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## Judiciary spokesman: 25 people killed in recent street protests

Tehran, Jan 14, IRNA - Judiciary spokesman Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei said on Sunday that some 400 who were arrested in recent street protests are in custody and the total number of those killed during the period stood 25.

Speaking to reporters on his weekly press briefing, he said none of these people were killed by the fire of security forces and out of those under arrest some 50 are from Tehran.

Some other people also have been identified and arrested as their leaders who had contact with the aliens overseas, he said.

During the recent unrest in Iran, which began with criticism of economic hardships and turned into violent riots due to foreign interventions, the US officials, including President Donald Trump, rushed to provoke the protesters by tweeting, commenting on media and asking for UN Security Council emergency meeting.

Security forces are now examining role of enemies in recent street unrest and those who have been identified and arrested will be dealt based on rule of law, Mohseni-Ejei said.

The real culprits know how to hide their criminal face and mislead others, but they should be identified, he said.

It was agreed that on the first stage most of the identified people would be released on bail instead of being sent to prisons, he said.

Intelligence ministry, judiciary and police are now collecting evidence, indicating root cause of the current events in a comprehensive report, Mohseni-Ejei said.

Tehran prosecutor is to pursue the case through Interpol to identify those who meddle in such affairs, he said.

They have been arrested under various charges such as security, disrupting public order and damaging public assets, Mohseni-Ejei added.

No one will be sent to prison before being court hearings, he said.

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