal professionals, human rights defenders, and others who openly express concern about the participants of Baloch National Gathering or who defend the right to peaceful protest.

E. To immediately take pragmatic steps by passing a resolution in Human Rights Council, to restrain/halt the state of Pakistan from practices of enforced disappearances and extrajudicial executions (fake encounters) of Baloch people in Balochistan, as such practices will only further exacerbate/worsen the human rights crisis in the region.