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Some Examples of Widespread Violence by Rioters Against Ordinary Citizens & Law Enforcement Officers

In support of the recent unrest in Iran, which was influenced by several factors such as the incitement and backing of the United States as well as certain western countries, anti-Iran and foreign-based media outlets and terrorist groups, the level and intensity of the use of extreme force and violence by the rioters against ordinary citizens and law enforcement forces were significant and caused many human and financial losses. During the riots, thousands of firearms, including Kalashnikovs and side arms, and thousands of *armes blanches*, including knives and machetes, were seized. The riots left a significant number of ordinary citizens and law enforcement forces dead and injured; and, many public and private properties were also destroyed.





In the following, only a few examples of the most striking instances of widespread violence perpetrated by rioters against ordinary citizens and law enforcement officers in different cities of Iran are mentioned.

Slitting Throat of Police Officer in Amol

On 23 September 2022, law enforcement forces were dispatched to bring the riots in Amol under control. They, however, were attacked with bricks and stones by the mask-wearing rioters. During the riots, one of the officers was assaulted with a knife in the neck and suffered severe bleeding. The ambulance carrying the

assaulted officer also came under attack by the rioters and was forced to stop. The law enforcement officers had to pull the injured out of the ambulance and take him to the medical center by another vehicle.

Attacking Police with *Arms Blanches*, Firearms & Stripping Officers Naked in Karaj

In addition to damaging public property in Karaj on 3 November 2022, some thugs and mobs seriously injured several policemen and martyred a law enforcement officer. These riots also seriously injured two policemen as they sustained multiple stab wounds. The severity of the injury and the traffic on the Karaj-Qazvin highway forced the rescue helicopter to land on the highway and medevac the two. In another incident, the rioters attacked a police car and horrifically injured its four occupants. During the blockade of the Qazvin-Karaj highway, the rioters dragged a cleric down from his car and stabbed him. They also seriously injured a law enforcement officer with knives and stones and left his naked body in the street.





Looting, Destroying & Setting Fire to Shops & Public Property in Bukan

On Thursday, 17 November 2022, rioters looted shops and public property in the border town of Bukan. While setting fire to shops unwilling to go on a forced strike, agents of terrorist groups infiltrated ordinary people, injured several innocent citizens and martyred two others.

After the incidents taking place in Bukan on 15 and 16 November 2022, which resulted in heavy damage to public property, stores, and the martyrdom of one of the security forces, the path of terrorist actions took on a new turn and attempts to disrupt public order and security entered a new phase. The rioters looted people's stores in Bukan on Tuesday evening, 15 November 2022, and set fire to a municipality shelter for homeless people. The armed rioters also martyred a security force.

The rioters attacked Bukan Municipality with terrorist methods, destroyed the municipality building, attacked one of the administrative buildings, shattered the windows and threw Molotov cocktails intending to destroy public property therein, burned and destroyed public and private cars parked in the streets, and finally threatened people with weapons – these are only a few of the terrorist acts carried out by the rioters. Threatening guilds with weapons, looting shops, striking fear into the hearts of people in neighborhoods with firearms and *armes blanches*, threatening residents and attempting to kill people and security forces were among the terrorist actions taking place in Bukan.





Burning Cultural Center in Isfahan

The arson attack against the Nour Cultural Center in the city of Fouladshahr in Isfahan province on 17 November 2022 destroyed thousands of handicrafts and constituted a serious challenge to the livelihood of women working therein. The aforesaid Center was directly the place of activity and employment of 35 women in Fouladshahr, some of whom are heads of households.



Damaging Public Property, Attacking, Stripping Naked & Throwing a Barrage of Stones at Police Officer in Sanandaj

On 17 November 2022, following calls made by the rioters in the city of Sanandaj, some bystanders and rioters killed one of the police forces of Kurdistan province while inciting people and causing damage to public and personal property. In addition to setting several tires on fire, rioters damaged traffic signs and even cut down trees.

In the meantime, rioters set several private cars ablaze, removed the fences of a cemetery and partially destroyed its building. Moreover, during the riots, one of the law enforcement forces was killed with a knife and machete. The chief of Police Station No. 18 in the town of Naysar in Sanandaj, was also transferred to the hospital due to stab wounds. In Sanandaj, several separatist Kurdish terrorists also insulted a police officer, attacked him *en masse*, stripped him naked and threw stones at him.

Running Over Police Officers in Shiraz

On 15 November 2022, following calls made by the opposition media for illegal gatherings, the law enforcement officers in Shiraz were dispatched to Dr. Shariati Boulevard (Maali Abad District) in order to establish order and security. At this time, the driver of a Paykan pickup truck moved aggressively toward the motorcycle riders of the Relief Unit of the Law Enforcement Command of the Islamic Republic of Iran stationed on the said Boulevard and hit five police motorcycles. As a result of the collision, the motorcycles were damaged and six riders and passengers of the motorcycles also sustained injuries.

Brutal Murder of Basij Member in Tehran

On 7 November 2022, rioters brutally killed a Basij member in Tehran. They initially cut Arman Ali Vardi's *quadriceps femoris* muscle with a knife so that he could not walk. Then, the rioters hit him on the head with a cement block and injured his face several times with a knife. They also broke his back with brass knuckles and left his body on the corner of the street.

Burning Policeman Alive in Mashhad

The rioters set fire to a policeman and his motorcycle on 21 September 2022. Before setting him on fire, the rioters had hit the police officer on the head with a brick.

Fracturing Skull of Ordinary Citizen

On 21 September 2022, the rioters attacked a cleric citizen, named Karkhaneh, and broke his skull with multiple blows to the head and neck.