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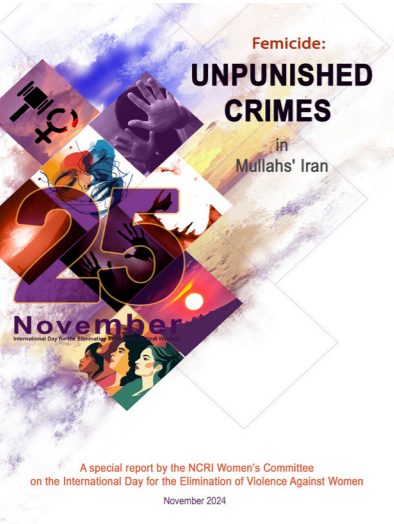
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## Introduction

Murder and violence against women in every country is a shameful reality of the modern world, reminding us how far we are from human values. But in Iran, the situation is different under the rule of the clerics. Since coming to power, this government has humiliated and oppressed women with slogans like “either the veil or a beating on the head,” institutionalizing unjust and misogynistic laws, and promoting them both openly and in practice.

The evidence shows that state-sponsored crimes and violence against Iranian women outnumber family-related crimes by a significant margin. Iran is the world’s largest executor of women, with most female death row inmates having been victims of child marriage and domestic violence and condemned in unfair, biased trials. The widespread assault and torture in prisons, shooting women protesters with pellets in the eyes, abuse in prisons and even in public, the daily brutality of the oppressive forces enforcing compulsory hijab in workplaces, schools, social settings, and online spaces, and thousands of other instances demonstrate that without this regime, the safety of Iranian women would look completely different.

## The Increasing Statistics of Female Murders in Iran

Under the rule of Iran’s misogynistic regime, violence against women and their murders have increased each year, reaching extensive proportions.

Without reliable official statistics, current numbers and reports are only derived from limited news published in regime and local media. Many cases, due to the misogynistic nature of the regime and its lack of transparency, are never publicized or recorded anywhere. Yet this incomplete data is just the tip of the iceberg.

The regime newspaper Shargh revealed on June 25, 2023, that around 10% of the world’s honor killings take place in Iran. Citing official statistics, this report indicated that at least 165 women were killed in two years from June 2021 to the end of June 2023.

Meanwhile, the Women’s Committee of the National Council of Resistance of Iran recorded at least 105 honor killings and femicides, each with names and dates, during 2023.

On October 7, 2023, the regime newspaper Etemad reported that femicide in Iran, which was one murder every four days in over two years, has escalated in 2023 to one murder every other day. According to this report, in the spring of 2022, at least 22 women and girls were killed, in the spring of 2023, at least 28 women and girls, and in the spring of 2024, at least 35 women and girls were murdered in various cities across Iran.

According to a report by the regime’s Etemad newspaper on October 22, 2024, at least 78 women and girls were killed by male family members in the summer of 2024. Thus, the rate



of murders of women in Iran rose from 35 in the spring to 43 in the summer.

The Women’s Committee of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, compiling all available reports, has documented the murders of 153 women from January 1 to November 20, 2024.

Some academic articles and theses estimate that between 375 and 450 femicides occur in Iran each year. (The state-run news agency ISNA – December 7, 2019)

## Women of All Ages and Cities in Iran at Risk

Iranian women, be they children, young women, or elderly, lack safety both on the streets and in their own homes. If they survive the brutality of the repressive forces on the streets, they may fall victim at home due to a suspicion of dishonor, a disagreement with a husband, father, or brother, refusal of forced marriage, a desire for divorce, refusal to endure sexual assault, or even simply pursuing their legal rights and education.

In many instances, these crimes are committed in front of children or other family members, intensifying their destructive effects, and fueling the cycle of violence. Among the victims are pregnant women and mothers killed alongside their infants or children, tragedies that would disturb anyone’s conscience.

In Iran, the legal marriage age is 13, and a father or paternal grandfather can, with a judge’s approval, force girls into marriage even below this age. Reports of 7- and 10-year-old girls being forced to marry frequently appear in Iranian news.

Due to the legality of child marriage and forced marriages, and widespread poverty and deprivation, female murders are not confined to a particular region in Iran; they occur across the country under the regime’s misogynistic rule.

This year, according to the Etemad website, murders of women have been reported in numerous cities including Tehran, Ilam, Nikshahr, Arak, Andimeshk, Bampur, Bonab, Marand, Salmas, Chenaran, Fasa, Yasuj, Siahkal,

Zanjan, Sib and Suran, Shiraz, Bandar Abbas, Beyza, Khorramabad, Sanandaj, Maneh, Abadan, Karaj, Qom, Miandoab, Iranshahr, Talesh, Qazvin, Sangar, Sabzevar, Mashhad, Behshahr, Tabriz, Dehloran, Bushehr, Jouybar, Semnan, Aleshtar, Ahvaz, Bardaskan, Khomein, and Falavarjan.

## A Bill That Remains Unapproved

Whenever violence against women stirs public outrage in Iran, regime media bring up discussions of a bill supposedly aimed at preventing violence against women.

Article 29, Chapter 4 of this bill states that anyone who commits the intentional murder of a woman, if not subject to retribution and if the murder is premeditated, will receive a third-degree prison sentence (10-15 years) and otherwise a fourth-degree prison sentence (5-10 years).

Although the regime’s laws prescribe execution as the penalty for murder—and many women are executed each year for killing their husbands, often in self-defense—an inadequate and unfair bill titled “Preventing Harm to Women and Enhancing Their Security Against Abuse,” rather than a true anti-violence bill, has been stalled for 13 years. It continues to be passed back and forth between Parliament, the government, and the Assembly of Experts, with no approval in sight.



## Where Are the Safe Shelters?

In Iran, even safe shelters are out of reach for women. There were only 27 safe shelters in the entire country (the state-run Rokna.net – June 7, 2022), some of which have also been closed due to lack of government support.

These shelters generally do not admit girls under 18. They also refuse to admit the male children of abused mothers, so if a mother seeks refuge, she must agree to give her young child away to the welfare organization.

Therefore, under the clerics' misogynistic regime, the support for abused women is minimal, and even this limited assistance comes primarily from non-governmental organizations rather than the government.

## Inverted Justice

The clerical dictatorship is infamous for its human rights violations and has held the record for per-capita executions for years. Yet, in the regime's perverse justice, perpetrators of female murders are pardoned by judges. In extremely heinous cases, such as the beheadings of Romina Ashrafi and Mona Heydari, which made headlines at the time, the perpetrators who supposedly faced justice only served two years in prison.

A headline in the regime's Etemad website on January 19, 2023, exposes this bitter contradiction: "Beheading one's wife, 8 years in prison; removing the headscarf, 10 years in prison!"

According to clerical regime laws, the victim's father, as the legal guardian of her blood rights or "vali-e-dam," enjoys immunity from punishment. In cases of spousal or femicide, clerical laws frequently shield the killer from punishment on grounds of "honor" or suspicions of "illicit relations."

According to Article 630 of the clerical penal code, "If a man catches his wife in the act of adultery with another man and knows she is willing, he may kill them both at that moment."

## Women as the Legal Property of Men Under Clerical Laws

In addition to these specific provisions, since regime laws grant all rights to men, any kind of abuse or oppression of women is effectively lawful.

Article 1105 of the clerical civil code regards family leadership as an "exclusive attribute" of men. Article 1108 emphasizes that if a woman refuses to fulfill her duties to her husband, she is not entitled to financial support. Article 1114 of the civil code dictates that a woman must reside in a house chosen by her husband.

Under this same law, a woman seeking divorce, with her testimony legally valued at half that of a man's, must prove that living with her husband poses a mortal threat. In many cases, regime judges force women who have been beaten or stabbed to the brink of death to continue living with the perpetrator.

## Legal Pursuit Impossible

In these circumstances, thousands of Iranian mothers who mourn their murdered loved ones must keep silent, confined to their grief in secrecy, unwilling to risk seeing the same crime committed by the head of their household. These living victims are sometimes even compelled to give their consent.

The misogynistic clerical regime practically encourages the perpetuation of such crimes. Systematic violence has captured the daily lives of Iranian women and girls, from the home and school to the street and society at large. As a result, we see an alarming rise in the murder of women across every corner of Iran.

This document compiles reported murders from January 1 to November 20, 2024, and highlights some tragic cases.



## January 2024

Five women and girls were murdered in Iran in January 2024.



Zahra Shafiei

In a horrific incident in the village of Seyfabad, near the southern city of Kazerun, Zahra Shafiei, a mother of three, was brutally murdered by her brother and husband. They accused her of dishonoring the family and took her to the nearby desert, where they beat her and shot her to death.



Nasrin

Nasrin was killed in front of her young son. Her husband, angry over a family inheritance dispute, murdered her by repeatedly hitting her with stones and bricks.



## February 2024

Sixteen women and girls were murdered in February 2024.



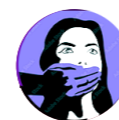
Zeynab Hossein Khani

Nineteen-year-old Zeynab was gruesomely murdered by her father in a so-called honor killing. Accusing her of having a relationship with a man, her father first strangled her and then smashed her head with a brick. Zeynab's mother had died a decade earlier, and her father had kept both Zeynab and her 13-year-old sister Zahra isolated, barring them from even contacting relatives.



Fa'eze Amorani Dizajikan

Fa'eze, a mother of two, sold scarves to support her family. Following the death of one of her children, tensions rose with her husband, leading her to file for divorce. However, he demanded she forfeit her dowry to finalize the divorce. After the divorce, the husband tracked her to her workplace through an Instagram post and shot her six times, killing her.



## March 2024

Seventeen women and girls were murdered in March 2024.



Maryam Razmjoo

Maryam, a medical resident at Kermanshah University of Medical Sciences, was murdered by her ex-husband, who was also her cousin. He killed her, along with her mother and brother, using a firearm in Kermanshah, western Iran.



Ziba Sayadi

Twenty-seven-year-old Ziba was murdered by her ex-husband just ten days after their divorce. Forced into an abusive marriage with her cousin at 18, Ziba endured years of domestic violence. She was a talented painter and mother to two boys, aged 8 and 5. Her ex-husband killed her by shooting her three times at her art class in the city of Urmia, northwestern Iran.



Nazila Zarou-Zehi

Nazila, 19, was forced into child marriage at 13. While preparing to visit her father in Gorgan, northern Iran, she realized she had forgotten her ID. Upon returning home to retrieve it, she was attacked and killed with an axe and knife by her husband and his family in Zahedan, southeastern Iran. Her body was secretly buried without notifying her parents.



## April 2024

Nineteen women and girls were murdered in April 2024.



Bayan Amiri

Bayan, a 36-year-old pregnant woman, was killed alongside her two-year-old child. Her husband drove their car into the Dariyan Dam reservoir in western Iran and drowned them both. Bayan's mother suffered a fatal heart attack upon hearing the news.



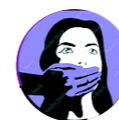
Samira Akbari

Samira, 35, had custody of her child. Her ex-husband attacked her with a knife, slitting her throat, and then set her body on fire.



Shahin Ghovili

Shahin, a mother to a 14-year-old, was burned alive by her husband while staying at her parents' home. Despite being rushed to Kowsar Hospital, she succumbed to her injuries.



## May 2024

Thirteen women and girls were murdered in May 2024.



Bigard Salehi and Mahna Nazari

Bigard, 38, and her 12-year-old daughter Mahna were murdered by her 17-year-old son. The boy used his father's firearm—belonging to the Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)—in the family's home in Marivan, a city in the Kurdistan province of western Iran.



Elaheh Mirzaei

Elaheh, 30, from the northeastern city of Mashhad, discovered her husband's drug addiction shortly after their marriage. To support herself, she worked as a driver for Snapp, a rideshare service. After requesting a divorce and moving back to her father's house, her husband visited under the pretense of reconciliation but killed her with several knife strikes. Elaheh's sister, Elnaz, was also severely injured in the attack.



## June 2024

Seventeen women and girls were murdered in June 2024.



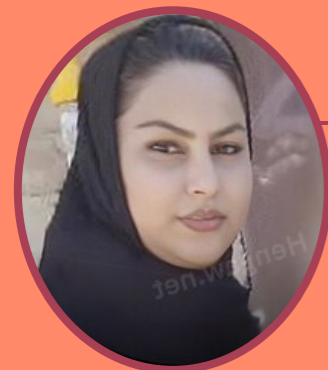
Asma Pishdar

Asma Pishdar, 27, was strangled to death by her husband in the southern port city of Bandar Abbas. After the murder, her husband set their home on fire in an attempt to disguise the crime as an accidental house fire. He fled the scene with their child but was arrested five hours later. The man cited "family disputes" as his motive.



Rozita Arghideh

Rozita Arghideh, 40, was killed in the northern city of Talesh, Gilan Province, by her cousin. He stabbed her multiple times and then slit her throat after Rozita refused his proposal to marry her 15-year-old daughter.



Narmin Pirhaman

Narmin Pirhaman, a mother of two, was brutally stabbed 20 times by her husband outside a registry office in the western city of Sanandaj, Kurdistan Province. The couple had gone there to finalize their divorce.



## June 2024



Leili Paimard

Leili Paimard, 32, was severely burned by her husband in a garden house near the northwestern city of Piranshahr, West Azerbaijan Province. Despite medical treatment, she succumbed to her injuries four days later. The motive for the attack remains unclear.



Narges Mousavi

Narges Mousavi, 40, was murdered in the small town of Sangar, near Rasht, the capital of Gilan Province in northern Iran. Her husband attacked her with a machete, inflicting multiple fatal blows, and also severely injured her sister. Narges was the mother of two children, aged 8 and 15, and had recently filed for divorce.



Neda Amiri

Neda Amiri was murdered in her workplace—an audiology office—in the western city of Khorramabad, Lorestan Province. Her husband shot her with a pistol, citing "family disputes" as his reason for the attack.



## July 2024

Nineteen women and girls were murdered in July 2024.



Samira Kashian

Samira Kashian, 25, was a mother of two young children. She was stabbed to death by her husband in the northwestern city of Miandoab, West Azerbaijan Province.



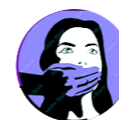
Aida Heydarian

Aida Heydarian, 31, was a pharmacy employee in the western city of Sanandaj, Kurdistan Province. Over several years, she endured constant threats and abuse from her husband. Ultimately, she was killed by multiple stab wounds inflicted by him.



Janeh Choupani

Janeh Choupani, 25, was killed by her father in the northwestern city of Salmas, West Azerbaijan Province. Her father drowned her in a basin of water after accusing her of dishonoring the family because of a video showing Janeh with her cousin.



## August 2024

Twenty women and girls were murdered in August 2024.



Mobina Zeyni-Vand

Mobina Zeyni-Vand, 17, was murdered by her father in the western city of Dareh Shahr, Ilam Province. Her father, opposed to her potential marriage to a young suitor, shot her with a shotgun. Mobina had also been prohibited from pursuing an education.



Majedeh Khatounbeigi

Majedeh Khatounbeigi, 36, was the mother of two daughters. She had been forced into marriage due to her father's drug addiction and later sought a divorce. While she was asleep after taking sedatives, her father entered her home and fatally stabbed her. Her daughters were left in the care of their grandparents, and the family refused to hold a funeral or memorial service for Majedeh.



Sharafnaz Khakizehi and Zoleikha Pourmohammadi-Nasab

Sharafnaz Khakizahi and her mother, Zoleikha Pourmohammadi-Nasab, were shot and killed by Sharafnaz's husband in the southeastern city of Sib and Soran, Sistan and Baluchestan Province.



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## September 2024

Eleven women were murdered in Iran in September 2024.



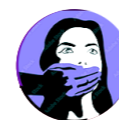
Ronak Tavasolipour

Ronak Tavasolipour, also known as Jayran, 28, was murdered by a suitor at a café in the southwestern city of Andimeshk, Khuzestan Province. After Ronak rejected his proposal and resisted his attempts to seize her phone, he shot her three times in the head.



Matin Tayebikhah

Matin Tayebikhah, 34, owned a beauty salon in Rasht, the capital of Gilan Province. Her husband, who worked at a hospital, accused her of dishonoring the family and stabbed her to death.



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## October 2024

Five women were murdered in October 2024.



Ayesheh Mirkazehi

Ayesheh Mirkazehi, 42, was brutally beaten by her husband in the southeastern city of Zahedan, Sistan and Baluchestan Province. She suffered severe injuries to her abdomen and kidneys and died in the hospital from internal bleeding. Ayesheh's murder occurred in front of her two daughters after she opposed her husband's decision to take a second wife.



Farideh Mahakki

Farideh Mahakki, 25, was killed by her father, grandfather, and uncle in the northern town of Ramian, Golestan Province. She had taken a ride with a driver from the Snapp app (similar to Uber) to visit Bojnourd, but her family found out and killed her in a rural village.



## November 1-20, 2024

Six women were murdered in Iran from the first to the 20th of November.



Mansooreh Ghadiri Javid

Mansooreh Ghadiri Javid was a journalist for the official Iranian state news agency IRNA, in Tehran. She was killed by her husband, a lawyer, who repeatedly stabbed her and struck her head with a dumbbell. The motive for her murder remains unclear.



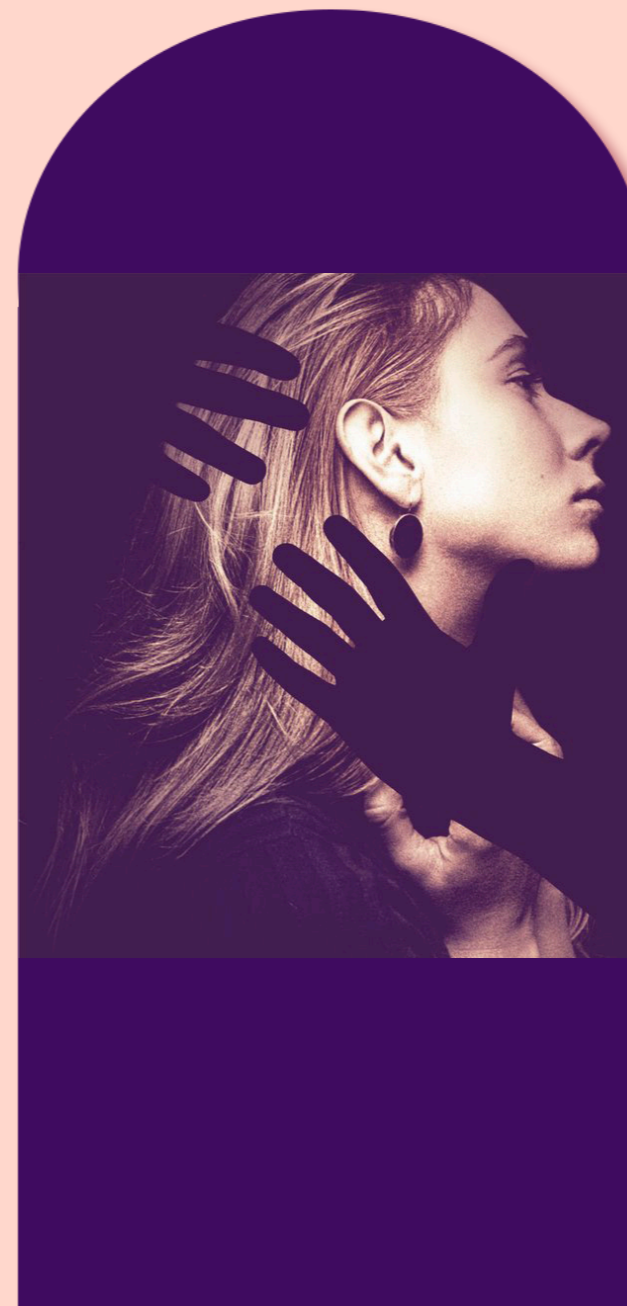
A Woman

In Tehran, a 40-year-old woman and her 12-year-old son were shot and killed by her 42-year-old husband, who was a lawyer. Their 14-year-old daughter survived by escaping the attack.



A Woman

The husband, Javad R., attacked his 53-year-old wife in her sleep with a pickaxe, delivering a heavy blow to her head on November 6. The woman died on November 9 after a few days in a coma at a hospital in Mashhad.



## List of the Victims of Femicide in Iran

January 1 to  
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Row	Name	Age/Mother	Date	City/Province	Cause of Murder	Method of Murder/Relation of Murderer
1	A woman	25	January 2, 2024	Ilam, Ilam	Honor Killing	She was strangled by her brother using a scarf
2	Fariba	-	January 4, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Honor Killing	She was murdered by her son with a firearm
3	A woman	middle-aged	January 9, 2024	Mehran, Ilam	Honor Killing	Her addicted son killed her with a firearm
4	Nastaran	Mother of a 5-year-old son	January 10, 2024	Tabriz, East Azerbaijan	Dispute over inheritance	Her husband murdered her with blows from stone and brick in the presence of their son
5	A woman	50	January 11, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Unspecified	Her husband set her alight
6	A woman	-	January 18, 2024	Shiraz, Fars	Unspecified	She was hanged by her brother
7	A woman	25	January 2024	Kovar, Fars	Unspecified	Her husband killed her with a firearm
8	Zehra Shafiei	Mother of three children	January 20, 2024	Kazerun, Fars Province	Honor Killing	She was killed by her brother and husband with firearms after being brutalized
9	Zaynab M	18	February 3, 2024	Mashhad, Khorasan Razavi	Unspecified	Stabbed by husband
10	A woman	45	February 5, 2024	Abadan, Khuzestan	Previous dispute over property	Stabbed by husband's nephew
11	A woman	-	February 9, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Seeking divorce and financial disputes	Stabbed by husband
12	A woman	40 Mother of an 8-year-old girl	February 9, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Honor Killing	Stabbed by husband



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13	Feezeh Omrani Dizjikan	34	February 12, 2024	Marand, East Azerbaijan	Separated due to financial issues and she did not forsake her dowry	Killed by husband with 6 gunshots in front of their 13-year-old child
14	A woman	53	February 14, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Family dispute due to divorce and remarriage	Strangled by husband using her scarf
15	A woman	34	February 15, 2024	Shiraz, Fars	Previous disputes	She was murdered by her husband, 46, with a cold weapon
16	Maryam	23	February 15, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Seeking separation after 6 years of relationship	Stabbed to death by her fiancé
17	A woman		February 19, 2024	Kashan, Isfahan	Family dispute	Murdered by husband using a handgun
18	Zeynab Hossein Khani	19	February 19, 2024	Najafabad, Isfahan	Honor killing	Her father strangled and hit her in the head multiple times by a brick
19	Nastaran	Mother of one child	February 20, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Honor Killing	Stabbed to death by her husband who also injured their child
20	A woman	49	February 29, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Seeking divorce after 8 years of temporary marriage	The man killed his wife and her daughter by a firearm
21	A woman	20	February 29, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	-	Stepfather killed her and her mother (above)
22	A woman	Mother of an 8-year-old girl	February 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Honor Killing	Stabbed by 43-year-old husband multiple times
23	A woman	-	February 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Financial disputes	Murdered by husband with knife blows and buried near Malard, Tehran



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24	A woman and her child	37	March 8, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Family quarrel and husband's addiction to drugs	Murder by an addicted husband after a quarrel used gasoline to set the wife and child on fire
25	Ziba Sayyedi	27	March 10, 2024	Urmia, West Azerbaijan	Divorce due to family disputes	Murdered by ex-husband (cousin) with firearm, in public
26	A woman	middle-aged	March 10, 2024	Mashhad, Khorasan Razavi	Unspecified	Strangled by son-in-law
27	Maryam Razmjou	-	March 14, 2024	Kermanshah, Kermanshah	Honor Killing	Murdered by her ex-husband (cousin) with a firearm, Maryam's mother and brother were also shot and killed
28	Mother of Maryam Razmjou	-	March 14, 2024	Kermanshah, Kermanshah	-	Murdered by her ex-son-in-law with a firearm, along with his son
29	A woman	34	March 16, 2024	Shiraz, Fars	Family disputes	She was murdered by her husband with cold weapon
30	A woman	Mother of two young girls	March 18, 2024	Mashhad, Khorasan Razavi	Argument over wife's cooking	Stabbed to death by her 36-year-old husband in front of two daughters aged 4.5 and 6
31	A woman	-	March 19, 2024	Tabriz, East Azerbaijan	Unspecified	Murdered by her husband with a firearm, the man staged it as a suicide
32	A woman	38	Mid-March 2024	Urmia, West Azerbaijan	Family disputes	Strangled by her husband on their way from Urmia to Naghadeh
33	A woman	-	Mid-March 2024	Malard, Tehran	Seeking divorce and financial disputes	Stabbed by her husband and buried in the vicinity of Tehran



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34	A woman	Mother of a child	Late March 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Family disputes	The husband doused his wife and son with gasoline and set them alight
35	A woman	-	Late March 2024	Tabriz, East Azerbaijan	Quarrel over use of tomato paste	She was murdered by her husband with a shotgun
36	A woman	34	March 26, 2024	Juybar, Mazandaran	Unspecified	Murdered by her husband
37	A woman	Mother of a 12-year-old daughter	March 27, 2024	Semnan, Semnan	Honor Killing	She was brutalized and stabbed by her husband in the side and back and died after two days
38	A woman	21	March 29, 2024	A village near Abadan, Khuzestan	Honor Killing	Strangled by 75-year-old father
39	Samereh Mokhtarpour	38 Mother of a young daughter	March 31, 2024	Urmia, West Azerbaijan	Unspecified	She was murdered by her husband with repeated blows to the head and neck, and strangled by a scarf
40	Nazila Zarou-Zehi	19	Mid-March 2024	Zahedan, Sistan and Baluchestan	Domestic violence and her decision to return to her parents' house	Murdered by husband and other family members with an axe and knife
41	Bayan Amiri	36 Pregnant and mother of a 2-year-old child	April 2, 2024	Faveh, Kermanshah	Unspecified	The man took his pregnant wife and their sick 2-year-old child out to see a doctor but deliberately drove their car into the Daryan Dam, drowning the mother and child
42	A woman	38	April 2, 2024	Urmia, West Azerbaijan	Family disputes	Her husband strangled her with his hands and left her body in the car on a highway



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43	Tafat	33	April 4, 2024	Varamin, Tehran	Unspecified	Her husband killed her in a farm and dumped her body in a well
44	Saba Aini Amiri	34 Mother of two children	April 5, 2024	Aleshtar, Lorestan	Honor Killing	She was stabbed by her husband multiple times in front of her two children
45	Parinaz Shouraki	-	April 7, 2024	Ab-pakhsh, Bushehr	Continuous physical and verbal abuse	Murdered by her husband under severe beating, but the man said she had committed suicide
46	Maryam Heydari	27	April 9, 2024	Ahvaz, Khuzestan	Honor Killing	She was stabbed to death by her brothers in front of her husband who tried to intervene
47	Samira Akbari	33	April 11, 2024	Bardaskan, Khorasan Razavi	Divorce and having the custody of children	Her husband stabbed her in the head and slit her throat, then burned her body with acid
48	A woman	39	April 13, 2024	Khomein, Markazi	Family disputes	She was murdered by her 66-year-old husband using a hunting rifle
49	A woman	23	April 16, 2024	Sistan and Baluchestan	Financial disputes	Her brother shot her in the neck
50	A woman	37	April 16, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Seeking to end their relationship	Stabbed with a knife by her suitor
51	A woman	-	April 17, 2024	Mian Doab, West Azerbaijan	Family disputes	She was shot and killed by her husband
52	A woman	43	April 18, 2024	Istfahan, Istfahan	The man's second marriage	Her husband took her to a garden, tied her hands and feet, then strangled her with tape around her neck



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53	Massoumeh	32 Mother of three children	April 20, 2024	Tabriz, East Azerbaijan	Financial disputes	Her husband threw her off a bridge, then stabbed her with a knife and burned her body, throwing the remains in a well
54	Melika	-	April 23, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Quarrel between the man and his wife	The man murdered his wife and hid the body under the children's bed, then secretly buried it in East Tehran
55	Arezou Shirkhani	-	April 24, 2024	Sabzevar, Khorasan Razavi	Divorce	Her husband attacked and beat her to death
56	A woman	39	April 24, 2024	Talesh, Gilan	Unspecified	Her 60-year-old husband beat her with a wooden stick and left her body by the side of the road
57	Sajedah	23	April 25, 2024	Kordeh village, Mashhad, Khorasan Razavi	Honor Killing	Her brother strangled her in a barn because she had divorced her husband, intending to prevent dishonor
58	A woman	Mother of a son	April 25, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Family disputes	The man doused his wife and son with gasoline and set them alight
59	Shaheen Govili	mother of a 14-year-old child	April 27, 2024	Sanandaj, Kurdistan	Unspecified	She was set alight by her husband while she was staying with her parents
60	An Afghan woman	Six months pregnant	May 3, 2024	Mashhad, Khorasan Razavi	Unspecified	Strangled by her husband
61	A woman	middle-aged	May 4, 2024	Tehran University Township, Tehran	Unspecified	Her son killed her with a sharp object and then burned her body
62	Elaheh Mirzaei	30	May 4, 2024	Mashhad, Khorasan Razavi	Seeking divorce from her addicted husband	Elaheh's husband stabbed her to death at her parents' home, and also attacked and injured her siblings



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63	A woman	33	May 6, 2024	Behshahr, Mazandaran	Unspecified	Her male relatives killed her with knife blows to the chest and back
64	Beigard Salehi	38 Mother of two children	May 7, 2024	Marivan, Kurdistan	Unspecified	She and her daughter were shot and killed by her son, using his father's IRGC weapon
65	Mahna Nazari	12	May 7, 2024	Marivan, Kurdistan	Unspecified	She and her mother were murdered by her brother, using his father's IRGC weapon
66	A woman	middle-aged	May 13, 2024	Tabriz, East Azerbaijan	Unspecified	She was strangled by her husband using a charging cable
67	A woman	21	May 16, 2024	Iranshahr, Sistan and Baluchestan	Family disputes	Murdered by husband with a firearm
68	Kobra Delavar	30	May 16, 2024	Zarrinabad, Dehloran, Ilam	Unspecified	Her husband hit her in the head with a hard object
69	A woman	-	May 17, 2024	Dehloran, Ilam	Family disputes	Murdered by her husband with a firearm
70	Hajar	31 mother of two children	May 17, 2024	Iranshahr, Sistan and Baluchestan	Honor Killing	Her brother shot her twice with a pistol because she divorced her addicted husband
71	Arezou Hasani	-	May 19, 2024	Ivan-e Gharb, Ilam	Honor Killing	Her husband stabbed her 100 times, then threw her body in the car's trunk and took it to the police station
72	A woman	-	May 20, 2024	Ivan, Ilam	Family disputes	She was stabbed to death by her husband
73	A woman	-	June 4, 2024	Nazarabad, Alborz	Family disputes	She was murdered by her husband who struck blows to her head



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74	A woman	25	June 3, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Wife's refusing to provide funds for the husband to buy drugs	Her husband stabbed her with a knife
75	A woman	young	June 8, 2024	Iranshahr, Sistan and Baluchestan	Unspecified	She was killed by her uncle by a shotgun
76	Asmaa Pishdar	27	June 11, 2024	Bandar Abbas, Hormozgan	Family disputes	Her husband strangled her and burned her body
77	Rozita Arghideh	40	June 11, 2024	Talesh, Gilan	Rejected a marriage proposal for her 15-year-old daughter	Her cousin stabbed her with a knife and slit her throat
78	Leili Paimard	32	June 16, 2024	Piranshahr, West Azerbaijan	Unspecified	Her husband set her alight in a garden house near the city. She died after 4 days
79	A woman	21	June 19, 2024	Qazvin, Qazvin	Quarrel between the husband and wife	Her husband strangled her by squeezing her throat
80	Nargess Mousavi	40	June 20, 2024	Rasht, Gilan	Wife's request for divorce	She was murdered by her husband with multiple blows of a machete
81	A woman	25 Mother of three daughters	June 22, 2024	Beyza, Fars	Unspecified	Her husband killed her, and their three daughters aged 4, 5, and 8
82	Young girl	4	June 22, 2024	Beyza, Fars	Unspecified	Her father killed his wife, and their three daughters aged 4, 5, and 8
83	Young girl	5	June 22, 2024	Beyza, Fars	Unspecified	Her father killed his wife, and their three daughters aged 4, 5, and 8
84	Young girl	8	June 22, 2024	Beyza, Fars	Unspecified	Her father killed his wife, and their three daughters aged 4, 5, and 8



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85	Neda Amini	-	June 22, 2024	Khoramabad, Lorestan	Family disputes	Her husband shot and killed her at her workplace (a hearing clinic)
86	Narmine Pirhaman	mother of two children	June 23, 2024	Sanandaj, Kurdistan	Wife's request for divorce	She was stabbed 20 times by her husband
87	A woman	young	June 23, 2024	Maneh and Samalqan, North Khorasan	Family quarrel	Murdered by her husband
88	A child girl	12	June 28, 2024	Hormozgan	Unspecified	Her brother killed her by a cleaver and abandoned her body in the desert
89	A woman	-	June 30, 2024	Shahr-e Babak, Kerman	Divorce	Her ex-husband shot her and her mother with a pistol
90	A woman	Mother of the above	June 30, 2024	Shahr-e Babak, Kerman	Divorce	Her ex-son-in-law shot and killed her and her daughter
91	A woman (P.S.)	Mother of a daughter	July 2, 2024	Abadan, Khuzestan	Unspecified	Her husband threw her down the stairs of the apartment and beat their 6-year-old daughter
92	Marzieh Gholampour	29 Mother of a child	July 6, 2024	Bojnourd, North Khorasan	Seeking divorce	Her husband shot and killed her with a gunshot in front of their young child
93	A woman	-	July 7, 2024	Karaj, Alborz	Unspecified	She was stabbed to death by her husband
94	A woman	young	July 8, 2024	Qom, Qom	Family disputes	Her husband doused her with gasoline and set her alight at a roadside
95	Samira Kashian	25 mother of two children	July 11, 2024	Mian Dasb, West Azerbaijan	Unspecified	She was stabbed to death by her husband
96	Maria Shir-Mohammadi	-	July 16, 2024	Bandar Abbas, Hormozgan	Rejection of suitor's proposal	She was murdered by her suitor using a pistol



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97	Ayda Heydarian	31	July 17, 2024	Sanandaj, Kurdistan	Unspecified	She was murdered by her husband with multiple blows from a cold weapon
98	A woman	40 Mother of several children	July 20, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Her children's refusal to see their father	Her husband stabbed her in the head and chest
99	Massoumeh Asadbeigi	49	July 21, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Dispute over child custody	Her husband stabbed her in the chest and head using a knife at a boutique in Narmak district, where she worked
100	A woman	-	July 22, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Unspecified	Murdered by her husband using a firearm
101	A woman	30	July 25, 2024	Baharestan, Isfahan	Honor Killing	Her father shot her in the head by a firearm because she had divorced her addicted husband
102	Janeh Choopani	25	July 27, 2024	Salmas, West Azerbaijan	Honor Killing	Her father forced her head into a basin of water because she has posted a photo of her and her cousin
103	A woman	48	July 31, 2024	Chenarsan, Khorasan Razavi	Honor Killing	She and her sister were murdered by her husband by multiple blows of a wooden stick to the head
104	A woman	30	July 31, 2024	Chenarsan, Khorasan Razavi	Honor Killing	She and her sister were murdered by her brother-in-law by multiple blows of a wooden stick to the head
105	A woman	mother of three children	July 31, 2024	Baharestan, Tehran	Unspecified	Her husband killed her by smashing her head against the wall
106	A girl	16	July 31, 2024	Baharestan, Tehran	Unspecified	Her father strangled her using a scarf



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107	A girl	1	July 31, 2024	Baharestan, Tehran	Unspecified	Her father strangled her using a scarf
108	A woman	young	August 4, 2024	Shahrivar, Tehran	Quarrel between husband and wife	The man smashed his wife's head against the car frame, resulting in fatal injuries in the head, face, and neck
109	A woman	22	August 7, 2024	Zanjan, Kerman	Family dispute	She was stabbed multiple times by her husband
110	Somayyeh Abdoli (Hamideh)	43 Mother of three children	August 9, 2024	Fasa, Fars	Unspecified	She was murdered by her son, 27 years old, with a firearm
111	Sharafnaz Khaki Zehi	-	August 10, 2024	Sib and Soran, Sistan and Baluchestan	Unspecified	She and her mother (Zoleikha Pour Mohammadi Nasab) were murdered by her husband using a firearm
112	Zoleikha Pour Mohammadi Nasab	-	August 10, 2024	Sib and Soran, Sistan and Baluchestan	Unspecified	She and her daughter (Sharafnaz Khaki Zehi) were shot and killed by her son-in-law
113	A woman	26 Mother of a daughter	August 11, 2024	Shiraz, Fars	Unspecified	Her husband shot and killed her and their young daughter
114	A girl	9	August 11, 2024	Shiraz, Fars	Unspecified	Her father shot and killed her and her mother using a firearm
115	Maryam	Mother of a 2-year-old daughter	August 11, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Unspecified	She and her daughter were attacked by her husband and killed by a knife
116	A girl	2	August 11, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Unspecified	Her father attacked her and her mother (Maryam) and killed by a knife



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117	A woman	-	August 12, 2024	Shiraz, Fars	Unspecified	Her husband doused her with gasoline and set her alight at her parent's home
118	A woman	48	August 14, 2024	Siahkal, Gilan	Unspecified	She was killed by her husband with multiple blows of a hard object to the head
119	A woman	-	August 16, 2024	Yasuj, Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad	Family dispute	She was murdered by her stepson using a firearm
120	A woman	19 Mother of a 2-month-old infant	August 20, 2024	Bumehen, Tehran	Unspecified	Her husband stabbed her with multiple knife blows, then strangled their 2-month-old baby
121	A baby girl	2 months old	August 20, 2024	Bumehen, Tehran	Unspecified	Her father stabbed her mother, before strangling her
122	Mobina Zinivand	17	August 26, 2024	Dareh Shahr, Ilam	Opposition to marriage	She was shot and killed by her father with a shotgun
123	A woman	60	August 27, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Unspecified	Her husband beat her and slit her throat
124	Majdeh Khatoonbeigi	36 Mother of two daughters	August 28, 2024	Ilam, Ilam	Honor Killing	Her addicted father stabbed and killed her while asleep for seeking divorce
125	Nazanin Baluchi	17	September 7, 2024	Nikshahr, Sistan and Baluchestan	Honor Killing	She was shot and killed by her cousin after he learned of her divorce
126	A woman	-	September 8, 2024	Arak, Markazi	Seizing the man's property as dowry	She was murdered by her husband with a firearm
127	Ronak Tavasoli Pour (Jayran)	28	September 13, 2024	Andimeshk, Khuzestan	Opposition to marriage proposal	She was murdered by her suitor who shot her three times in the head
128	Rouzi Baluchi	40 Five months pregnant	September 16, 2024	Bampur, Sistan and Baluchestan	Remarriage with ex-husband	Her brother shot her in the head



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129	A woman	-	September 17, 2024	Bonab, East Azerbaijan	Unspecified	She and her mother were stabbed to death by her husband
130	A woman	mother of the above woman	September 17, 2024	Bonab, East Azerbaijan	Unspecified	Murder by son-in-law with knife blows
131	A woman	-	September 2024	Shahr-e Ray, Tehran	Honor Killing	Her husband pushed a knife into her throat out of suspicion
132	A woman	-	September 20, 2024	Mashhad, Khorasan Razavi	Honor Killing	Her suspicious husband stabbed her in the back while she was asleep, because she asked her husband to let her go on a trip
133	Matin Tayyebi-Khah	34	September 22, 2024	Rasht, Gilan	Honor Killing	She was stabbed to death by her husband
134	A woman	middle-aged	September 26, 2024	Shirvan, North Khorasan	Unspecified	Murdered by her husband
135	A woman	young	September 29, 2024	Fardis, Karaj, Alborz	Unspecified	She was shot and killed by her brother-in-law
136	A woman	-	October 13, 2024	Malayer, Hamedan	Unspecified	She and her brother were shot and killed by her husband
137	Leila Asadi	-	October 23, 2024	Amol, Mazandaran	Family disputes	Murdered by her husband
138	Ayeshah Mirka Zehi	42	October 23, 2024	Zahedan, Sistan and Baluchestan	Opposition to husband's second marriage	She was beaten brutally by her husband. She died due to severe injuries to the abdomen and kidneys
139	Farideh Mahakki	25	Mid-October 2024	Ramian, Golestan	Honor Killing	She was beaten and injured, and finally poisoned, by her father, grandfather, and uncle for not going home in time. Reported by Hailvsh.org



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140	A woman	-	November 2, 2024	Maragheh, East Azerbaijan	Family disputes	Her husband, 23, shot and killed her by a pistol. Reported by Borna.news
141	A woman	-	November 3, 2024	Bandar Abbas, Hormozgan	Unspecified	Her husband stabbed and killed her with a knife and buried her in Kerman. Borna.news
142	A woman	57	November 3, 2024	Karaj, Alborz	Unspecified	Her husband used a cold weapon and struck her in the neck. He had also killed his first wife.
143	Mansoureh Ghadiri Javid	32	November 9, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Unspecified	Mansoureh was a reporter for IRNA news agency. Her husband, a lawyer, stabbed her with a knife and hit her in the head with a dumbbell. Reported by Rokna.net
144	A woman	33	November 9, 2024	Mashhad, Khorasan Razavi	Family disputes	The husband, Javad R., attacked his wife in her sleep with a pickaxe and delivering a heavy blow to her head on Nov. 6. She died after a few days in coma. Reported by Khorasan daily
145	A woman	young	November 9, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Family disputes and quarrel	Her husband stabbed her with a knife and struck her head with a dumbbell
146	A woman	40	November 10, 2024	Ilam, Ilam	Family disputes	Her husband killed her by striking her in the head. Reported by Borna.news



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147	A woman	38	November 12, 2024	Marvdasht, Fars	Severe family disputes	Her husband, 51, killed her by striking her in the head with a hard object. Reported by ILNA
148	A woman	37 Mother of two children	November 12, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Unspecified	A man, a 44-year-old lawyer, shot and killed his wife and son in Tehran's Velenjak district, then committed suicide. Their daughter, 18, escaped. Reported by ISNA
149	A woman	39	November 13, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Quarrel	She had been stabbed 11 times in various parts of body by her husband in south Tehran. Reported by Rokns.net
150	A woman	30	November 13, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Family disputes	The woman was stabbed by her drunken son 8 times in the neck in Pirouzi district. Reported by Rokns.net
151	Sara Abder	35	November 13, 2024	Bahmadi, Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad	Family disputes	Her husband, Yousef Khazeni, stabbed her with multiple strikes of a knife.
152	A woman	40	November 17, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Unspecified	Her ex-husband shot and killed her and their son and took his own life. The man, 45, had left home two years ago. Their 14-year-old daughter escaped. Reported by Rokns.net
153	A woman	35	November 19, 2024	Tehran, Tehran	Dispute over sale of property	Her brother killed her by multiple blows with a sugar crusher (an axe). Reported by Rokns.net

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## Final Words

The surge in violence against women in Iran, including domestic abuse and femicide, is deeply rooted in the regime's inherently misogynistic laws. These laws include provisions that designate a father or paternal grandfather as the guardian of a girl's blood rights and allow so-called "honor killings," granting fathers, brothers, husbands, and in-laws virtual impunity for murdering women under the pretext of defending "honor."

In a regime that has entrenched and institutionalized violence against women at its core, mere calls to prevent such violence fall woefully short of addressing the issue. The only viable solution lies in regime change. Only then, under a democratic republic in Iran, can the women of Iran experience peace, security, and the dignity of living in a safe and equitable society.

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