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Statistics:**Landmine Explosion Killed and injured 40 civilians in Iranian Kurdistan during 2020 + list of names**

Hengaw : Landmine explosives left over from the eight-year Iran-Iraq war, as well as mines planted by the Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps in recent years, continue to cause casualties in Iranian Kurdistan.

According to statistics registered in Statistics and Documentation Data Center of Hengaw Human Rights Organization, during 2020, at least 40 citizens on the borders of Iranian Kurdistan were killed and injured due to landmines and explosives left over from the eight -year Iran-Iraq war and newly planted landmines by Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps which compared to 2019 with 27 casualties, a 32.5% increase has been recorded .

Of the 40 victims, 10 lost their lives and 30 were injured and amputated . One of the victims was under 18 years old. 14-year-old Payam Rostami lost his life in a landmine explosion on the Khosravi border areas in Kermanshah province.

Separation of victims by province:

During the past year, most of the registered landmine explosion victims were in the border areas of Kurdistan and Kermanshah provinces, in which 11 citizens were killed and injured in each of these two provinces.

Kurdistan Province (Sanandaj): 11 cases (2 killed and 9 injured)

Ilam province: 10 cases (3 killed and 7 injured)

West Azerbaijan (Urmia) Province : 8 cases (2 killed and 6 injured)

Kermanshah province: 11 cases (3 killed and 8 injured)

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Separation of victims by social class:

Most of the mine victims in Kurdistan during 2020 were from the working class, which 18 Kolbars, drivers, shepherds and workers were killed.

Worker: 18 cases (8 killed and 10 injured)
 Military: 18 cases (1 killed and 17 wounded)
 Civil: 4 cases (1 killed and 3 wounded)

Although customary international law does not consider landmines as absolute prohibitions, but there are limitations to minimize their effects. For example, the parties to a conflict must maintain a map of minefields or, at the end of the conflict, clear the minefields to support civilians.

The Ottawa Convention requires governments to refrain from producing and stockpiling anti-personnel mines, which the Islamic Republic of Iran has not yet acceded to despite the casualties of landmines.

According to a study conducted by the Red Cross to develop customary rules governing humanitarian law, several restrictions in Rules No. 21, 22, and 13 on landmines were defined as customary law.

- When using, precautions must be taken to reduce human casualties.
- The side that uses the landmines must record the locations

-At the end of the active conflict, the governments must provide the option to clear the land mines
 However, the Iranian and Iraqi governments refuse to commit to the binding customary international law.

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The list of Landmine Explosion victims in Iranian Kurdistan during 2020

Row	First and last name	Age	Residence	Location of being injured	Location of being killed	Comments	Date
1	Ali Malaki	22	Salas Babajani		Ezgeleh	Civile	10.1.2020
2	Kamran Malaki	19	Salas Babajani	Ezgeleh		Civile	10.1.2020
3		Mehran	Mehran		Military	18.1.2020
4	Hojat		Mehran	Mehran		Military	18.1.2020
5	A Shepherd		Kirmanshah	Shosh		Shepherd	1.2.2020
6	Ashraf Chraghi	27	Mehran	Mehran		Shepherd	14.2.2020
7	Payam Rostami	14	Qasr Shirin		Khosravi	Shepherd	22.2.2020
8	keyvan Azami	37	Sarpol Zahab		Sarplol Zahab	Civile	15.3.2020
9	Mazyar Ostoki		Miandoab	Saqiz		Military	30.3.2020
10	Javad Mehdizadeh		Oshnaviyeh	Saqiz		Military	30.3.2020
11	Mohsin Malaki			Saqiz		Military	30.3.2020
12	A Military		Dehloran	Dehloran		Military	26.4.2020
13	A Military		Dehloran	Dehloran		Military	26.4.2020
14	Behrouz Baghri	30	Urmyeh	Mehran		Military	5.5.2020
15	Mohamad Salhi	46	Baneh	Baneh		Civile	14.5.2020
16	Haydar Ali yari	30	Saqiz	Baneh		Kolbar	7.6.2020
17	Sitar Asghari		Piranshahr	Piranshahr		the Farmer	9.6.2020
18	Ghabil Marjani Rad		Urmyeh	Urmyeh		Kolbar	14.6.2020
19	Ahmad Alam		Baneh		Baneh	the Farmer	15.6.2020
20	Payman Moinyan		Kirmanshah	Bayngan		Employee	1.7.2020
21	Farshdi Sanjari		Kirmanshah	Bayngan		Employee	1.7.2020
22	Soran Mahmoodi		Paveh	Bayngan		Employee	1.7.2020
23	Salim Taras		Malakshahi		Mehran	Worker	17,7,2020
24	Cheragh Abdi		Malakshahi		Mehran	Worker	17,7,2020
25	Hadi Omidi		Malakshahi		Mehran	Worker	17,7,2020
26	Mehdi Omidi		Malakshahi	Mehran		Worker	17,7,2020
27	Mehrab Bodaghi			Sardasht		Military	3.8.2020
28	Hamdreza Paknahad			sardasht		Military	3.8.2020
29	Hoshyar Ardalan				marivan	Military	3.9.2020
30	A Military		Sanandaj	Marivan		Military	3.9.2020

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31	A Military			Marivan		Military	3.9.2020
32	Khosraw Hasani	38	Marivan	Marivan		worker	8.10.2020
33	Loghman Rahimi		Paveh	Nassoud		Kolbar	1.11.2020
34	Sabir Khizri	28	Piranshahr	Piranshahr		Kolbar	7.11.2020
35	Ali Rzaei		Ilam	somar		Military	7.11.2020
36	Jalal Absalan		Kirmanshah	somar		Military	7.11.2020
37	Ahmad Mamandi	33	sardasht		Sardasht	Shepherd	16.11.2020
38	Aziz Roonama	42	Oshnaviyeh		Oshnabye	shepherd	21.11.2020
39	Abas Ebrahimi	28	Marivan	Sarvabad		Kolbar	5.12.2020
40	Ghadir Dalaei milan		Chalderan	Chalderan		Shepherd	13.12.2020

