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Mass graves in Balochistan reveal over 100 bodies

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The Asian
Human Rights
Commission
(AHRC) says it
has found 169
bodies in mass
graves in the
Pakistani

province

Balochistan. The corpses are believed to be members of groups calling for greater autonomy and rights for Balochistan. The AHRC suspects they are some of the thousands of Balochs who were reportedly arrested and kidnapped by Pakistan's security agencies. The commission has called on the United Nations to send a fact-finding mission to ascertain the truth behind the killings. Pakistan's government denies the claims made by the AHRC and says the total number of bodies found is just 15. The AHRC expressed "shock and deep concern" over the latest killings.

Balochistan is one of Pakistan's poorest regions, although it has vast natural resources. Baloch separatists allege that Pakistan is systematically suppressing development in the region to keep its people weak. The people want a whole series of issues addressed. These range from human rights abuses, greater autonomy, increased royalties from the region's abundant natural resources, and full independence. In the period between 2003 and 2012, an estimated 8,000 people from Balochistan were reportedly kidnapped Pakistani security forces. Pakistani expert Malik Siraj Akbar said: "The international community must play its role in bringing the people behind these crimes to justice."

Sources: www.dw.de / Wikipedia

Writing

If the majority of a region wants independence, they should have it. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

human rights / mass graves / autonomy / arrested / kidnapped / fact-finding / shock / poorest regions / natural resources / development / independence / crimes / justice

True / False

- The Pakistan Human Rights Commission found many bodies. T / F
- b) The bodies are members of Pakistan's security forces. T / F
- c) An organization has asked the U.N. to find the truth about the killings. T $\!\!/$ F
- d) The Pakistan government said here were fewer bodies than reported. T / F
- e) Balochistan is rich in natural resources. T / F
- f) Baloch people want Pakistan to give them more human rights. T / F
- g) 8,000 people were killed in Balochistan between 2003 and 2012. T/F
- h) An expert on Pakistan advised the international community to stay out. T / F

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Synonym Match

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1.	IIIdSS	a.	pieritiiui	
2	corpses	b.	has a feeling	
3.	suspects	c.	holding back	
4.	called on	d.	grave	
5.	deep	e.	part	
6.	regions	f.	dead bodies	
7.	suppressing	g.	specialist	
8.	abundant	h.	asked	
9.	expert	i.	areas	
10.	role	j.	large-scale	

Discussion - Student A

- a) What do you know about Balochistan?
- b) Why doesn't Pakistan exploit Balochistan's natural resources?
- c) Why might Pakistan want to keep the Baloch people weak?
- d) What issues in your country do you want addressed?
- e) Which regions of the world do you think should get independence?
- f) Should the map of the world be changed, with new countries created?
- g) When do you think people will stop killing each other over ethnicity?
- h) What questions would you like to ask Malik Siraj Akbar?

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Phrase Match

- it has found 169 bodies
- 2 members of groups calling
- 3. send a fact-finding
- 4. Pakistan's government denies the
- 5. expressed shock and deep
- 6. it has vast
- 7. suppressing development
- 8. The people want a whole series
- 9. reportedly kidnapped by
- 10. bringing the people behind

Discussion - Student B

- a) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'independence'?
- b) What did you think about what you read?
- c) Do you think the killers will ever be found or brought to justice?
- d) What's the best way for regions to get greater autonomy?
- e) Should the U.N. go to Balochistan to investigate?
- f) Who do you believe about the number of dead?
- g) Should this be a bigger news story?
- h) What would happen if the truth about the killings was found?

Spelling

- the Pakistani rpnvceio of Balochistan
- 2. The cespros are believed to be members...
- 3. greater atomouyn
- 4. The oicimsnmos has called on the U.N.
- 5. <u>cetsrniaa</u> the truth behind the killings
- 6. ... expressed "shock and deep norecnc"
- 7. Baloch <u>satsaiperst</u> allege that...
- 8. systematically ssnsrieupgp development
- 9. increased toriyales
- 10. the region's <u>nanbdtau</u> natural resources
- 11. an ttsemeida 8,000 people
- 12. bringing the people behind these crimes to <u>tsciuje</u>

Answers - Synonym Match

1. j	2. f	3. b	4. h	5. d
6. i	7. c	8. a	9. g	10. e

- a. natural resources
- b. claims made by the AHRC
- c. of issues addressed
- d. in the region
- e. mission
- f. these crimes to justice
- g. in mass graves
- h. Pakistani security forces
- i. for greater autonomy
- i. concern

Role Play

Role A - Freedom from discrimination

You think freedom from discrimination is the most important human right. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are difficult with their rights. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the right to education, freedom of belief and religion or the right to rest and leisure.

Role B - Right to education

You think the right to education is the most important human right. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their difficult. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): freedom from discrimination, freedom of belief and religion or the right to rest and leisure.

Role C - Freedom of belief and religion

You think freedom of belief and religion is the most important human right. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their difficult. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the right to education, freedom from discrimination or the right to rest and leisure.

Role D - Right to rest and leisure

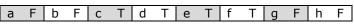
You think the right to rest and leisure is the most important human right. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their difficult. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the right to education, freedom of belief and religion or freedom from discrimination.

Speaking - Human Rights

Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the most important at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

Freedom of movement Right to own property Right to education Freedom from slavery Freedom from discrimination
Freedom of belief and religion
Right to rest and leisure
Right to social security

Answers - True False



Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.