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#### **Key Judicial Measures**

# Death-Row Convicts Pardoned After Securing Consent of Families of Victims

- Obtaining the consent of the owners of the blood and nonexecution of lex talionis for 100 people, 9 of whom were under-18 offenders, sentenced to the death penalty from 21 March 2023 to 21 June 2023. It should be noted that the cases of 67 of the mentioned convicts ended in compromise and non-execution of the death penalty with the efforts of the dispute settlement boards.

#### **Conciliation Mediated by Dispute Settlement Board**

- Compromise in 18.40% of closed cases that can be reconciled in dispute resolution boards, 21 March 2023 – 21 June 2023;

- The release of 7,486 prisoners as a result of the efforts made by dispute settlement boards based in prisons and conciliation mediators, 21 March 2023 – 21 June 2023;

- Preventing 1,902 of those arrested from entering prison thanks to the endeavors made by dispute settlement boards councils, 21 March 2023 – 21 June 2023.

#### Release Mediated by Benefactors & Diya Committee Aid

- The release of 3,585 prisoners convicted of unintentional crimes from prisons across the country with the help of benefactors and Diya Committee Aid by paying more than 91 thousand billion Riyals, 21 March 2023 – 21 June 2023.

#### **Furlough and Release on Lenient Grounds**

- Agreeing to grant amnesty to and release of 1760 convicts (1680 men including 18 foreign nationals and 80 women including 2 foreign nationals) from 21 March 2023 to 21 June 2023, of which 404 convicts (382 men and 22 women) were granted amnesty, and 1,356 people were given a commuted sentence;

- The release of 12,694 prisoners, 21 March 2023 – 21 June 2023;

- Issuing more than 35,006 alternative prison sentences, 21 March 2023 – 21 June 2023;

- Granting more than 160,885 furloughs to prisoners, 21 March 2023 – 21 June 2023;

- The release of 3665 eligible prisoners using electronic tags, 21 March 2023 – 21 June 2023.

# Prison Visits, Supervising Prisoners & Clients' Rights & Facilitation of E-Trial

- Meeting and examining the requests of 550,638 clients to the courts by the chief justices, prosecutors and other judicial authorities and issuing the necessary orders to follow up on them, 21 March 2023 – 21 June 2023;

- Dealing with 3147 cases of people's requests by judges and judicial officials by setting up service desks in mosques, etc., 21 March 2023 – 21 June 2023;

- Dealing with 3,763 cases of people's requests during the provincial trips of the Honorable Chief of the Judiciary and other judicial officials to the provinces of Kordestan, Mazandaran, Alborz, and Tehran (Varamin), 21 March 2023 – 21 June 2023;

- Responding to the requests of 14,147 people in person to the Public Relations Department of the Judiciary and meeting and processing the demands of 2,543 from 21 March 2023 to 21 June

2023 by the high judicial officials, including the Judicial Deputy of the Judiciary, the head of the State Organization for Registration of Deeds and Properties, the Chief of the Tehran Province Justice Administration and his deputies;

- Carrying out 40589 visits to prisons by judges from 21 March 2023 to 21 June 2023, and as a result, meeting with more than 100 thousand prisoners and handling their requests, and issuing the necessary orders, including the order to grant leave for over 35 thousand people, ordering the release of more than 13,212, agreeing to more than 7,900 employment requests, agreeing to apply leniency for more than 11 thousand prisoners;

- Holding 47,072 E-trials for prisoners in legal and judicial courts from 21 March 2023 to 21 May 2023;

- Obtaining 714,023 appointments by clients electronically and in person and by referring to the electronic appointment system to refer to the branches and centralized units of execution of sentences, 21 March 2023 – 21 June 2023; and

- Issuance of 599,852 certificates of no criminal record for applicants in absentia and by referring to the application registration system for such certificates, 21 March 2023 – 21 June 2023.

# Education, Vocational Training & Employment of Prisoners & Support for their Families

- Holding employment and vocational training courses for more than 22,000 prisoners, 21 March 2023 – 21 June 2023;

- Covering more than 39,000 families of prisoners by prisoner support associations and providing support, treatment, and educational services to them by spending more than 586 billion Rials; and

- Employing more than 47,872 prisoners, including in-prison employment for 13,751 others, employment for 17,804 inmates in workshops, and sending another 14,310 to work and paying them monthly wages.

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#### **Key Non-Judicial Measures**

### 51,000 Students in Sistan & Baluchestan Province Enjoy Standard Educational Environment

On 26 March 2023, according to the announcement of the Sistan and Baluchestan Schools Renovation, Development and Equipping Organization, in 2022, 51,000 students of this province benefited from the standard educational environment after 1,721 new classrooms in 429 schools were opened.

#### **Re-Enrollment of 50,000 Dropouts**

On 30 March 2023, as per the Ministry of Education, 50,000 children left out of school from 23 September 2022 to 20 March 2023 were enrolled in education and attended classes.

#### **Activity of 110 Autism Centers**

On 3 April 2023, according to the daily rehabilitation and rehabilitation office of the country's welfare organization, there are 110 autism centers and 16 multi-disability centers. In addition to persons with disabilities, 4,264 autistic people receive services in these centers.

#### Distribution of 8,000 sets of Dowries in Less-Privileged Areas

On 9 April 2023, as per the announcement of the Central Headquarters of Deprivation, more than 8,000 sets of dowries will be distributed in less-privileged areas this year. In 2021, 10,000 and in 2022, 8,000 sets of dowries were provided to couples in less-privileged areas such as Sistan and Baluchestan, Kerman, and Ardabil provinces. The dowries are distributed in 3 stages, includ8

ing the birth anniversaries of Imam Reza (a.s.), the birth of Hazrat Mahdi (a.s.), and Hazrat Zahra (PBUH).

#### **Generalities of Bill to Prevent Harm against Women Ratified**

On 17 April 2023, according to the Islamic Consultative Assembly, the generalities of a bill to prevent harm against women and improve their safety against abuse was approved with 190 votes in favor, 45 votes against, and 9 abstentions by a total of 244 representatives. The urgency of the bill in question was also ratified in the Parliament's open session on 19 May 2021.

### Women Hold a Quarter of Managerial Positions in 13th Administration

On 17 April 2023, as per the IRNA news agency, 25.2% of government administrations at high, middle, and executive levels in decision-making are currently managed by women.

# Development & Implementation of Exercise Training Package for Persons with Mental Disabilities

On 19 April 2023, as announced by the Research Institute of Physical Education and Sports Sciences, a research project dubbed "development of an educational-exercise package for persons with mental disabilities and its effect on improving the physical composition and motor and social development of these people" was compiled and implemented with the support of the Presidential Researcher Support Fund.

### Families with 3 or More Persons with Disabilities to Own House in 2 Years

On 19 April 2023, according to the coordination and supervision committee on the implementation of the law on the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities, in the third meeting of the said committee, it was decided that families with 3 or more disabilities will become homeowners within two years.

#### 35,000 Job Creation Projects Implemented in Border Areas

On 19 April 2023, as per the Barakat Foundation, more than 35,000 job creation projects were implemented in the country's border areas, and 6,500 jobs were created for border couriers. It should be noted that supporting the socially disadvantaged through employment plans is the priority of the Barakat Foundation programs.

### Activity of 31 Centers for Empowering People Recovered from Addiction

On 22 April 2023, according to the State Welfare Organization, there are 31 empowerment centers for drug addicts nationwide. Each center covers 30 to 50 people in each period, and depending on the conditions, these people can benefit from the services of these centers for up to one year.

#### **Eradication of Measles & Rubella**

On 23 April 2023, as announced by the Ministry of Health, Treatment and Medical Education, the World Health Organization confirmed the measles eradication in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

#### Start of Family Health Program in 57 Cities

On 24 April 2023, according to the Minister of Health, Treatment, and Medical Education, the family health program in about 57 cities of the country since the beginning of May this year has been given priority for implementation, especially in the deprived areas of the country. The critical approach of this program is to strengthen preventive measures and maintain people's health, followed by the participation of broad and capable groups in the context of the country's health and treatment network.

### Issuing Specialized Instructions to Emergency Centers to Offer Extraordinary Services to Persons Suffering from Autism

On 10 May 2023, as per Emergency Medical Serviecs, specialized guidelines for providing services to people on the autism spectrum were compiled and communicated to all emergency centers nationwide. Holding training courses for 11,000 emergency operatives, preparing electronic training booklets to familiarize the families of people on the autism spectrum with how to receive emergency 115 and specialized services, and communicating a unique three-digit code for those on the autism spectrum in order to increase the speed and accuracy of service to those who have autism are among the measures taken in this regard.

# 15,000 More Hospital Beds Allocated in Implementation of Law on Youthful Population & Protection of Family

On 23 May 2023, according to the announcement of the Ministry of Health, 15,000 hospital beds were added to health centers in line with the implementation of the Youth Population Law. Based on this, there should be level 3 infertility centers in every province, with 103 infertility centers operating at this level. Infertility centers at level 2 will also be upgraded to 64.

### State Welfare Organization Support 38,000 Families with Multiple Children

On 25 May 2023, as the State Welfare Organization announced, 38,965 families with multiple children are covered by the organization. Accordingly, in addition to the monthly pension, non-continuous services are provided to families with multiple children, including payment of treatment allowances, essential supplies, and capital grants. Work or introduction for employment and introduction to receive bank facilities in the field of employment are provided if there is credit.

#### Iran Third Country in Terms of Red Crescent Volunteers

On 30 May 2023, as per the Red Crescent Society, Iran ranks third in the world regarding the activities of Red Crescent Society volunteers. According to statistics, 15 million people worldwide volunteer in the Red Crescent Society.

#### **Inauguration of 11 Projects During Environment Week**

On 5 June 2023, according to the Environmental Protection Organization, during Environment Week (from 5 to 12 June 2023), 11 projects were implemented by the National Environment Fund in the form of facilities in the amount of 500 billion Rials and more than 300 scientific, cultural and educational programs in different provinces of the country.

### 2000 New Schools to be Handed Over to Education Sector by Mid-2024

On 7 June 2023, according to the Ministry of Education, by the end of the first half of this year, 2000 schools will be built, completed, and handed over for education.

#### Female Athletes Shine after Winning 37 Medals

On 8 June 2023, as per the Vice President of Women's Affairs announcement, Iranian female athletes won 37 medals in world, international and Asian competitions, of which 10 were gold, 15 silver, and 12 bronze.

# 12,000 Elderly & Persons with Disabilities Enjoy Standard Services in Rehabilitation Centers

On 9 June 2023, as announced by the State Welfare Organization, 12,000 residents of rehabilitation and care centers have access to improved standard services. Equipping the standard isolation rooms of the rehabilitation and round-the-clock care centers and training the personnel of the welfare rehabilitation and round-the-clock care centers are among the measures taken for this purpose.

#### Waiting Line for Cochlear Implantation Reduced to Zero

On 12 June 2023, according to the board of trustees of saving currency in the treatment of patients, with the provision of 2,600 cochlear prostheses, the waiting line of these patients reached zero.

#### **Military Exemption for Families of Children with Disabilities**

On 14 June 2023, according to the announcement of the Public Conscription Organization of the Law Enforcement Command of the Islamic Republic of Iran, only healthy male children in families with children suffering from severe disabilities are exempted from military service based on Article 6 of the Comprehensive Law on the Protection of Persons with Disabilities.

# Allocation of 350 billion Rials to Open Skill Training Centers for Drug Addicts in Tehran

On 14 June 2023, as announced by the Tehran City Council, 350 billion Rials have been allocated to set up skill training centers for drug addicts in the capital Tehran.

