



## Over 200 Children Killed and Hundreds Detained in January 2026

The human rights crisis for minors in the Islamic Republic has reached a critical tipping point following the violent repression of civilian protests.

### Key Developments:

**Staggering Casualties:** Iranian security forces killed at least **216 children** using lethal force and military-grade weapons during the January 2026 crackdowns, part of a broader wave of violence that claimed thousands of civilian lives.

**Mass Detentions:** Hundreds of minors have been arbitrarily detained and subjected to enforced disappearances, with systematic denial of access to their families or legal counsel.

**Grave Violations:** Targeting highly vulnerable youth violates international child protection principles, exposing them to severe security pressures and risking irreversible physical and psychological trauma.

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## Medical Professionals Targeted, Abducted, and Injured



Authorities have intensified their crackdown on the medical community, systematically targeting doctors and nurses who provide life-saving care to injured protesters. Tens of medical personnel have been arrested across Iran. Medical personnel face enforced disappearances across the country. As of February 16, Volunteer Committee to Follow-Up on the Situation of Detainees have published the names of at least 39 arrested medical professionals.

**Hospital Raids (Isfahan):** Intelligence forces recently raided Milad Hospital, abducting multiple doctors. Reports indicate that the lives of these abducted practitioners are in grave danger.

**Violent Detentions (Mashhad):** On February 12, Dr. Maneli Ghiasi, a 38-year-old specialist surgeon at Taleghani Hospital, was violently detained. Eyewitnesses report she sustained fractures and severe head injuries during the course of her arrest.

These targeted attacks represent a severe violation of medical neutrality, medical ethics, and international law. They are sparking widespread alarm for both the safety of healthcare workers and the injured civilians who are now cut off from critical medical care.

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## "No to Execution Tuesdays" Campaign Calls for Global Intervention

The human rights crisis inside Iran's penal system continues to escalate. The "No to Execution Tuesdays" campaign entered its 109th week, with inmates across 56 different prisons participating in organized hunger strikes to protest the state's actions. Many detainees are secretly executed and later falsely reported as having been "killed in street protests".

**Soaring Execution Rate:** Since late January, authorities have executed more than **300 prisoners**, including at least three women.

**Systematic Torture of Protesters:** Tens of thousands of individuals detained during the recent protests are enduring severe pressure and torture. Authorities are reportedly laying the groundwork to issue heavy prison terms and further death sentences against them.



**Athlete in Immediate Danger:** Saleh Mohammadi, an 18-year-old wrestler arrested during the January uprisings, is currently facing a looming execution sentence in Qom prison, placing his life at grave risk.

### A Call to Break the Silence

Campaign members are issuing a desperate plea to the international community to take immediate action to save these detainees. Additionally, they are urging the Iranian public particularly the families of those arrested to refuse to stay silent, to publicly share the names and stories of their loved ones, and to be their voice against the ongoing crackdown.

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## CALL TO ACTION: A HOLOCAUST IN IRAN!

The Campaign to Free Political Prisoners in Iran (CFPPI) has issued a dire, emergency warning to the international community. They report that the regime is conducting systematic, secret massacres of detainees, describing the scale of the atrocities as a "Holocaust."

The CFPPI reports that at least 30,000 people were executed over just two days (January 8–9, 2026). Daily killings continue under a strict digital blackout, with victims' deaths falsely recorded as "protest casualties."

Eyewitnesses describe secret warehouse detention sites where detainees, including children and injured protesters, are subjected to rape, torture, and covert execution via lethal injection or gunfire. Mass graves have been uncovered near major cities. Meanwhile, tens of thousands remain detained under the threat of execution, and the regime continues to target medical personnel and victims' families.

The CFPPI states that "silence is complicity" and calls for:

1. Immediate release of all detainees.
2. Emergency UN action to prevent further atrocities.
3. Immediate restoration of internet access.
4. Write to your government to urge them to pressure the regime in Iran to release political prisoners. [See sample letter& emails](#)

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## Be Their Voice

Every voice matters — and yours can make a difference. Join us in amplifying the cries for freedom echoing from prisons in Iran. Invite us to speak at your community, workplace, or event and help shed light on the silenced.

Together, we can turn awareness into action — and silence into justice.

If you would like to support, please check our website and **Take Action**

