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Additional Submission on Children victims of landmines in Iran in 2015

As a complement to the section on Landmines of the joint alternative report by civil society organizations on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child by the Islamic Republic of Iran¹, please find below an update on children victims of landmines in 2015.

Since the beginning of the year 2015, at least 45 civilians were killed or wounded due to landmines and unexploded remnants of war placed during the Iran-Iraq war and located in five western provinces of the country: West Azerbaijan, Ilam, Kurdistan and Kermanshah (all having a Kurdish majority population), and the province of Khuzestan, which has an Arab majority population.

Among the victims of incidents we documented for 2015, we counted **13 children**. Among them, 3 children lost life and the 9 others were wounded because of remnant of landmines. One child victim of an incident as recent as December 2015 is still – at the time of writing – hospitalized in a critical situation.

¹ Accessible at http://impactiran.org/wp-content/uploads/CRC_Report+Annex+Update.pdf, pages 32-34, sections 116-126.



Details of landmines incidents affecting children in 2015

1st March:

On March 1st, 2015, in the area of « Qala Kanjan Cham » situated in 15km north of Ilam, five children on their way home from school, were wounded due to the explosion of an exploded rocket dating from the Iran-Iraq war period (1980-1988). The children are: **Amir Mohammed** (8 years old), **Amir Hussein Paikani son of Yadullah** (11 years old), **Mohammed** and **Mehdi Babakhani sons of Alimardan** (age 7 and 8) and **Hadi Mulkian son of Karam**, age 10. One of the victims died after 19 days of hospitalization.

Mohammed Mulkian lost his life on 19 March 19 2015, after 19 days of hospitalization at the Ahwaz hospital. Amir Hussein Paikani later lost a leg and Mehdi Babakhani lost an eye.

24 March:

Three teenagers and a child aged 10 years old were injured by a landmine explosion in the village of « Gari » in Salababajani area (Kermanshah) on March 24, 2015. The identities of the victims were not disclosed.

30 March:

Ms. Arazoo Tahmoursimanesh 17 years old from Qasershirin (Kermanshah) stepped on a landmine on March 30, 2015 and lost her life.



3 August:

Behzad Ibrahimi (13 years old) from « Langriz » village of Saro-Abad town, accompanied by **Farshad Yaqubi** (12 years old) stepped on landmine while accompanying ships next to an abandoned military compound on August 3, 2015. Behzad died and Farshad lost an eye.

10 December:

On 10 December 2015, **Yasin Abidavi**, a 12 years old boy was injured by landmines while he was playing. He saw a landmine which was on the land, with no mark showing the danger, and took it. It exploded and he lost both hands and one piece of the exploded landmine hit his chest. As of 15 December 2015, he is still in a very bad situation in hospital. This incident illustrates the inadequate education of the civilian population about the danger of landmines and remnants of war.

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