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The Human Rights Development of Iran Newsletter, stresses on the promotion of human rights through monitoring positive actions and developments that have occurred with regards to human rights and raising the awareness of the audience in this regard. This newsletter, compiles measures taken for the promotion and realisation of human rights for the transparency of the real human rights situation in Iran through benefiting from correct information and credible documents.

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1- Refugees Rights

1-1 Afghan Refugees in Iran are under Amayesh 16 Plan

The Amayesh and organization of Afghan refugees in Iran plan commenced on 17 May 2021 and will be implemented across the nation in a pre-set time period.

With the aim of updating and population distribution to present more suitable services across the country, Amayesh 16 will help coordination and planning in various areas and service provisions by various departments.

At the same time as the renewal and issuing of Amayesh and ID cards, work permits will also be issued. These permits will give the refugees the opportunity to legally work in the country.

1-2 Inclusion of Afghan Nationals and Refugees in the Nationwide COVID-19 Vaccination Programme

Even though a high percentage of the Iranian population have not been vaccinated, but all Afghan individuals above 75 have been vaccinated (COVID-19) at the same time as Iranians of the same age range, in 20 refugee settlements across the country. Furthermore, various foreign nationals groups such as who work in sanitation and also in some in urban areas who are over 75 have received the COVID-19 vaccination alongside Iranians.

Since more than 3 million Afghan nationals (documented or undocumented) live in Iran, the Islamic Republic of Iran's Red Crescent Society has requested ICRC to allocate 2 million vaccines for this target group in Iran, so that all individuals regardless of their residency status will be vaccinated. Unfortunately to-date this request has not been fulfilled.



2- Right to Education

Average Education Space Per Capita in the Country has Reached to 5.22 m/sq

In a ceremony attended by the Iranian President and officials from the Ministry of Education, 268 education spaces with 1,295 classrooms were inaugurated via video conference. The opening of this number of education spaces is unprecedented and the addition of education space levels will be a worthy help for children to benefit from the right to education.

According to reports the area of the classrooms is around 180thousand m/sq. which have been split into 15 provinces. It must be said that in the last 8 years approximately 16thousand education spaces with 81,500 classrooms and an area of more than 11 million m/sq. have

gone into operation which the level of school constructions will result in an increase in the average education space per capita in the country which in 2020 reached to 5.22 m/sq. from 4.86 m/sq. Also, currently the percentage of non-standard classroom in the country has dropped to 19.5 percent and currently more than 80 percent of schools are safe.



3- Children's Rights

Formation of a Special Child and Juvenile Police Unit Act

Following approval of the draft bill on the formation of a special child and juvenile police unit act was sent to the Islamic Parliament for legal proceedings.

The need to keep children and juveniles immune to the consequences of entering court proceedings, crime prevention of children and juveniles and their becoming victims of crime, is the formation of specialised police unit and utilisation of various sciences of this body, comparative study of the subject with other countries of the world and legal permit for the formation of a

specialised body are some of the other objectives of this draft bill.

According to article 31 of the Criminal Justice Guidelines Act, for the purpose of law enforcement's correct carrying out of their duties with regards to children and juveniles, a special police unit will be formed within the Islamic Republic of Iran's police force. The unit's duties and jurisdiction is in accordance with the draft bill which will be approved by the head of the Judiciary.

To this aim even in instances where the application of the said legislation has begun, to the extent that according to the remarks of the Greater Tehran Police Commissioner when he gave news of the operational stage of this specialised police unit, and stated that in all police precincts all child and juvenile case files (criminal or victims of crime) will be dealt with this specialised unit.



4- Women's Rights

700 Girls Rescued by Social Emergency

Towards the prevention of honour killings in the country the Social emergency (123 hotline) has expanded its activities and with the utilisation of experts and also timely interventions in crises, last year alone managed to prevent at least 700 various crimes from being committed against women and girls, many of whom might have ended up being victims of honour killings.

Many experts believe that the bitter death of a number of women and girls who were murdered by their relatives for honour reasons, could have been prevented through the Social Emergency prevention. But this requires

information dissemination regarding this emergency and also awareness of women and girls that they can get help.

As well as providing advice and legal services to women and girls in need, Social Emergency provides shelter in health homes and crisis intervention centres across the country.

To-date the intervention of this Emergency has saved many women and girls for various reasons such as having no guardians or bad guardians, domestic violence, getting kicked out by the family, forced marriage, running away with the individuals they're in love with, physical safety and mental disorders, their problems have been resolved and have returned to their families. These individuals are sheltered by the State Welfare Organization (SWO) until legal solutions and or amicable interventions are done by the centre's experts.

According to comparative surveys timely interventions of Social Emergency have had notable impacts on the reduction of honour killings in the country.



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5 -Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Nationwide Vaccination of Persons with Disabilities

According to reports published by the State Welfare Organization 22,050 senior citizens and persons with disabilities who are covered by this Organization in rehabilitation and care centres have received COVID-19 vaccinations. The vaccination of these individuals continues on and it is hoped that within the next two months all persons with disabilities get vaccinated.

As well as the abovementioned another 11,244 individuals have received their second vaccination dose. Also according to reports the share of the second stage of vaccinations which includes centres for persons with disabilities have been allocated to the Medical Sciences University by the Ministry of Health and Medical Treatment, and the operations have begun in most of the provinces.



6- Human Rights

2187 Prisoners' Pardoned or Sentences Commuted

On the occasion of Eid Fitr, 2,187 individuals convicted in public and revolutionary, and the armed forces justice organization have been pardoned or had their sentences commuted on the request of the head of the Judiciary and approval of the Supreme Leader.

It must be said that in this Supreme Leader's pardon grants, 94 convicted by the Governmental Punishment Organization also were included in the pardons or commuted sentences.



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6- Introducing of Human Rights Activists

Vefagh Sabz Alavi Charitable Foundation

The Vefagh Sabz Alavi Charitable Foundation with the registration number 13774 was founded 20 years ago towards the protection of the society's deprived groups such as families with no heads, or bad heads, and other poor and defenceless people. This Foundation has numerous programmes for the protection of these groups in its working agenda which include: 1. Donation of free bread, 2. The *Nazr & Sadaghe* (vows and aims) programme of Bagher-ol-Oloom Book, 3. Vefagh Sabz Alavi *Mawkib* (service tents), 4. *Jahadi* camps programme, 5. Alavi tying the knot programme (giving dowries to newlywed brides), 6. Empathy homework (helping needy schoolchildren), 7. Giving interest-free loans, 8. Construction of schools, 9. Distribution of food packages, 10. Distribution of medical treatment kits.

Foundation's Objectives

- 1 – Providing help and support for those in need.
- 2 – Help in preparation of impoverished girls’ dowries
- 3 – Helping talented youths who wish to continue onto higher education.
- 4 – Helping young couples who in spite of going through initial wedding proceedings are not able to start a mutual life together.
- 5 – Help in finding part-time jobs to fulfil the needs of poor people.
- 6 – Creation of jobs for youths and university students and post-graduates in universities and scientific centres.
- 7 – Research, investigation and presentation of solutions for self-sufficiency and creation of jobs for needy individuals who have the talent and ability to do the job.
- 8 – Cooperation with other bodies and organizations, especially the State Welfare Organization and Imam Khomeini Relief Foundation to help low income, deprived and impoverished people.
- 9 – Help in treatment and care of persons with disabilities and senior citizens.
- 10 – Distribution of collection boxes and collection of gifts and donations.
- 11 – Help in the creation of health and treatment centres in the form of charity clinics.

12 – Help in education of youths to fulfil their needs in the correct and principled manner.

13 – Covering the society’s impoverished and needy.

14 – Help in the setting up and expanding of cultural, education, research, sports and environmental centres.

15 – Assistance for the provision of housing for deprived and low income families.

For further information on the Foundation and its activities visit the following website:

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