# نقض حقوق اقلیتها در ایران



# ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN: Minority rights violations during the "Woman, Life, Freedom" movement

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### REPORT OVERVIEW

#### Background

- During the protests that began on 16 September 2022, pre-existing structural discrimination and marginalization enabled the commission of gross human rights violations and crimes against humanity against members of ethnic and religious minorities. The long-standing grievances stemming from decades-long systematic impunity for violations committed against these communities culminated during the "Woman, Life, Freedom" movement.
- To quell the protests in provinces populated by ethnic and religious minorities, the Government launched a concerted militarized response and used unnecessary and unlawful use of lethal force against peaceful protesters which led to ethnic and religious minorities experiencing the highest numbers of deaths and injuries of the entire movement.
- Arrests were carried out en masse, with detention-related violations, including torture and rape, often accompanied by ethnic and religious undertones.
- The Government, moreover, routinely misconstrued minority rights activism in the context of the protests as posing a threat to national security, resulting in arresting, detaining and prosecuting human rights defenders, religious leaders.
- Two years after the protests began, the Mission is not aware of any meaningful criminal investigations of high-ranking officials for crimes committed against members of minorities in connection with the "Woman, Life, Freedom" movement.

  Accountability remains elusive, leaving members of minority communities languishing in a vicious cycle of violence and impunity.

### گزارش

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