



KMMK-G Report on November 2019 Fuel Increase protest in Iranian Kurdistan

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The KMMK-G has monitored closely the situation of human rights in Iranian Kurdistan during the nation-wide protests, which started on 15 November 2019 and continued for at least five days. During this period, at least 11 Kurdish cities among 97 Iranian towns were scenes of unrest and harsh crackdown. Despite the authority's total shutdown of the global Internet in Iran, tough restriction on media and civilian movements in Kurdistan, the KMMK-G has been able to collect credible data on the ground and prepare this report for the attention of the UNSR for Iran, OHCHR and the International Community.

The names of the eleven Kurdish cities affected by the crackdowns during the protests are: Wermé (or *Urumiyeh in Farsi*), Ilam, Bukan, Juwanro (*Juwanrud in Farsi*), Saqez, Serpêli-zehaw (*Sarpool-Zahab in Farsi*), Seruabad, Kermashan (*Kermanshah in Farsi*), Sine (*Sanandij in Farsi*), Mariwan and Mianduwab.

The ordinary citizens in Iranian Kurdistan went to the street to peacefully oppose the increase of fuel price and to object to growing inequalities and questioned the legitimacy of the Islamic Republic's rule but the government's security forces responded to legitimate demands of the protestors by using unlawful and excessive lethal forces to crackdown the protests, resulting in at least 57 deaths that we identified, though the real death toll is likely to be significantly higher (See graphic N. 3 for the names).

The Iranian military apparatus responsible of violent repression and crackdown in Kurdistan are: "Intizamee forces", "Etela'at Forces", "Sipah (IRGC) Forces", "Basiji Forces", and "Special Group dressed in civilian".

Iranian security forces have also arrested over 1'450 Kurdish protestors but the KMMK-G has been able to identify only the identity of 233 at this stage. Many of the arrested protestors may face death sentences, others of whom have been forcibly disappeared or otherwise arbitrarily detained and denied access to their families and lawyers. The authorities' violent repression,



including unlawful killings, took place under the cover of a near total shutdown of the global Internet in Iran. According to primary data received by our sources from inside the country, 233 Kurdish citizens were arrested, 11 of the detainees were sentenced to imprisonment going from 15 days to 33 months for their participation in the protests. The fate of the 222 detainees of the protests is unclear, and their whereabouts also remain unknown. KMMK-G, along with its data collection partners, is currently closely monitoring the situation on the ground, and will issue reports in future months to further elaborate on the preliminary numbers stated above (See graphic N. 1).

During the protest, the KMMK-G has also identified the names of 57 Kurdish citizens who were killed but according to rumours and media, the number of Kurdish victims is over 200 casualties.

According to our data, four Kurdish protestors were killed in prison under severe torture. The names of the victims are: Hasem MORADI from (Rawansar in Kermanshah), Irshad RAHMANIAN from (Sawlawaw of Mariwan), Kawa WAISANI from (Kamiran of Sanandij) and Sajad ISMAELI from (Aywan Gharb of Ilam).

Among the protestors killed by direct shootings of Iranian security forces, we identified four females, one female injured and we also registered two minors: Mr Armin GHADERI, 15 years old when he was shot dead in Kermanshah and Mr. Mohammad Reza MOHAMMADI was 17 years old when killed in Sanandij. Another minor Hiwa GHADERI, a 13 years old boy was also injured in Mariwan.

The Iranian authorities and military forces including “anti-rebellions” and “Special Commandos” of the Sipah (Islamic Corps of Revolutionary Guards) have declared status of emergency in Iranian Kurdistan towns and cities and have forbidden any gathering of more than four people. The curfew and emergency situations continues in Kurdistan and on 28th of January, a Kurdish citizen from Kermanshah declared to KMMK-G that: “the main streets of the city of Kermanshah is controlled by Special commandos armed to the teeth and every single night about 60 military vehicles drive in the main avenues of the town and arrest any gathering of more than four people”.

Iranian Kurdistan is controlled by the major bases or « Qaragah Hamzah Said al Shuhada and Ramazan» of Sipah (IRCG). Qaragah hamzah and Ramazan covers the Kurdish cities of Wermê (Azerbaijan west), Sine (in Farsi Sanandij and the official name of the province is Kordistan), Kermashan (in Farsi Kermanshah) and Ilam.

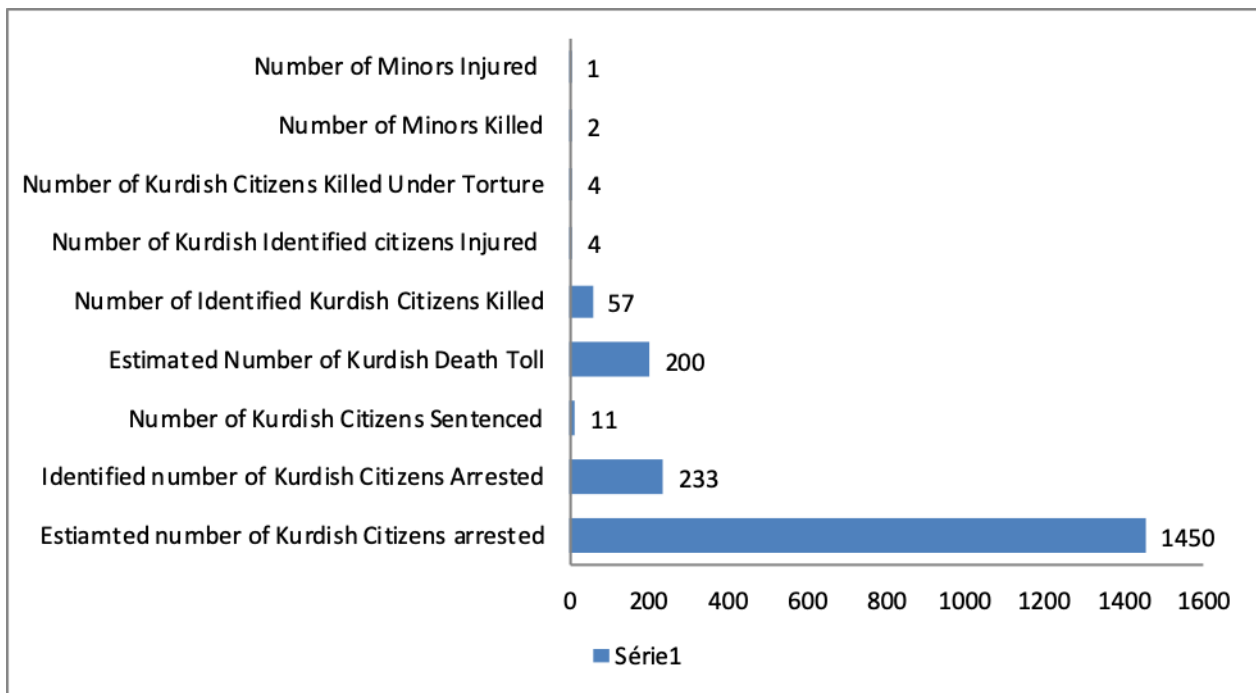
The Iranian Kurdistan and Ahwaz have seen the most violent crackdown and most of the victims were from Kermanshah (Kurdistan) and Mahshar of Ahwaz and number of



victims higher than any other region of Iran as reported also by Amnesty International¹. In Kurdistan and Ahwaz, the Iranian security forces in particular IRGC and the Basijis militias used machine guns, helicopters, snipers from roof tops of governments' buildings to suppress the protestors which constitute a clear violation of international norms and standards on the use of force, and serious violations of human rights (See graphic N. 2).

Graphic N° 1

Estimated Numbers and Circumstances of the Death and Injuries in Iranian Kurdistan

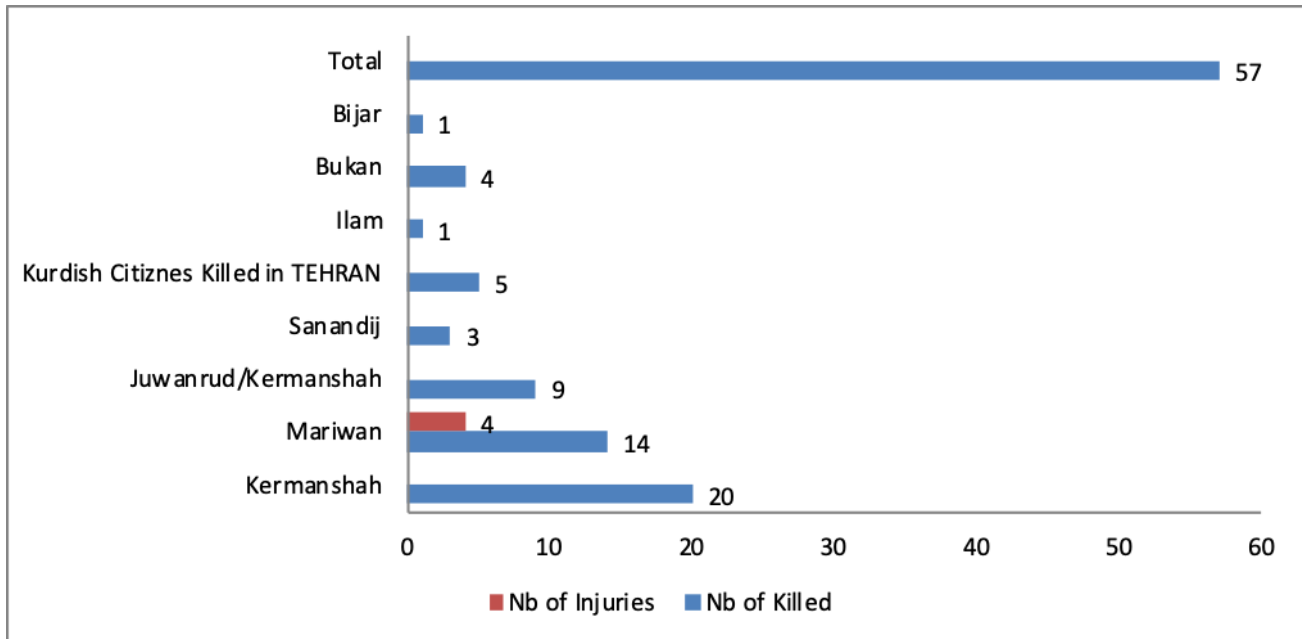


¹ <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2019/11/iran-world-must-strongly-condemn-use-of-lethal-force-against-protesters-as-death-toll-rises-to-143/?fbclid=IwAR0ztzqc9IbXDj-b0qlcApG6gqbem5VSm2tyGsOMeS0mlcZ4TmFeJJg-c0c>



Graphic N° 2

Geographic Distribution of Kurdish Death and Injuries (Identified & Confirmed) in Iranian Kurdistan during the November 2019 Protest



Graphic N° 3

Identified the Names of 57 Kurdish Citizens Killed or Injured During the November 2019 Protests

Names	Place of death	Place of birth	Comments
Burhan MANSOURI NIA	Kermanshah	Mariwan	He was a doctor
Mohammad MIRZAEI	Kermanshah	Kermanshah	21 years old
Nader BIJENWEND	Kermanshah	Kermanshah	
Yunis IZATI	Kermanshah	Kermanshah	
Abdulreza SHERZADI	Kermanshah	Kermanshah	20 years old
Sajad BAGHERI	Tehran	Kermanshah	
Mustafa FARZAMI	Kermanshah	Kermanshah	
Bahman IZATI	Kermanshah	Kermanshah	



Armin GHADERI	Kermanshah	Kermanshah	15 years old
Mohamad PALANI	Kermanshah	Kermanshah	
Nuzafar WATANDUST	Kermanshah	Kermanshah	
Yunis JALILI	Kermanshah	Kermanshah	
Hesam BARANIRAD	Kermanshah	Ruwansar/ Kermanshah	
Suraya NASERIKHAH	Qaemi-Teharn	Kermanshah	female
Iraj JAWAHIRI	Kermanshah	Kermanshah	
Hamza FARAJI	Kermanshah	Kermanshah	His family paid 50 milions Toma his body.
Mohsen KARAMINIA	Kermanshah	Kermanshah	
Saeed REZAAE	Kermanshah	Kermanshah	25 years old
Ziba KHOSHTAWAR	Sanandij	Sanandij	female
Mohammad Reza AHMADI	Sanandij	Sanandij	17 years old
Waheed	Sanandij	Sanandij	
Ismael	Mariwan	Kanidiyar	
Saman BASAMI	Mariwan	Hanatar Mala	
Osman NADERI	Mariwan	Nudsha	
Miran TAK	Mariwan	Mariwan	
Danial ISTAWARI	Mariwan	Nudsha	He was just got married.
Idris BIWARE	Mariwan	Mariwan	
Arin RAJABI	Mariwan	Mariwan	
Behruz MALAKI	Mariwan	TantiSar	
Shaho WALIDI	Mariwan	Mariwan	Injured
Hiwa NADERI	Mariwan	Mariwan	13 years old, injured
Aras ROHI	Mariwan	Mariwan	injured
Abdula WATANDUST	Mariwan	Mariwan	Injured
Aziz ABDULAH	Juwanrud/Kermanshah	Juwanrud/Ke rmanshah	
Salman RAHMANI	Juwanrud/Kermanshah	Juwanrud/Ke rmanshah	
kawa MOHAMADI	Juwanrud/Kermanshah	Juwanrud/Ke rmanshah	
Hamza NAGHDI	Juwanrud/Kermanshah	Juwanrud/Ke rmanshah	His death not confirmed yet



Ibrahim MURADI	Juwanrud/Kermanshah	Juwanrud/Kermanshah	
Jabbar TAJAREH son of Abdurahman	Juwanrud/Kermanshah	Juwanrud/Kermanshah	
Mobin ABDULAH	Juwanrud/Kermanshah	Juwanrud/Kermanshah	
Yunis HUSHANGI	Juwanrud/Kermanshah	Juwanrud/Kermanshah	deaf
Yunis FIRUZBAKHT	Juwanrud/Kermanshah	Juwanrud/Kermanshah	
Mohsen JAFARPANAH	Islamshahr	Bijar	
Mina SHEKHI	Tehran	Saqez	Female and 59 years old
Shler DADWAND	Bukan	Bukan	Female
Idris	Bukan	Bukan	
Hiwa	Bukan	Bukan	
MohammadReza MOHAMMADI	Tehran	Shabad	
Mohammad HADARYAN	Karaj/Tehran	Subghur	years old 19
Naser REZAAE	Karaj/Tehran	Qurweh	years old 36
Sajad ISMAELI	Gharb/Illam Aywan	Aywan Gharb/Illam	Died in prison under torture
Arman SHAKRI	Mariwan	Mariwan	Inured
Kawa WAISANI	Sanandij	Kamiaran	Died under torture
Irshad RAHMANIAN	Mariwan	Sawlaw	Died under torture
Hashem MORADI	Kermanshah	Ruwansar/Kermanshah	Died under torture



Photos of some of the victims of the Iranian security forces direct shootings

Mehran TAK, Mariwan, was killed during the protest by bullet



Behruz MALAKI, from Mariwan, killed by bullet by security forces during the protest





Hiwa NADERI, 13 years old, from Mariwan, among the injured



Kawa MOHAMMADI, killed by bullet during the protest in Kermanshah





Few pictures of the injuries





The KMMK-G urges international community and calls on the UN to:

- Send to Iran an independent commission to investigate all violations that have taken place, including the killing of protesters and deaths and ill-treatment in custody,
- to immediately release from detention all protestors who have been arbitrarily deprived of their liberty, and to ensure their right to due process, including access to a lawyer of their choosing during the investigative stage,
- make sure the Islamic Republic respect Iranians' right to exercise freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association and, in addition to investigating the violations that have already occurred, to restrict the use of force to the greatest extent possible, as provided for under the relevant international norms and standards,
- Hold accountable those who ordered and involved in the repression and the killing of the protestors.



Kurdistan Human Rights -Geneva (KMMK-G)

www.kmmk-ge.org

The Association for Human Rights in Kurdistan of Iran-Geneva (KMMK-G) aims to promote democracy, respect for human rights and social development in and beyond Kurdistan of Iran.

To that purpose, the Association commits itself to struggle against any form of discrimination towards ethnic and religious minorities within the region, defend political prisoners, fight for the abolition of death penalty, and promote women's and children's rights. In addition, the KMMK-G intends to increase public awareness of the situation of human rights in all Kurdish regions and to promote the rights and the integration of the Kurds wherever they live.

Established in Geneva in 2006, the KMMK-G constitutes a bridge between the Kurdish civil society and the United Nations Agencies and NGOs and participates actively in all the sessions of the Human Rights Council, the ESCR and the CPR Committee, the UPR and the UN Forum on minority issues and present them reports on the situation of Human Rights in Kurdistan of Iran (www.kmmk-ge.org), (<http://www.kmmk-ge.org/?p=426&lang=en>). Moreover, the Association gets frequently in contact with various United Nations organs in order to submit reports on the situation of human rights in Kurdistan of Iran.

The KMMK-G is therefore a recognized source of information. Its reports are published on the website of the United Nations Human Rights Council and High Commissioner of Human Rights. The Association publishes often articles in Kurdish and Iranian media.

The KMMK-G is also active within the Geneva and Swiss communities. Indeed, Swiss political parties regularly consult the Association about the Kurdish issue and immigrant's integration. Further moreover, the KMMK-G supports the Kurdish Diaspora living in exile by organising conferences, cultural events and language courses.