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| **Summary of the main experienced physical tortures** |
| **Blunt force trauma** | **Harsh physical/ environmental conditions** | **Forced exercises** | **Harmful stretches** |
| 1) Beating while being blindfolded; 2) slapping from backside on face and neck; 3) kicking incl. pair kicking; 3) pair beating; 4) punching on the head and other parts of body, 5) hitting the head on wall; 6) sudden pushes from the back to lose balance.  | 1)Extreme overcrowding (without sleeping facilities) at Tabriz Central Prison, Quarantine & Section III that caused lack of oxygen, felt not being able to breath, had to stand in queue for breathing from a little hole on window; 2) contaminated prison with large amounts of lice insects. | 1)Prolonged forced frog jumps (*kalagh par)*.  | 1)Grabbing and pulling head hair forcibly. |

**Interviewee 1**: Taha Kermani

Belonging to the Azerbaijani Turkic populations in Iran; 28 years old; arrested, detained, and interrogated in 2013 by the Ministry of Intelligence in Tabriz; was university student; environmental and ethnic/language/civil rights activist (focused activity on saving the Lake Urmia); 45 days detained in the Intelligence Interrogation Center in Tabriz & over 4 months in Tabriz Central Prison; sentenced to 13 years in prison (later decreased to 7 years); accused of espionage, insult to the Iran’s Leader, propaganda against the regime, blasphemy, assembly, collusion and acts against national security, and membership in ethnically-driven groups.

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| **Summary of the main experienced psychological tortures** |
| **Humiliation** | **Solitary confinement** | **Harsh verbal abuses including insults to ethnic-political views** | **Threats (of death/threats to family/threats of rape, etc.)** | **Harmful deprivations such denial of medical care** | **Forced confessions** | **Harsh & abusive questioning of ethnic identity and political values** | **Other psychological techniques such as forced betrayals** | **Experienced by other inmates** |
| 1)Detainee was given little container for urine disposal inside solitary confinement equipped with camera; 2) repeated humiliation of the country with the same ethnic origin. | 1) 45 days solitary confinement (2 \*3 meters empty cell with no facility/ complete isolation (no visits), including 35 days with long interrogations, exposed to constant artificial light even at nights with no sense of time.  | 1) Harsh verbal abuses; 2) insults to ethno-political views/stands;3) insults targeting co-thinkers (civil activists). | 1) Interrogating and threatening the detainee’s father by the same interrogator several times at father’s working place;2) threatening the detainee not to engage in civil activities outside; 3) threatening not to be given work permission for any work outside detention;3) threats to longer imprisonment. | 1) Denial of medical care after nose-bleeding due to severe beatings; 2) restricted access to toilet made the detainee cry and suffer from severe kidney pains for a long period without medical care during intelligence detention;3) severe headache and migraine pains with no provided medicine.  | Forcing the detainee to write and sign as much as possible for 35 days (false confessions). | 1) Harsh and deep questioning of ethno-political/ ideological views;2) forcibly inducing that the detainee’s thoughts and values are wrong;3) forcing the detainee to read books on ethnicity issues and give feedback on them;4) forced ideological arguments;5) inducing hopelessness about civil activities. | 1) Extreme loud voices, shouts and screams by interrogators while beating;2) imprisonment with arrogant drug-addicted, dangerous criminals and those sentenced to death (seen never again);3) sleeping at interrogation room;4) forced labor (to paint Tabriz Prison for 5 minutes telephone call to family);6) inducing psychological concerns about condition of family members while the detainee was interrogated;7) no sleeping facility at Tabriz Prison (bande seghane); 8) Very lengthy interrogations per day; 9) prolonged interrogations for 1.5 month;   | 1) A detainee was not given own medical eyeglasses for 2 months.  |

**Interviewee 2**: Duman Radmehr

Belonging to the Azerbaijani Turkic populations in Iran; 35 years old; arrested, detained, and interrogated in 2008 by the Ministry of Intelligence in Tabriz; was university student; political and ethnic/language/civil rights activist (focused activity on South Azerbaijan Student Movement & a key member of an unofficial political party); 98 days detained in the Intelligence Interrogation Center in Tabriz & 7 days in Tabriz Central Prison; sentenced to 3 years in prison; accused of propaganda against the regime, acts against national security, and establishment of illegal group.

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| **Summary of the main experienced physical tortures** |
| **Blunt force trauma** | **Positional torture** | **Pharmacological torture** | **Forced exercises** | **Harmful stretches** |
| 1) Beating; 2) slapping from backside and from the front on face and neck; 3) kicking on all parts of the body; 4) routine tapping with the head of fingers on the head during interrogations; 5)hitting the head on the wall; 5) hitting the back and body sides with bended fingers (dumsuk); 6) punching on the neck; 7) hitting on the head with the hard bending side of hand fingers (qirxan).  | 1) Hands were cuffed from behind extremely tight (hands meeting each other from behind) for 5 hours while standing caused senseless finger for weeks. | 1) The detainee experienced periods of disturbing visual hallucinations while being kept in complete isolation (prolonged solitary confinement) causing him to think he had got Schizoaffective disorder (suspected contaminated food).  | 1) Prolonged forced Sit down – Stand up Exercises for several hours that caused severe cramp in legs, Then, interrogator started kicking the cramped legs.   | 1) Grabbing and pulling head hair forcibly. |

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| **Summary of the main experienced psychological tortures** |
| **Humiliation** | **Solitary confinement** | **Harsh verbal abuses including insults to ethnic-political views/ values** | **Threats (of death/threats to family/threats of rape, etc.)** | **Harmful deprivations such denial of medical care** | **Forced confessions** | **Harsh & abusive questioning of ethnic/identity and political values** | **Other psychological techniques such as forced betrayals** |
| 1) Humiliation of ethno-political values and stands. | 1) 98 days solitary confinement (2 \*1.5 meters empty cell with no facility/ complete isolation (no visits), including 65 days with long interrogations, exposed to constant artificial light even at nights with no sense of time, equipped with hidden camera. | 1) insults targeting co-thinkers (civil/political activists);2) harsh verbal abuses.  | 1) Threatening the detainee to insert needles to senseless fingers (as a test) that was caused due to torture; 2) threatened at the interrogation center by the prosecutor to collaborate with the interrogators.  | 1) Severe sleep deprivations; 2) restricted access to toilet; 3) denial of medical care.  | 1) Forced recorded false confessions in front of video camera; 2) forced signing of repentance letter;3) forcing to write as much as possible for 65 days (approx. 800 pages). | 1) Forcibly inducing that the detainee’s thoughts and values are wrong; 2) harsh and deep questioning of ethno-political/ideological views; 3) inducing hopelessness about civil activities. | 1) Very close physical proximity of interrogator to the detainee during interrogation; 2) Very lengthy interrogations (10 hours a day);3) prolonged interrogations for 65 days; 4) moral questioning about relations with the opposite sex; 5) inducing that family’s situation is very bad because of the detainee’s political activities; 6) forced betrayals and induced acts of fellow activists against the detainee. |

**Interviewee 3**: Akbar Sadeghnezhad (NOT DETAINED; JUST INTERROGATED; NOT INCLUDED IN STATISTICS)

57 years old; Interrogated 3 times in 2008 by the Ministry of Intelligence (NOT DETAINED); was expert accountant; religious activist (converted from Islam to Christianity; engaged in missionary (Basharat) for Christianity); accused of espionage and apostasy.

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| **Summary of the main experienced psychological tortures** |
| **Solitary confinement** | **Harsh verbal abuses**  | **Forced confessions** | **Harsh & abusive questioning of religious and political values** | **Other psychological techniques such as forced betrayals** | **Extended psychological torture/ abuse outside detention** | **Experienced by others**  |
| 1) The detainee was only interrogated 3 times (did not experience detention or solitary confinement). | 1) Harsh verbal abuses, incl. sexual insults to the close family members. | 1) Several times, the detainee was forced to signing of commitment letter (not read) not to preach for Christianity at any place.  | 1) Inquisition: harsh and deep questioning of religious (Christianity), social and political views/thoughts; 2) forcibly inducing that the interviewee’s thoughts and values are wrong. | 1) The interviewee was allowed to call his family from the interrogation center. He hears terrible torture cries and sounds on the phone. The same was heard on phone by the wife, mother, and sister, causing them to faint from horror and shock. | 1) Being under very close surveillance for years until fleeing from Iran (fear from arrest at any time).  | 1) Widespread threats to and detention of family members of those converted from Islam to Christianity.  |

**Interviewee 4**: (Due to sensitive information, the interviewee’s name is not given, even though he wanted to be named.)

Belonging to the Azerbaijani Turkic populations in Iran; 42 years old; arrested, detained, and interrogated in 2006 by the Ministry of Intelligence in Tabriz; was university student; ethnic/language/civil rights activist; 10 days detained in the Intelligence Interrogation Center in Tabriz & 4 months and 20 days in Tabriz Central Prison; sentenced to 6 months in prison; accused of propaganda against the regime, attendance in Babak Castle assemblies & popular protests against Iran Newspaper that published cartoon containing insults to the Turks in Iran in June 2006, membership in ethnically-driven groups, organizing Turkic language classes at university and connections to the outside Iran, including with Israel.

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| **Summary of the main experienced physical tortures** |
| **Blunt force trauma** | **Experienced by other inmates** |
| 1) Beating; 2) punching on parts of body; 3) hitting the head on the wall; 4) sudden pushes from back to lose balance; 5) hitting with pen harshly on the head.  | 1) One inmate was suspended from the ceiling;2) Many (in relation to the popular protests to Iran Newspaper insulting the Turks in Iran) were beaten severely by the RGC Intelligence. |

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| **Summary of the main experienced psychological tortures** |
| **Humiliation** | **Solitary confinement** | **Harsh verbal abuses including insults to ethno-political views** | **Threats (of death/threats to family/threats of rape, etc.)** | **Forced confessions** | **Harsh & abusive questioning of ethnic/identity and political values** | **Other psychological techniques such as forced betrayals** | **Exposed to others being tortured** | **Extended psychological torture/ abuse outside prison** | **Experienced by other inmates** |
| 1) Humiliation of ethno-political views. | 1) 5 days in solitary confinement. | 1) Harsh verbal abuses including sexual insults to close family members;2) insults to ethno-political views/stands;3) insults targeting Turkic ethno-political characters;4) insults by the prison guards.  | 1) Threatening to submit detainee’s wife to the RGC’s Intelligence for forced rape if the detainee does not accept video interview for confessions (this caused the detainee to threaten interrogators for burning himself in front of the UN building in Tehran; 2) Threatening the detainee to cooperate and give info and confess; 3) threatening the detainee to accept/or be accused of involvement (fake) in armed opposition;4) threatening to sign repentance letter; 5) threatening family members not to speak to anybody about the detainee. | 1) Forcing the detainee to write and sign as much as possible (false confessions); 2) forced signing of repentance letter. | 1) Harsh and deep questioning of ethno-political and ideological views and thoughts, 2) forcibly inducing that detainee’s thoughts and values are wrong. | 1) Lengthy interrogations (8-9 hours a day); 2) forced betrayals (*tak nevisi*);3) forcing the other arrested friends to accuse the detainee with fake claims.  | 1) An 18 years old boy in the next cell was raped by two interrogators several times violently, terrible voices and cries of the victim was very disturbing and destructive to the interviewee.  | 1) Militia (basiji) demonstrating threatening show motorcycle-rides in front of personal house for a month; 2) threatening the detainee’s father and mother; 3) threatening the detainee’s business partner; 4) questioning father-in-law about why his daughter has married the interviewee.  | 1) threatening to rape an inmates’ 8 years old daughter had made the detainee mad; 2) forced video-recorded confessions for some other inmates.  |

**Interviewee 5**: Ramazan Naseri

Belonging to the Arab populations in Iran; 48 years old; arrested, detained, and interrogated in 2006 by the Ministry of Intelligence in Ahvaz; was university staff; converted from Shia to Sunni; religious/ethnic/cultural rights activist; over 4 months detained in the Intelligence Interrogation Center in Ahvaz, spent 20 months in Karun-e-Ahvaz Prison and 6 years in Eghlid Prison; sentenced to 30 years in prison and exile; accused of waging war with God and acting against national security.

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| **Summary of the main experienced physical tortures** |
| **Blunt force trauma** | **Pharmacological torture** | **Harsh physical/ environmental conditions** | **Experienced by other inmates** |
| 1) Beating with thick cable/hard pipe-like device on the sole of the foot, back and legs that caused long-lasting blisters on the sole of the foot;2) Transferred from Karun prison to Ahvaz Intelligence Center (because of found complaint letter that was written by the interviewee at the prison) and was so beaten hardly, also using devices such as thick cables; 3) Disciplinary group punishment of all prisoners in Karun prison (Hell Tunnel Method) forcing prisoners go through a humane made tunnel in which guards beat prisoners with baton and plastic hoses/those who go through the tunnel faster get relatively less beaten.  | 1) Detainee experienced periods of disturbing visual hallucinations while being kept in complete isolation (prolonged solitary confinement) causing insomnia and constipation (no excretion) for two weeks (suspected contaminated food). | 1) Karun Prison was contaminated with large amounts of lice insects;2) high rate of sexually transmitted diseases; 3) religiously-driven violence/tension among prisoners; 4) three full months eating only potatoes at Eghlid Prison. | 1) One inmate (friend) was forcibly put inside a plastic barrel for 24 hours; 2) another inmate (friend) was hanged from his hands /suspended from a frame standing on foot for three days; 3) One inmate (friend) was beaten with cable and on belly and head causing him to faint (after finding complaint letter written at Karun prison). |

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| **Summary of the main experienced psychological tortures** |
| **Humiliation** | **Solitary confinement** | **Harsh verbal abuses including insults to religion, ethnic/language or political identities/ values** | **Threats (of death/threats to family/ threats of rape, etc.)** | **Harmful deprivations such as sleep deprivation** | **Forced confessions** | **Harsh & abusive questioning of religious, ethnic/identity and political values** | **Exposed to others being tortured** | **Experienced by other inmates** |
| 1) Weekly inspection of cells for political inmates (degrading and humiliating) searching with dogs and boots on all the belongings (to find any possible written pieces of paper). | 1) 80 days solitary confinement (3 \*1.8 meters) empty cell with no facility at Ahvaz Intelligence Interrogation Center/ complete isolation (no visits), including 40 days with long interrogations, with window without artificial light; 2) a week solitary confinement as group disciplinary punishment at Karun Prison; 3) 10 days solitary confinement another time at Karun Prison for confiscated complaint letter. | 1) Harsh verbal abuses at the interrogation center and in the prison, 2) insults to religious views/stands; 3) sexually-contained insults. | 1) Threats to execution; 2) threats to disturb family members; 3) threats to bring all members of the family into the interrogation center.  | 1) Sleep deprivation with mid-night interrogations  | 1) Forcing to write, sign and finger-print as much as possible for at least over 40 days (false confessions) | 1) Harsh, deep and confusing questioning of religious and ethno-political views;2) forcibly inducing that the detainee’s thoughts and values are wrong. | 1) Hearing voices and cries of others being under severe tortures | 1) one inmate was given diarrhea-causing medicine during interrogation and was banned from using the toilet resulted in unwanted excretion in front of the interrogators that caused huge humiliation by interrogators.  |

**Interviewee 6**: Majid Tutunchi

Belonging to the Azerbaijani Turkic populations in Iran; 39 years old; arrested, detained, and interrogated in 2010 by the Ministry of Intelligence in Tabriz; was computer expert; civil/social rights activist (focused activity on a popular website for the fans of Tractor Football Team and other news websites such as Oyan News); 20 days detained in the Intelligence Interrogation Center in Tabriz in 2010 & later 5 months in Tabriz Central Prison in 2011; sentenced to 9 months in prison; accused of propaganda against the regime and insult to the Iran’s Leader.

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| **Summary of the main experienced physical tortures** |
| **Blunt force trauma** |
| 1) Slapping; 2) beating 3) kicking harshly with the knee to the legs (could not walk correctly for a month); 4) punching on the head and on the sides of body.  |

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| **Summary of the main experienced psychological tortures** |
| **Humiliation** | **Solitary confinement** | **Harsh verbal abuses including insults to political values** | **Threats (of death/threats to family/threats of rape, etc.)** | **Harmful deprivations such as sleep deprivation** | **Forced confessions** | **Harsh & abusive questioning of ethnic/identity and political values** | **Other psychological techniques such as forced betrayals** |
| 1) Total naked inspection, including sexual organs; 2) disrespect at the Tabriz Central Prison (slapping the detainee harsh in front of other prisoners by the Tabriz Central Prions Chief of Staff). | 1) 9 days solitary confinement (2 \*3 meters empty cell with no facility/ complete isolation (no visits), including 10 days with lengthy interrogations, exposed to constant artificial light even at nights with no sense of time. | 1) Other insults at Tabriz Central Prions. | 1) Threatening to longer imprisonments; 2) threatening to rape  | 1) Detainee was sick and could not eat food and was denied medical care and so fainted at solitary confinement (pain killer pills were given only after the detainee got unconscious because of sickness; 2) the detainee was taken to interrogations at mid-night (could not sleep); 3) denial of toilet access for diarrhea caused lots of suffering; 4) Denial of medical care (for body infection) for 20 days at Tabriz Central Prison. | 1) Forcing to write and sign as much as possible for 10 days (false confessions);2) forced signing of repentance letter. | 1) Harsh and deep questioning of ethno-political and ideological views and thoughts. | 1) Very lengthy interrogations (8-9 hours/day); 2) sleeping at interrogation room; 3) forcing to cooperate and open fake manipulated websites to be available for Tabriz Intelligence Department;4) Forced by the guard to pray (*Namaz*);  |

**Interviewee 7**: Anonymous

47 years old; arrested, detained and interrogated in 2012 by the Revolutionary Guardian Corps (RGC) Intelligence Service at Evin prison in Tehran for a month; was media expert, radio producer and speaker, film-producer and director and human rights activist and NGO worker/volunteer; converted from Islam to Christianity; 30 days detained at the RGC’s Interrogation Center at Evin Prison (*2 alef sepah*) & later spent 3 years and 2 months in Evin Prison (Section 350/political prisoners); sentenced to 5 years and 6 months in prison; accused of propaganda against the regime, blasphemy, assembly and collusion under a human rights NGO, and acting against national security.

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| **Summary of the main experienced physical tortures** |
| **Harsh physical/ environmental conditions** |
| 1) Strong artificial white light at solitary confinement with hot temperature (at summer) made it not possible to sleep at nights;2) Very strange and annoying high screams (possibly made by guards) made it more difficult to sleep.  |

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| **Summary of the main experienced psychological tortures** |
| **Humiliation** | **Solitary confinement** | **Verbal abuses**  | **Threats (of death/threats to family/threats of rape, etc.)** | **Harmful deprivations such as sleep deprivation** | **Forced confessions** | **Abusive questioning about political/civil activities** | **Other psychological techniques such as forced betrayals** | **Extended psychological torture/ abuse outside prison** | **Experienced by other inmates** |
| 1) Very few times squeezing the neck not too hard; slapping the neck and the head not hard (just for humiliation), all not amounting to pain | 1) 21 days solitary confinement (1 \*2 meters cell with strong artificial white light, very hot; difficult to breath). | 1) Verbal abuse happened twice.  | 1) Threatening to write otherwise family in danger;2) threatening family members. | 1) Very lengthy and continuous interrogations accompanied with forced sleep deprivations caused lack of concentration and high stress (the detainee was promised if he could write what he was asked then he could be let sleep); 2) very restricted access to toilet during interrogations made the detainee cry (interrogators promised to give access to toilet only if the detainee could write what it was asked about); 3) Very harmful denial of medical care regardless of long-lasting sickness, difficult health conditions and days under hunger strike caused 50% loss of vision and brain stroke. | 1) Forcing to write and sign as much as possible for a month (had to write about 700 pages. It took 2-3 days to sign all the pages; 2) was forced to confess and write it down that the detainee and his colleagues had planned to topple down the regime. | 1) Harsh and deep questioning of political/social views and thoughts. | 1) Forced betrayals | 1) Interrogator called the interviewee to submit to him educational papers personally at an open public space in Tehran (suspected of video-recording for future intelligence manipulations); 2) Forced dismissal of the interviewee’s sister from her post as university professor.  | 1) An interrogator had invited an inmate to dinner at a restaurant in Tehran for a meeting (suspected of video-recording for future intelligence manipulations).  |

**Interviewee 8**: Saleh Hamid

Belonging to the Arab populations in Iran, 36 years old; arrested, detained and interrogated in 2008 by the Ministry of Intelligence in Tehran for 4 days; later in the same year was arrested, detained and interrogated for 2 months in the Ahvaz Interrogation Center (Ministry of Intelligence); was university student in Damascus & administrator of Ahvazi Students Association in Syria; sentenced to a year In prison; accused of propaganda against the regime, acting against national security, and illegal establishment of Ahvazi Students Association in Syria.

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| **Summary of the main experienced physical tortures** |
| **Blunt force trauma** |
| 1) Repeated harsh and violent slapping on face and on ears (caused 50% hearing loss and bleeding once); 2) punching; 3) kicking at the time of arrest |

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| **Summary of the main experienced psychological tortures** |
| **Solitary confinement** | **Verbal abuses**  | **Threats (of death/threats to family/threats of rape, etc.)** | **Harmful deprivations such as sleep deprivation** | **Forced confessions** | **Harsh & abusive questioning of ethnic/identity and political values** | **Other psychological techniques such as forced betrayals** | **Exposed to others being tortured** | **Extended psychological torture/ abuse outside prison** |
| 1) 4 days solitary confinement in Tehran (Ministry of Intelligence) and 2 months solitary confinement (2 \*1.5 meter with hot temperatures felling lack of oxygen) at Ahvaz Interrogation Center. | 1) Harsh verbal abuses at Ahvaz Interrogation Center (Ministry of Intelligence). | 1) Threatening to do the worst; 2) Threats to beating and longer imprisonment (15 years in prison) if not cooperated; 3) threatening to bring family members for interrogation. | 1) Denial of medical care (prevented care for bleeding ears after torture that caused infection and later loss of hearing). | 1) Forcing to write and sign as much as possible for over 100 pages. | 1) Harsh and deep questioning of ethno-political views, 2) forcibly inducing that the detainee’s thoughts and values are wrong, 3) forced ideological arguments, 4) inducing hopelessness about civil activities. | 1) Forced for betrayals.  | 1) Hearing screams and cries of others being severely tortured. | 1) Repeated in calls to the interrogation center after release continues for weeks and months (in order to annoy and disturb the detainee psychologically; accompanied with intelligence advices to abandon social/political activities and continue a normal life); 2) Confiscated all documents; was not permitted to work after detention; could not travel. |

**Interviewee 9**: (Due to sensitive information, the interviewee’s name is not given, even though he wanted to be named.)

Belonging to the Arab populations in Iran, 36 years old; detained and interrogated in 2012 by the Ministry of Intelligence in Tehran for 4 days; later between 2012-2015 was detained/interrogated about 20 times (each time lasting between 1-5 days/varied in length) in the Ahvaz Interrogation Center (Ministry of Intelligence); journalist & check-user of Arabic Wikipedia; sentenced to a year In prison; accused of propaganda against the regime, acting against national security.

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| **Summary of the main experienced physical tortures** |
| **Blunt force trauma** | **Positional torture** |
| 1) Hitting the head with keys to give commands; 2) very high use of slapping; 3) pushing the interrogation chair to throw down the detainee; 4) While the detainee was forced to lay down on the ground, his face was pressed by boots of the interrogator; 5) kicking the belly; 6) sudden pushes forward from back. | 1) While hands were tied to each other, the detainee was hanged from the ceiling fan (feet were not touching the ground)/suspended for an hour.  |

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| **Summary of the main experienced psychological tortures** |
| **Humiliation** | **Solitary confinement** | **Harsh verbal abuses including insults to** **ethnic/ language or political identities/ values** | **Threats (of death/threats to family/threats of rape, etc.)** | **Forced confessions** | **Harsh & abusive questioning of ethnic/identity and political values** | **Exposed to others being tortured** | **Extended psychological torture/ abuse outside prison** |
| 1) Interrogators showed the detainee record of very personal telephone communications by the detainee’s friends that caused mistrust and later dismantling of group civil activities;2) water/tea thrown on face; 3) sexual humiliation of close family member; 4) Bringing humiliating examples on how the Intelligence officers had cracked down other co-thinkers. | 1) Solitary confinement at Ahvaz Intelligence Interrogation Center many times during (2012-2015), with interrogations lasting between 1-5 days (varied).  | 1) Very harsh verbal abuses targeting close family members, sometimes sexual insults;2) clear harsh and degrading insults to the Arabs.  | 1) Threats to death; 2) Threatening to heavier accusations if not cooperated; 3) Imminent threats to rape close family members; 4) threatened for forced penetration of bottles.  | 1) Forcing to write and sign as much as possible; 1) forced also to sign blank papers.  | 1) Harsh and deep questioning of ethno-political views;2) forcibly inducing that the detainee’s thoughts and values are wrong, 3) forced arguments, inducing hopelessness about civil activities. | 1) Intelligence officers took the detainee’s father to an open area in Ahvaz City, commanding him to sit on the ground (not to go anywhere while he was left alone without medicines, later being under rain, had to sleep on the grass alone). After 12 hours, his father was taken back to home. This caused his father to get cold and resulted in operation on kidneys (2 weeks at hospital). All this was to force the detainee for what interrogators had asked for.  | 1) Between 2012-2015, the detainee was interrogated many times (about 20 times), leaving him with the fear of arrest and torture for a long period. |

**Interviewee 10**: Habibollah Sarbazi

Belonging to the Balochi populations in Iran, 32 years old; Sunni Muslim; arrested, detained and interrogated in 2008 by the Ministry of Intelligence in Iranshahr City for 3 days and 47 days in Zahedan Intelligence Interrogation Center; was student in Sunni religious school; sentenced to 5 years in prison (suspended); accused of propaganda against the regime and cooperation with armed groups.

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| **Summary of the main experienced physical tortures** |
| **Blunt force trauma** | **Positional torture** | **Electric shocks** | **Experienced by other inmates** |
| 1) Kicking and punching on all parts of the body at the time of arrest, transfer, arrival and while interrogating at the Iranshahr Interrogation Center; 2) pressing and squeezing the head with boots; 3) slapping; 4) pinching the skin of several body parts and ears very painfully; 5) grabbing and squeezing the neck; 6) hitting the detainee towards wall or doors; 7) Interrogators fastened the detainee on a metal bed (named by detainees as “The Miracle Bed”) on his belly and whipped him harshly with thick cable on the back, buttocks and on the sole of the feet. This caused bleeding several times; 8) Many times, whipping without reason that caused bleeding, using water before or after whipping on body parts; 9) pair kicking, punching and slapping by two torturers.  | 1) Forced squat mode (handcuffed from back very tight and painfully) in a pressed tight space at a car with the head down for 4.5 hours while being transferred from Iranshahr to Zahedan Interrogation Center caused very annoying and senseless legs and feet (could not walk afterwards).  | 1) Electric shocks on the neck that caused feelings such as burns and senselessness of the body. | 1) A group arrest and transfer (incl. the detainee himself) by the Ministry of Intelligence in Iranshahr City was accompanied by the beatings (kicking and punching on all parts of the body) and harsh verbal abuses of other arrestees.  |

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| **Summary of the main experienced physical tortures** |
| **Solitary confinement** | **Harsh verbal abuses including insults to religion, ethnic or political identities/ values** | **Threats (of death/threats to family/threats of rape, etc.)** | **Harmful deprivations such as sleep deprivation** | **Forced confessions** | **Harsh & abusive questioning of religious values** | **Other psychological techniques such as forced betrayals** | **Exposed to others being tortured** | **Extended psychological torture/ abuse outside prison** |
| 1) Solitary confinement (1.5 \*1.5 meters empty cell with no sleeping facility) for 3 days in Iranshahr Interrogation Center & 10 days in Zahedan Intelligence Interrogation Center. | 1) Very harsh verbal abuses and insults targeting religion (Sunni) and ethnicity (Balochi) of the detainee; 2) sexual insults to the close family members and other harsh insults repeatedly.  | 1) Threatened to be hanged; 2) Threatened to be suspended; 3) Threatened to death;4) threats to the family members. | 1) Not letting the detainee sleep for longer time. | 1) Forced recorded false confessions in front of video camera (later was manipulate and broadcasted from the Iranian official TV channel as part of a documentary; 2) Forcing to write as much as possible for hundreds of pages (it took almost one day to sign all pages). | 1) Harsh and deep questioning of religious views; 2) forcibly inducing that detainees’ thoughts and values are wrong;3) forced arguments to change belief from Sunni to Shia.  | 1) Very loud and annoying shouts and screaming by interrogators while interrogating; 2) planned video-recorded scenes from the release moments from prison; 3) Forced betrayals and induced acts of fellow activists against the detainee. | 1) Very loud sounds of others being tortured was annoying at Iranshahr Interrogation Center.  | 1) Forced signing sessions at the Intelligence Department every day after the release (later after objection, it became less, but lasted for a longer time). |

**Interviewee 11**: Danyal Babayani

Belonging to the Turkmen populations in Iran, 24 years old; Sunni Muslim; arrested, detained and interrogated in 2013 by the Revolutionary Guardian Corps Intelligence Organization (SAS) in Gonbad Kavus City *Ettelaate Sepah Neynava*) for 10 days and prisoned in Gonbad Prison for 8 days, later was prisoned in 2014 in Gonbad Prison again for over 7 months; was university student and human rights activist; sentenced to 5 years in prison, later decreased to 23 months, 15 months and at last to 6 month in prison; accused of propaganda against the regime and insulting the Iran’s Leader and the Founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

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| **Summary of the main experienced physical tortures** |
| **Blunt force trauma** | **Positional torture** | **Burns** | **Crush injuries** | **Harmful stretches** | **Experienced by other inmates** |
| 1) Kicking and beating at the time of arrest by the Revolutionary Guardian Corps Intelligence Organization (SAS) officers; 2) hitting the head on the interrogation table; 3) kicking; 4) whipping 5) beating and punching; 6) sudden physical assaults and pushes from back 7) harsh frequent slapping caused facial swelling; 8) beating with the thick plastic hose.  | 1) While hands were tied to each other, the detainee was hanged from the ceiling fan (feet were shacked/stretched to the ground)/suspended for over 3 hours (while beaten with a thick plastic hose); 2) The detainee’s hands and feet were tied and his body was laid down on the ground while being beaten with plastic hose to the sole of his feet (could not walk afterwards). | 1) Hitting the hand skin with the freshly burnt matchsticks. | 1) Interrogators put pen between fingers and so pressed them hardly towards the pen causing very high crush pains;2) hitting the fingers with a ruler so hardly caused feeling like crushes in the finger bones.  | 1) Grabbing and pulling/ stretching the head hair harshly and painfully. | 1) Disciplinary group punishment at Gonbad Prison with guards beating the prisoners with batons.  |

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| **Summary of the main experienced psychological tortures** |
| **Humiliation** | **Solitary confinement** | **Harsh verbal abuses including insults to religion, ethnic/ language or political identities/ values** | **Threats (of death/threats to family/ threats of rape)** | **Harmful deprivations such as sleep deprivation** | **Mock execution** | **Forced confessions** | **Harsh & abusive questioning of religious, ethnic/identity and political values** | **Other psychological techniques such as forced betrayals** | **Extended psychological torture/ abuse outside prison** |
| 1) Kicking on the buttocks as humiliation several times by the interrogators and by the prison officers and also by the guard of prison;2) insulting inspection of the naked body at the prison. | 1) Solitary confinement (2 \*3.5 meters cell with toilet, exposed to artificial light all the time, equipped with camera) for 10 days at the Revolutionary Guardian Corps Intelligence Organization (SAS) in Gonbad City (*khaneye timiye sepah*). | 1) Harsh verbal insults to the ethnicity/ identity (Turkmen) and religion (Sunni); 2) sexual insults; 3) insulting and hate looks by the prison guards- | 1) Threats to severe tortures, rape and death.  | 1) Denial of medical care (only bleeding hands were bandaged to stop bleeding). | 1) 3 times experienced mock executions while blindfolded (felt severe chocking) that forced the detainee to forcibly sign 20-30 interrogation papers.  | 1) Forcing to write and sign as much as possible; 2) forced signing of repentance letter.  | 1) Harsh and deep questioning of religious views;2) forcibly inducing that the detainees’ thoughts and values are wrong. | 1) Forced betrayals.2) the detainee could not speak (banned) his mother language (Turkmen that is spoken language in his family) while having family visits.  | 1) After release, the interviewee was forced to give names of other human rights activists that caused him to flee the home.  |

**Interviewee 12**: Haray Fathipour (Karim Fathipour)

Belonging to the Azerbaijani Turkic populations in Iran; 32 years old; arrested, detained, and interrogated three times: first in 2010 in Naghade City by the Police Disciplinary Forces, spent 2 nights in the Detention Center of Police in Urmia, then was transferred to the Interrogation Center of the Intelligence Ministry in Urmia where he was detained and interrogated for 2 days; second time was detained and interrogated in 2013 by the Ministry of Intelligence in Naghade City for 4 days and spent 10 days in Naghade Prison; third time was arrested, detained and interrogated in 2015 by the Revolutionary Guardian Corps Intelligence Organization (SAS) for 48 hours; was a company worker; environmental and ethnic/language/civil rights activist (focused activity on anniversary ceremonies for the killed protesters during the 2006 popular Turkic populations protest against ethnic insults in Iran, saving the Lake Urmia campaigns and distributing posters for the release of Azerbaijani civil rights activists); accused of unlawful protests and disturbing public security.

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| **Summary of the main experienced physical tortures** |
| **Blunt force trauma** | **Positional torture** | **Harsh physical/ environmental conditions** | **Forced exercises** |
| 1) Punching; 2) kicking 3) sudden physical assault towards wall  | 1) At the Revolutionary Guardian Corps Intelligence Interrogation Center in Naghade City, the detainee’s hands were tied up to a horizontal bar (suspended position) while a heavy car tire was hanged from the neck twice (caused intolerable pains) while being punched onto the belly.  | 1) Sleeping at cold solitary confinement while handcuffed. | 1) Forced frog jump exercises. |

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| **Summary of the main experienced psychological tortures** |
| **Humiliation** | **Solitary confinement** | **Threats (of death/threats to family/threats of rape, etc.)** | **Harmful deprivations such as sleep deprivation** | **Forced confessions** | **Harsh & abusive questioning of ethnic/identity and political values** | **Extended psychological torture/ abuse outside prison** | **Experienced by other inmates** |
| 1) Humiliation of ethnic and political ideas. | 1) Solitary confinement for 8 days.  | 1) Threats to sleep deprivations; 2) threatened for severe tortures if they could continue to read sport exercise numbers in the Azerbaijani Turkic language in prison; 3) threats to death.  | 1) Detained with his father who fainted in a bad condition because of stress and low blood pressure. His father was denied medical care for hours.  | 1) Forcing to write, sign and finger print as much as possible; 2) forced to sign unread papers; 3) forced signing of repentance letter; | 1) Harsh and deep questioning of ethnic and political rights and views;2) forcibly inducing that detainees’ thoughts and values are wrong. | 1) Close surveillance after release; 2) frequent telephone calls by the intelligence officers for prevention of interviewee’s participation in ceremonies or any other civil activities; 3) continued threats to the family and the interviewee’s father; 4) Basiji militias riding violent motorcycle rides in front of the house for psychological terror to the whole family;  | 1) Harsh punching on the forehead of co-activist caused the inmate to collapse forcibly.  |

**Interviewee 13**: Anonymous

Belonging to the Kurdish populations in Iran; detained, and interrogated in 1999 by the Ministry of Intelligence in Sanandaj City; was political activist; 93 days detained in the Intelligence Interrogation Center in Sanandaj; sentenced to 5 years in prison (suspended); later was interrogated 10 times at the Sanandaj Intelligence Interrogation each time less than 24 hours and once in Tehran; accused of acts against domestic security, attempts to topple the regime, separatism, and membership in ethnically-driven groups.

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| **Summary of the main experienced physical tortures** |
| **Blunt force trauma** | **Positional torture** | **Crush injuries** | **Experienced by other inmates** |
| 1) Brutally punching and beating on all parts of the body by several torturers; 2) punching on the mouth (caused a broken tooth); 3) Beating the sole of feet with a thick cable caused the detainee to faint from severe pains; 4) whipping the sole of the feet, the knees and the sides of body caused raptured skin of the belly side (traces of which still remain). | 1) The detainee was fastened on his belly on a bed (called by the interrogators as “the Cure Bed”, indeed the torture bed) and was beaten with a thick cable on the sole of feet while a recoded voice of Quran was broadcasted, accompanied with hits on the head and face. (repeated twice). After it the detainee was forced to stand on his feet and so torturer pressed detainee’s feet fingers with his shoes and hit the sole of feet with sponge sandals. They made the detainee’s feet wet after this. The detainee could not walk afterwards.  | 1) Interrogators put 3 pens between fingers and so pressed them hardly towards each other causing very high crush pains.  | 1) The detainee’s sister and fiancée were also interrogated simultaneously for 24-48 hours.  |

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| **Summary of the main experienced psychological tortures** |
| **Solitary confinement** | **Harsh verbal abuses including insults to political values** | **Threats (of death/ threats to family/threats of rape, etc.)** | **Harmful deprivations such as sleep deprivation** | **Forced confessions** | **Harsh & abusive questioning of religious, ethnic/identity and political values** | **Other psychological techniques such as forced betrayals** | **Extended psychological torture/ abuse outside prison** | **Experienced by other inmates** |
| 1) 93 days in solitary confinement at Intelligence Interrogation Center in Sanandaj  | 1) Harsh verbal insults targeting political ideas; 2) harsh sexual insults targeting close family members.  | 1) Threats to death; 2) threatened to Islamic punishment such as amputation of hand and leg. | 1) Denied medical care.  | 1) Forcing to write and sign as much as possible. | 1) Harsh and deep questioning of ethnic/political/ religious rights views; 2) forcibly inducing that detainees’ thoughts and values are wrong. | 1) Forced betrayals;2) very high violent voices of torturers.  | 1) Close surveillance; 2) Intelligence Services cars parked in front of house and working place frequently after the release; 3) Intelligence Services making press on the kindergarten where the interviewee’s child was going; 4) excessive press on working place; 5) interrogated 10 times by the Intelligence Service in Sanandaj until he fled the country; 6) Frequent disturbing telephone calls from the Intelligence Services;  | One guard had contaminated lemonade juice with his urine and had given it to many inmates to drink. Later he had told that they had drunken his urine (as humiliation) |

**Interviewee 14**: Arash Mokaridoust

Belonging to the Azerbaijani Turkic populations in Iran; 30 years old; arrested, detained, and interrogated first in 2006 by the Ministry of Intelligence and Revolutionary Guardian Corps Intelligence Service (SAS) in Naghade City for a month, second time in 2007 by the Ministry of Intelligence in Naghade for a week; last time in 2012 by the Ministry of Intelligence in Azershahr for 2 days; was university student; environmental and ethnic/language/civil rights activist; sentenced to 6 month in prison (suspended); spent 2 weeks in Naghade Prison; accused of propaganda against the regime, participation at popular protest of Turkic populations against the ethnic insult by the Iran Newspaper in 2006, and activities on language & ethnic rights.

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| **Summary of the main experienced physical tortures** |
| **Blunt force trauma** | **Positional torture** | **Harsh physical/ environmental conditions** | **Harmful stretches** |
| 1) Beatings, slapping, punching and kicking at the time of arrest by the Revolutionary Guardian Corps Intelligence Service (SAS); 2) beatings at the time of arrival at the Interrogation Center in Naghade; 3) Fell down from Interrogation Center’s stairs and injured the chin; 4) Frequent hitting on the chest and back by interrogator’s elbow; 5) punching.  | 1) Interrogators fastened the detainee’s hands and feet to a metal bed and prevented him from falling asleep. | 1) Exposed to very cooling circulated air at a wide place at the Interrogation Center for long time that caused stiff muscles and body.  | 1) Grabbing ears and pulling them harshly. |

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| **Summary of the main experienced psychological tortures** |
| **Humiliation** | **Solitary confinement** | **Harsh verbal abuses including insults to ethnic/ language or political identities/ values** | **Threats (of death/ threats to family/ threats of rape, etc.)** | **Harmful deprivations such as sleep deprivation** | **Forced confessions** | **Harsh & abusive questioning of ethnic/ identity and political values** | **Other psychological techniques such as forced betrayals** | **Exposed to others being tortured** | **Extended psychological torture/ abuse outside prison** |
| Lots of humiliation. | 1) Solitary confinement for two weeks, one week more, and 2 days the third time. | 1) Very harsh verbal abuses, incl. sexual insults to the detainee and his close family members; 2) Very harsh verbal insults targeting ethno-political ideas; 3) Insults to the popular ethnic characters.  | T1) threats to beatings with the cable; 2) threatening to torturing of family members; 3) threats to rape; 4) threats to sleep deprivations5) Threats to interrogate detainee’s father; 6) Threats to death; 7) Threats to longer imprisonment; 8) Threats to miss university study and job. | 1) Sleep deprivations for 2 weeks caused a feeling of madness and confusion.  | 1) Forcing to finger print as much as 20-30 pages that were not written by the detainee (SAS interrogator pressed detainee’s fingers on the papers with excessive force. This caused severe pains at index finger); 2) Ministry of Intelligence interrogator forced the detainee to finger print about 10 bank pages on both sides. | 1) Harsh and deep questioning of ethnic rights and views;2) forcibly inducing and arguing that detainees’ thoughts and values are wrong and that his ethnic identity and motherland are false. | 1) Forced betrayals; 2) Intelligence services officers telling sexual abusive words and phrases to each other loudly to induce uncontrolled immoral interrogation environment; 3) Telling lies about the detainee’s mother getting heart attack or the father being tortured at the neighboring cell, the brother not being let attend the school classes or the father being dismissed from his job; 4) Showing grave pictures inducing that the detainee’s mother has died; 5) At Naghade Prison, the detainee was every day called to family visit (but every time he met his interrogator from the Interrogation Center in Naghade and so was interrogated and threatened for an hour a day: extended interrogation at Naghade Prison).  | 1) Exposed to prolonged various torture voices coming from other cells (like that somebody’s skin is burned or cut) even at nights (could not sleep). | 1) Extended interrogations by the same interrogator from Ministry of Intelligence frequently inside Intelligence Services car parked at front of the detainee’s house for 6-7 months after release from Naghade Prison; 2) Frequent control phone calls from the Interrogation Center; 3) close surveillance; 4) prior to any civil protests or gatherings, the interviewee was called to the Interrogation Center/Police Station to sign commitment letter not to go out; 5) violent motorcycle rides by Intelligence Services in front of house before and after any possible protests/civil activities; 6) continued phone calls from the Intelligence Services persuading the interviewee to work for the Ministry of Intelligence; 7) Pressing the employees not to give job to the interviewee after release from the prison; 8) continued press to the family even now.  |

**Interviewee 15**: (Due to sensitive information, the interviewee’s name is not given, even though she wanted to be named.)

Belonging to the Azerbaijani Turkic populations in Tehran; female; 58 years old; arrested, detained, and interrogated in 1981 by the Revolutionary Guardian Corps and their militia in Evin Prison in Tehran; was university student; political activist; close to 5 months detained and interrogated in Evin Prison and spent about 4.5 years in Qezel Hesar Prison; sentenced first to death and later to life imprisonment; accused of membership in MKH organization.

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| **Summary of the main experienced physical tortures** |
| **Blunt force trauma** | **Positional torture** | **Harsh physical/ environmental conditions** | **Forced exercises** | **Harmful stretches** | **Experienced by other inmates** |
| 1) At the time of transfer to Evin Prison, the interviewee was beaten violently with wooden sticks, butt stock and other devices; 2) Beating on the head; 3) Pushed forward violently while being transferred caused the interviewee broken jaw and swollen bloody face; 4) Hitting the head to wall, 5) forced to lay down on her belly while two torturers sat on her, then she was beaten with cable on the sole of her feet (torturers put blanket in her mouth to prevent her from screaming). She was then forced to run at the interrogation room with the swollen feet (if not she was beaten with cable on her body). Torturers then stood on her swollen feet (caused terrible pain); 6) Beaten with cable on her hands; 7) Regular prolonged beatings with the cable on the sole of feet and legs while fastened on bed that caused bloody swollen feet for a long period and a permanent damage to the right leg/foot. | 1) Forced to stand on one foot for hours (caused the detainee to faint) and if she changed the standing foot, she was hit on head by torturers or her hands were forcibly twisted; 2) Once fastened to a chair and so was beaten with cable on her feet; 3) Later she was regularly (almost for three month each other day) fastened by hands and feet to torture bed (metal) and was beaten with cable on the sole of her feet (many times).   | 1) Very crowded small cells did not let the detainees sleep because of lack of space. | 1) As group disciplinary punishment at Evin Priosn and Qezel Hesar Prison, the prisoners were forced to creep faster (those left behind were beaten harshly with batons and whipped). 2) At Evin Prison, she was forced to crawl on stairs or creep on hard level (caused skin injuries).  | 1) Forcibly twisted arm and hands. | 1) Some were forced to sit squatting while being whipped harshly; 2) Many detainees being executed and never seen again.  |

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| **Summary of the main experienced psychological tortures** |
| **Humiliation** | **Threats (of death/threats to family/threats of rape, etc.)** | **Forced confessions** | **Other psychological techniques such as forced betrayals** | **Exposed to others being tortured** | **Extended psychological torture/ abuse outside prison** |
| Lots of humiliation- | Threatened to execution.  | 1) forced to confess | 1) forced for betrayals; 2) Prisoners could not speak (banned) Azerbaijani Turkic, Kurdish or Arabic languages at Qezel Hesar prison, even while having family visits; 3) The detainee was forced to keep his Hijab and not to scream (because of being female) even while being under severe tortures.  | 1) Evin prison was like a butchery (the terrible sounds of cries, screams and torture were heard every day). Almost everyone at the cells were tortured brutally. | 1) Dismissed from her job; could not work as lawyer for many years; 2) threatened by judges for ban on her legal activities as a lawyer (caused the interviewee to flee the country).  |

**Interviewee 16**: (Due to sensitive information, the interviewee’s name is not given, even though she wanted to be named.)

31 years old female; arrested and interrogated first time in 2010 for 8 hours by the Revolutionary Gaudian Corps Intelligence Organization (SAS) in Qazvin City; was university student, artist and drawing teacher for children; political and human rights activist; was later detained and interrogated by the Ministry of Intelligence at Evin Prison for 65 days followed by imprisonment at Evin Prison for 2 years; sentenced to three years in prison and five years in prison (suspended); accused of propaganda against the regime, insults to the Iran’s Leader, the President and governmental authorities, assembly and collusion, and membership in unlawful establishments.

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| **Summary of the main experienced physical tortures** |
| **Blunt force trauma** | **Sexual violence** | **Harsh physical/ environmental conditions** |
| 1) Sudden pushing of interrogation chair forward caused hitting of the detainee’s head onto the wall several times; 2) Pressing the pen onto the detainee’s shoulders; 3) Hitting the interrogation papers onto the head of the detainee;  | 1) Interrogator rubbing himself against the interviewee’s chair while interrogating. | 1) Very unhygienic condition of the solitary confinement at Evin Prison (the carpet was polluted with urine, smells of which was so strong and annoying): This caused the detainee to catch severe skin diseases such as scabies and severe infections at the leg (resulted in surgeries, traces of which even now remain); 2) Lack of food materials containing calcium; 3) limited hygiene materials with very low qualities; 4) very poor hygiene at prison causes severe health problems for women.  |

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| **Summary of the main experienced psychological tortures** |
| **Humiliation** | **Solitary confinement** | **Harsh verbal abuses including insults to political identities/ values** | **Threats (of death/threats to family/ threats of rape, etc.)** | **Harmful deprivations such as sleep deprivation** | **Forced confessions** | **Other psychological techniques such as forced betrayals** | **Exposed to others being tortured** | **Extended psychological torture/ abuse outside prison** | **Experienced by other inmates** |
| 1) Interrogator claiming that he had called the detainee’s sister to speak to her (as humiliation);2) humiliating insults due to imperfect Hijab at prison.  | 1) 40 days in solitary confinement. | 1) Harsh insulting verbal abuses, including sexual insults 2) insults to the close family members. | 1) Threats to harsh conditions and death;2) Threats to ban on family visits; 3)Threats to longer imprisonment.  | 1) Denial of medical care for a longer period resulted in later surgeries and severe consequences; 1) Denial of access to bathing, open air, underwear, hygienic items such as sanitary napkins and toothpaste resulted in severe infections and sores in the mouth, skin and legs. | 1) Forced confessions2) forced signing of the “Letter on Lack of Cooperation by the Detainee” (even though the detainee did not sign them).  | 1) Interrogators gave false news to the detainee as if the detainee’s mother had passed away: This caused the detainee to get fall in paralysis feeling due to high stress (accompanied with denial of medical care). | 1) Inmates in the neighboring cells were tortured.  | 1) Frequent phone calls after release; 2) Interrogators coming to the University to follow the interviewee; 3)The Intelligence Services calling the interviewee’s mother asking the interviewee to go to the Intelligence Services; 4) Banned from continuation of university studies; 5) Close surveillance by the SAS, 6) Chasing the interviewee with cars in public places; 7) Ban on departure from Iran; 8) Intelligence Services cars parking at front of the house;9) Controlled telephone calls; 10)Threats to the interviewee’s sister at her university.  | 1) The interviewee’s sister was interrogated outside the prison by her interrogators and was forced to sign confessions (this was shown to the interviewee); 2) The interrogator confiscated laptop of the interviewee’s sister and made disturbing calls for meetings outside; 3) One inmate had got completely mad, screaming and crying frequently (caused the authorities to close her hands and mouth); 4) Another inmate claimed seeing imaginary creatures; 5) Another inmate had frequent irregular heartbeats denied of medical care; 6) Pressing the female inmates with limited visit of their children at the Evin prison. |

**Interviewee 17**: (Due to sensitive information, the interviewee’s name is not given, even though he wanted to be named.)

Belonging to the Azerbaijani Turkic populations in Iran; 34 years old; arrested and detained in 2006 by the Police Disciplinary Forces in Tabriz and was kept in its headquarter for a week during the popular public protests of Turkic populations against racist insult published at Iran Newspaper. Later in the same year, he was again detained, interrogated and tortured by the Revolutionary Guardian Corps Intelligence Services in Tabriz and spent a week in their interrogation center. After several court sessions, he was sentenced to a year in prison in 2009; was accountant; did not have any civil/political record before (had just participated in popular protests); spent 3 months in prison and 6 months under controlled job outside prison; accused of attempts to topple the regime, insult and humiliation of Iran’s leader and martyrs and giving speeches at gatherings.

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| **Summary of the main experienced physical tortures** |
| **Blunt force trauma** | **Crush injuries** | **Sexual violence** | **Harsh physical/ environmental conditions** | **Harmful stretches** | **Penetrating injuries** | **Experienced by other inmates** |
| 1) Kicking harshly on legs; 2) beatings; 3) squeezing the neck with hands harshly. | 1) Broken and swollen elbow occurred (its damage is still remaining today) after being harshly kicked on the leg, thrown on his hands at the Revolutionary Guardian Corps Intelligence Center in Tabriz. This caused his release without provided medical care. | 1) At the Revolutionary Guardian Corps Intelligence Interrogation Center in Tabriz, the detainee was harshly forced a couple of times to perform anal penetrate of a pen and wait while interrogated and after some time to take it out and lick it right after the pen was out (as a lesson not to make mistake again in participating in protests against the regime (experienced also by his other inmates). | 1) Very bad conditions and lack of food at the Interrogation Center of the Police Disciplinary Forces Headquarter in Tabriz; 2) lack of bathing or hygiene items at the Revolutionary Guardian Corps Intelligence Center in Tabriz.  | 1) The detainee’s hands were cuffed from behind while sitting on the interrogation chair, then his arms were lifted upwards from back causing very high pain; 2) the interrogator was stretching the detainees’ fingers backwards up with his hands, causing harsh pains (at the Revolutionary Guardian Corps Intelligence Center in Tabriz). | 1) The interrogator forcibly inserted pen into the detainee’s nose while the detainee was blindfolded. This caused huge pain and stress.  | 1) Anal penetration of pen was experienced by other inmates, also.  |

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| **Summary of the main experienced psychological tortures** |
| **Humiliation** | **Solitary confinement** | **Harsh verbal abuses including insults to religion values** | **Threats (of death/threats to family/threats of rape, etc.)** | **Harmful deprivations such as sleep deprivation** | **Harsh & abusive questioning of religious, ethnic/identity and political values** | **Other psychological techniques such as forced betrayals** | **Extended psychological torture/ abuse outside prison** |
| 1) Detainees had to eat garbage, leftovers and bones thrown away by soldiers at Tabriz Police Station; 2) harsh sexual humiliation.  | 1) Solitary confinement a week at the Revolutionary Guardian Corps Intelligence Center in Tabriz until he got crush injury. | 1) Very harsh verbal abuses, including very offensive sexual insults to the detainee and his close family members at the Revolutionary Guardian Corps Intelligence Center in Tabriz; 2) insults by the judge in Tabriz. | 1) Threats by the Revolutionary Guardian Corps Intelligence Officer not to speak about crush injury to anybody.  | 1) Denied medical care after crush injury at the Revolutionary Guardian Corps Intelligence Center in Tabriz. | 1) Harsh and deep questioning of ethno-linguistic rights;2) Inducing that the detainee’s thoughts and values are wrong. | 1) Forced construction labor at Tabriz Central Prison (only for political prisoners each day from 09:00 till 16:00); 2) Close surveillance and checks after the release. | 1) Forced for dismissal from his job; 2) banned from trips outside Tabriz; 3)many times, were called into the court and was not taken in. |

**Interviewee 18**: Jahanghir Abdollahi

Belonging to the Kurdish populations in Iran; 32 years old male; was university student and political/civil rights activist; arrested, detained, and interrogated in 2009 by the Ministry of Intelligence in Evin Prison; was political activist; spent over 4 months in Evin Prison; sentenced to 5 years in prison (suspended); accused of act against national security, propaganda against the regime, and membership in Kurdish political parties.

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| **Summary of the main experienced physical tortures** |
| **Blunt force trauma** | **Positional torture** | **Forced exercises** |
| 1) Kicking; 2) punching on belly and back; 3) slapping; 4) Beating the head with the bended fingers; 5) Hitting with the knee strongly on the detainee’s back caused him to faint.  | 1) The detainee was forced to squat while facing corner of the interrogation room and an interrogator sat on the detainee’s shoulders for 1-2 hours. Interrogators interrogated him in such position. This caused the detainee to fall down after he rose up (could not walk).  | 1) The detainee was forced to lift up and hold a very heavy bag over his head for some time (the detainee could not tolerate it and so was beaten by the interrogator). |

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| **Summary of the main experienced psychological tortures** |
| **Humiliation** | **Solitary confinement** | **Harsh verbal abuses including insults to religion, ethnic/ language or political identities/ values** | **Threats (of death/ threats to family/ threats of rape, etc.)** | **Harmful deprivations such as sleep deprivation** | **Forced confessions** | **Harsh & abusive questioning of religious, ethnic/identity and political values** | **Other psychological techniques such as forced betrayals** | **Extended psychological torture/ abuse outside prison** | **Experienced by other inmates** |
| 1) Humiliation; 2) repeated humiliation of the territory with the same ethnic origin. | 1) 60 days solitary confinement at Evin Prison (cold and little light), accompanied with 30 days with beatings.  | 1) Very harsh abusive insults to the detainee, to his identity/ ethnicity/ language/ religion (Sunni);2) Insults to the popular ethnic figures;3) sexually driven insults to the detainee and his close family members.  | 1) Threatened to whipping if not cooperated under interrogations; 2) Threats to death penalty 3) Threats to longer imprisonment | 1) Experienced sleep deprivations; 2) denial of medical care; 3) Restricted access to toilet;  | 1) Forcing the detainee for false confessions in front of camera; 2) forced signing of repentance letter for his release (the detainee resisted and so experienced brutal beatings).  | 1) Harsh and deep questioning of ethno-political/ ideological views;2) forcibly inducing that the detainee’s thoughts and values are wrong. | 1) Forced confessions of other co-activists were shown to the detainee to force him for confessions; 2) prolonged interrogations; 3) detainees were forced to sit and listen to Mullahs’ preaches or group Friday prayers; 4) Promises for release (proved to be false); 5) The detainee was encouraged to confess and so be helped, be allowed to speak to the family, and get access to the wished books; 6) Interrogator insisting that the detainee will flee from Iran; 7) Forced for betrayals.  | 1) After release from Evin Prison, the interviewee was interrogated by the Ministry of Intelligence in Sardasht, and 3 times more in Evin (for control and surveillance); 2) banned to enter the university (once forced to be taken away from the Tehran University back to his hometown). | 1) Bahaei inmate was treated by his inmates discriminately and negatively;  |

**Interviewee 19**: Saeed Ben-Mansoor (Abu-Mohir)

Belonging to the Arab populations in Iran, 44 years old; arrested, detained and interrogated in 2006 by the Ministry of Intelligence in Ahvaz for over 6 months, spent over 5 months in Karun Prison and over 2 years in Ghaen Prison before he fled Iran; was Mayor of Khalife (Ramshir) City; converted from Shia to Sunni; sentenced to death (decreased to life imprisonment, and at last 20 years in prison); accused of waging war with God and the prophet and acting against national security.

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| **Summary of the main experienced physical tortures** |
| **Blunt force trauma** | **Positional torture** | **Pharmacological torture** | **Experienced by other inmates** |
| 1) Very harsh slapping; 2) Severe beatings with cable, plastic hose and electric batons (suspected to be electric) on the back, the head and sole of the feet (several times, caused swollen feet and body, bleeding, raptured and dried body skin, traces of which still remain); 3) Punching the face caused abnormalities in jaw causing difficulties for eating; 4) Kicking and punching hard on all parts of the body;  | 1) Shackled feet for a long period | 1) Suspected of being given contaminated water that caused bloody urination for a period.  | 1) A friend of the detainee (Abdollah Asaker) was beaten with cable and batons while his mouth was closed (caused him to faint), shackled and fastened to torture bed and was beaten with cable. He was also given contaminated food which caused severe and disturbing visual hallucinations. He mad unconscious animal sounds and mad behaviors, who attempted suicide. He was denied medical care at worst situations; 2) Balochi detainees were discriminately beaten with electric batons as a disciplinary measure by prison guards at Ghaen Prison;  |

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| **Summary of the main experienced physical tortures** |
| **Humiliation** | **Solitary confinement** | **Harsh verbal abuses incl. insults to religion, ethnic/ language or political identities/ values** | **Threats (of death/ threats to family/ threats of rape, etc.)** | **Harmful deprivation such as sleep deprivation** | **Forced confessions** | **Harsh & abusive questioning of religious, ethnic/ identity and political values** | **Other psychological techniques such as forced betrayals** | **Exposed to others being tortured** | **Experienced by other inmates** |
| 1) Humiliations  | 1) 3 months in isolation (solitary confinement: 3 \* 1.5 meters cell) and lack of access to open air caused lack of vitamin D and skin problems. | 1) Very harsh abusive insults to the detainee, 2) sexual insults to the detainee and his close family members; 3) Harsh insults to the identity/ ethnicity as Arab.  | 1) Threatened to death and death penalty;  | 1) The detainee felt very thirsty because of high stress and severe torture (complete dry mouth and lips), but was denied access to water; 2) restricted access to toilet. | 1) Forcing to write and sign as much as possible (false confessions); 2) Forced to false confessions in front of camera (video-recorded while exposed to extreme light and assembled) while the detainee was not in good condition with very poor hygiene). The assembled video was later broadcasted from Press TV; 3) promised not to be executed if cooperated for video-recorded false confessions; 4) Forced to sign repentance letter.  | 1) Harsh and deep questioning of ethno-political and religious views; 2) forcibly inducing that the detainee’s thoughts and values are wrong.  | 1) Excessive longer interrogations and tortures; 2) false promises for release. | 1) Heard harsh tortures that were experienced by his friends; 2) The detainee could hear very disturbing tortured sounds of children and women (the detainee could not understand whether these sounds were recorded or were real). | 1) Religious insults and humiliation of Balochi detainees (who were also beaten discriminately with electric batons as a disciplinary measure) by prison guards at Ghaen Prison; 2) Insult and humiliation of Afghan prisoners (four of whom were executed after prison riot) at Ghaen Prison; 3) Many of the interviewee’s inmates were forced to false confessions in front of camera (video-recorded and assembled) that was broadcasted from Press TV, many of whom were later executed (they were promised not to be executed if cooperated for video-recorded false confessions); 4) Some detainees were exposed to dropping water hitting their head for hours.  |