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# **The Most Remarkable Measures Adopted by the Islamic Republic of Iran in the Field of Human and Citizenship Rights**

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## The most important measures in judicial field

### **Non-execution of Qisas punishment through securing the consent of blood avengers to waive their suits**

- Securing consent from blood avengers to waive qisas (retribution) punishment for 128 people sentenced to retribution across the country between 23 September and 27 December 2023, the cases of 86 of the mentioned convicts ended in peace and compromise and non-execution of the punishment

### **Peace and reconciliation thanks to the efforts of the Dispute Resolution Councils**

- Peace and reconciliation in 42.38 percent of the cases assigned to dispute resolution branches all over the country between 23 September and 27 December 2023;
- The release of 6701 prisoners as a result of establishing peace and reconciliation with the efforts of the Dispute Resolution Council branches located in prisons and peace-helpers across the country between 23 September and 27 December 2023.

### **Freedom from prison with the help of benefactors and the efforts of Blood Money Headquarters**

- The release of 2573 prisoners of non-intentional crimes between 23 September and 27 December 2023 from prisons all over the country with the help of Blood Money Headquarters and benefactors with the payment of more than 10,855 billion Rials.

### **Furloughs and freedom using leniency possibilities**

- Agreeing to grant amnesty (releasing 887 people and commuting the punishment of 2053 people) to convicts across the country between 23 September and 27 December 2023;
- The release of 16,240 prisoners across the country using legal possibilities and judicial facilities between 23 September and 27 December 2023;
- Issuing more than 51196 alternative-to-incarceration sentences by judges across the country between 23 September and 27 December 2023;
- 145,094 prisoners throughout the country were granted furloughs between 23 September and 27 December 2023;
- The release of 5687 eligible prisoners across the country in the third quarters of 2023 on ankle tags

### **Visiting prisons, monitoring the observance of the rights of prisoners and clients of the judicial system, and facilitating electronic proceedings**

Conducting face-to-face meetings and reviewing the requests of 662,265 clients to the courts across the country by the chief justices, prosecutors and other judicial authorities between 23 September and 27 December 2023 and issuing the necessary orders in this regard;

Processing 5718 cases of people's requests during the provincial trips of the Honorable Chief Justice and other judicial officials to the provinces of East Azerbaijan, Kerman and Ardabil between 23 September and 27 December 2023;

- Responding to the requests of 15,638 people who came in person to the General Department of Public Relations of the Judiciary while meeting and handling the requests of 3,030 of them in the third quarter of 2012 by the high judicial officials;

- Carrying out 35136 visits to prisons by judges across the country between 23 September and 27 December 2023 and as a result, issuing orders to grant furloughs to more than 93387 people, ordering the release of more than 25161 people, granting more than 11597 cases of employment requests and agreeing to provide judicial leniency measures for more than 11,239 prisoners;
- Holding 92,680 cases of electronic proceedings for prisoners in legal and judicial courts all over the country between 23 September and 27 December 2023;
- Obtaining 885,468 appointments by clients electronically and offline by referring to the electronic appointment system to refer to the branches and centralized units of enforcement of court decision between 23 September and 27 December 2023;
- Online issuance of 825,468 certificates of clean criminal records for applicants upon visiting the relevant application registration system between 23 September and 27 December 2023

### **Education, vocational training and employment of prisoners and support for their families**

- Holding employment and vocational training courses for more than 49,083 prisoners between 23 September and 27 December 2023;
- Covering more than 32,023 families of prisoners by prisoner support associations across the country and providing support, treatment and educational services to them;
- Employing more than 47,286 prisoners in the first quarter of 2023 and paying them monthly wages.

## The most important measures in non-judicial field

### **Creating 3,800 jobs opportunities for self-providing women in the country**

According to the announcement of the Vice President for Women and Family Affairs on September 29, 2023, during the last two years, 3,800 jobs have been created for self-providing women in order to support this segment of society.

### **Education of 105 thousand students in 1750 schools for people with special needs**

According to the announcement of the Ministry of Education on October 8, 2023, in order to guarantee the right to education of persons with disabilities, 105 thousand students in 1750 exceptional schools in 6 groups of disabilities, including students with visual impairment, hearing impairment, physical-motor disability, students with autism spectrum, multiple disabilities and the mentally retarded are studying.

### **Free treatment of children under seven years old in public hospitals**

According to the announcement of the Ministry of Health on October 8, 2023, outpatient treatment and hospitalization of children under seven years old in public hospitals became free of charge.

### **The literacy rate reached 90 percent**

According to the announcement of education and training on October 5, 2023, from 2017 to 2022, the literacy rate in urban and rural areas exhibited a rising trend; the literacy rate in the whole country went up from 87.9% in 2017 to 90.4% in the year 2022.

### **Free school shuttle for students with special needs in Tehran**

According to the announcement of Tehran City Taxi Management and Supervision Organization on October 5, 2023, the cost of school shuttle for students with special needs is covered by Tehran Municipality, and it is free for such students in Tehran.

### **97% coverage of polio vaccination**

According to the announcement of the Ministry of Health on October 17, 2023, the coverage of 97% of vaccination pushed the rate of polio contraction in the country down to zero.

### **More than 500 children were removed from the cycle of labor**

According to the announcement of the Social Emergency Department of the country on October 18, 2023, more than 500 children were rescued from the cycle of child labor this year.

### **400 families adopted children in need of treatment**

According to the announcement of the State Welfare Organization on October 23, 2023, over the past two years, 400 families adopted children in need of treatment.

### **Construction of 16 student dormitories for girls in underprivileged areas of the country**

According to the announcement of the Executive Headquarters of Imam's Directive in October 24, 2023, 16 student dormitories for girls have been built by this foundation in the less-privileged areas.

### **Free injection of influenza vaccine to the elderly and those with disabilities supported by the State Welfare Organization**

According to the announcement of the National Elderly Council of the country on October 24, 2023, due to the vulnerability of the elderly and the disabled, the influenza vaccine will be injected free



of charge in State Welfare-affiliated centers based on the well-established health protocol.

### **Construction of 2020 schools thanks to the National Organization of Modernization, Development and Outfitting of Schools**

According to the announcement of the Minister of Education on September 23, 2023, in the last two years, 5,806 schools (3.5 million square meters of educational space) have been handed over to the Ministry of Education, which means that on average, one and a half schools have been built with the contribution of benefactors for every working day. More than 16.5 million students (eight million and 150 thousand girls and about eight and a half million boys), about one million teachers, principals, deputy principals and education staff in more than one hundred thousand public schools, about 20 thousand non-governmental school and more than three thousand cultural, educational, and educational centers started the new school year.

### **Installation and commissioning of 6 advanced MRI machines in hospitals of underprivileged areas**

According to the announcement of the Ministry of Health on November 1, 2023, 6 advanced MRI machines were purchased and installed in hospitals in depressed areas of the country.

### **Providing welfare services to Afghan nationals with residence code**

According to the announcement of the State Welfare Organization on November 17, 2023, Afghan nationals who have a residence code will receive the necessary services if they need rehabilitation services or welfare pension.

### **The start of the national scheme to improve the nutrition of children under five years old**

According to the announcement of the Ministry of Health on November 25, 2023, the plan to improve the nutrition of children less than five years of age was started in the country. In this plan, 12,375 children under five years of age have been identified in the first to fifth category (out of ten category with the first category being the poorest and the tenth category the wealthiest) in the country, and their families will be paid 10 million rials per month to buy meat, rice, eggs, pulses, and dairy products.

### **Doubling the allowance of sanitary items for the disabled**

According to the announcement of the State Welfare Organization on November 26, 2023, the allowance for qualified disabled people was doubled. Based on this, previously qualified disabled people received 3 million Rials, which has now increased to 6 million Rials.

### **Free housing for families with at least three people with disabilities**

According to the announcement of the First Vice President on December 5, 2023, in the fourth meeting of the coordination and supervision committee on the implementation of the law on the protection of the rights of the disabled, it was decided to build 7,000 houses free of charge for families with three or more people with disabilities.

### **Preparing an atlas of women's status**

According to the announcement of the Vice President for Women and Family Affairs on December 11, 2023, the atlas of the status of women and the setting of priorities in the field of health and women's and family health were compiled. Among the results of this program, recognizing the problems and pathologies of

women's health and health needs in 31 provinces, holding the Women's Health Week program, examining the problems of infertility treatment, examining the lack of infertility treatment centers in the provinces and obtaining credit for this in provincial trips (supported by infertile couples and pursuing the completion and equipping of infertility centers), identifying the most important priorities and health issues of women and girls athletes and celebrating medalists in various sports fields, providing the necessary infrastructure for women's health by using sports facilities and financing the construction and repair of an only-women gym.

### **Adapting the websites of 10 institutions for the use of people with disabilities**

According to the announcement of the National Coordination and Adaptation Headquarters on December 12, 2023, 10 government institutions adapted their websites for the use of persons with disabilities. According to the proposal of the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, the National Organization of Standards of Iran is obliged to develop standards for the design of electronic portals and websites (systems for providing electronic services) of all institutions involved in order to make them accessible for people with disabilities within three months.

### **Every year, 700 children covered by State Welfare Organization start independent lives**

According to the announcement of the State Welfare Organization on December 17, 2023, up to 2017 and on an annual basis, between 200 and 300 children covered by State Welfare-associated centers used to start an independent life. However, this figure has reached more than 700 people per year in 2023 due to the improvement of the social working indicators. Children who are kept in welfare centers may receive support services until the age of 18.

### **Screening of more than 20 million Iranians for diabetes and blood pressure**

According to the announcement of the Ministry of Health on December 21, 2023, 20,173,872 people had been screened by that day in the “National Health Survey” for hypertension and diabetes. In the national health survey, diabetes and blood pressure of people 18 years old and above are measured and managed.

### **Literacy campaign for 2610 foreign nationals in Sistan and Baluchistan**

According to the announcement of the Deputy Director of Literacy of the General Department of Education of Sistan and Baluchistan, on September 26, 2023, with the aim of teaching literacy to foreign nationals living in Sistan and Baluchistan, the literacy program for foreign nationals living in the province was implemented for 2610 people.

### **505 one-person schools are in working order to achieve educational justice**

According to the announcement of the deputy of secondary education of the Ministry of Education on September 25, 2023, in order to achieve educational justice, about 505 one-person schools and several two-person and three-person schools are currently operating in the country.

### **220% increase in girls' access to education**

According to the announcement of the Deputy Minister of Secondary Education on September 25, 2023, after the Islamic Revolution (1979), educational access for girls has grown by 220%.

### **Delivery of 348 residential units to families with 2 persons with disabilities in Bushehr**

According to the announcement of the head of the General Welfare Department of Bushehr province on October 2, 2023, 348 residential units for families with 2 disabled members were delivered in this province, and now 43 more residential units are being built in different parts of the province as part of this project.

### **Achievements of the Social Security Organization in the last 2 years**

According to the CEO of the Social Security Organization on October 4, 2023, in the last two years, 15,000 hospital beds have been set up and another 50,000 hospital beds are planned to be built nationwide. Also, 400 drugs are covered by the country's basic insurance system. The establishment of a fund for special patients to provide special support to terminally ill patients and to cover their expensive services is also one of the actions of the last two years.

### **Inauguration of 260 projects in nomadic and rural areas of the country**

On the occasion of the National Day of Nomads and Villages on October 7, 260 production projects with a credit to the tune of 2100 billion riyals were put into operation in the nomadic areas of the country and 17 thousand nomadic families benefited from such projects.

### **Access to high-speed Internet in more than 5 thousand new villages**

According to the Minister of Communication and Information Technology on October 7, 2023, more than 5 thousand villages were connected to the high-speed Internet of the country's communication network in the last 25 months.

### **Completion of 2 thousand health and treatment plans in less privileged areas**

According to the announcement of the deputy director of management and resource development of the Ministry of Health, Treatment and Medical Education on October 8, 2023, 2 thousand health and treatment plans have been completed in less privileged areas.

### **100% increase in special care beds for children**

According to the Minister of Health, Treatment and Medical Education on October 8, 2023, the number of beds in the pediatric intensive care unit has been doubled in the last two years.

### **Equipping and setting up 400 rural sports houses in South Khorasan**

According to the General Director of Sports and Youth of South Khorasan, on October 14, 2023, about 400 sports houses were equipped and commissioned in the villages of the province.

### **Free gas piping for households covered by Imam Relief Committee**

According to the announcement of the Minister of Oil on October 16, 2023, gas piping inside buildings in the provinces of the country, for households that are covered by the Imam Relief Committee or the State Welfare Organization, was carried out by the National Gas Company in the form of social responsibilities. Also, in the oil industry, a project worth 200 thousand billion riyals has been defined in terms of social responsibility.

### **Construction of 300,000 houses for the underprivileged in underprivileged neighborhoods**

On December 19, 2023, a memorandum of understanding for the construction of 300,000 residential units as part of a “within means” scheme was concluded between the Islamic Revolution Housing Foundation and the Headquarters for the Empowerment of Underprivileged Neighborhoods. In this regard, a memorandum of understanding was signed between the Ministry of Roads and the Headquarters for the Empowerment of Underserved Neighborhoods for 2020 neighborhoods, in which 300,000 residential units will be built. About 19.7 million people live in 2020 underprivileged neighborhoods.

### **Allocation of 1,000 postal vans to distribute parcels in deprived and underprivileged rural areas**

On December 19, 2023, a board member of the National Post Company announced the allocation of 1000 postal delivery vans to accept and distribute mails from underprivileged rural areas in line with the development of rural businesses.

### **Conclusion of a memorandum of cooperation to provide livelihood-oriented housing for welfare recipients**

On December 20, 2023, a joint cooperation agreement to help provide livelihood-oriented housing for people introduced by the welfare organization was signed between the Ministry of Roads and Urban Development and the Ministry of Cooperation, Labor and Social Welfare with the aim of helping to provide livelihood-oriented housing for people with disabilities and homeless applicants in both rural and urban areas. It should be noted that all clients without housing introduced by the welfare organization, people with disabilities, including those with physical, sight, hearing, spinal cord, psychological and mental impairments, etc., as well as family heads with at least two disabled members and those orphans covered by State welfare organization are eligible under the provisions of this memorandum.

