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## Level 6

### Mass graves in Balochistan reveal over 100 bodies

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# THE ARTICLE

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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 by 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: <http://www.dw.de/activists-demand-un-inquiry-into-balochistan-mass-graves/a-17392230>  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Balochistan\\_conflict#Human\\_rights](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Balochistan_conflict#Human_rights)

# WARM-UPS

**1. INDEPENDENCE:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Independence. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

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

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. ISSUES:** What issues would you like to be addressed in your country? Complete this table and share what you wrote with your partner(s). Change partners often.

Issue	Current state	Changes you would like to see
Human rights		
Natural resources		
Economy		
Environment		
Education		
Security		

**4. AUTONOMY:** Students A **strongly** believe all regions who want greater autonomy should be given it; Students B **strongly** believe this is dangerous. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

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

**6. ARRESTED:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "arrested". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140131-balochistan.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. 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 there 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 |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| 1. mass        | a. plentiful     |
| 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   |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                     |                              |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. it has found 169 bodies          | a. natural resources         |
| 2. members of groups calling        | b. claims made by the AHRC   |
| 3. send a fact-finding              | c. of issues addressed       |
| 4. Pakistan's government denies the | d. in the region             |
| 5. expressed shock and deep         | e. mission                   |
| 6. it has vast                      | f. these crimes to justice   |
| 7. suppressing development          | g. in mass graves            |
| 8. The people want a whole series   | h. Pakistani security forces |
| 9. reportedly kidnapped by          | i. for greater autonomy      |
| 10. bringing the people behind      | j. concern                   |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140131-balochistan.html>

The Asian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) says it has found 169 bodies in (1) \_\_\_\_\_ graves in the Pakistani (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of Balochistan. The corpses are believed to be members of groups (3) \_\_\_\_\_ for greater (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and rights for Balochistan. The AHRC suspects they are some of the thousands of Balochs who were (5) \_\_\_\_\_ arrested and kidnapped by Pakistan's security agencies. The commission has called on the United Nations to send a fact-finding (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to ascertain the truth behind the killings. Pakistan's government denies the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ made by the AHRC and says the total number of bodies found is just 15. The AHRC expressed "shock and (8) \_\_\_\_\_ concern" over the latest killings.

*autonomy*  
*claims*  
*province*  
*deep*  
*mass*  
*reportedly*  
*calling*  
*mission*

Balochistan is one of Pakistan's poorest (9) \_\_\_\_\_, although it has vast natural resources. Baloch separatists (10) \_\_\_\_\_ that Pakistan is systematically suppressing development in the region to keep its people weak. The people want a whole series of issues (11) \_\_\_\_\_. These range from human rights abuses, greater autonomy, increased (12) \_\_\_\_\_ from the region's abundant natural resources, and full (13) \_\_\_\_\_. In the period between 2003 and 2012, an estimated 8,000 people from Balochistan were reportedly kidnapped by Pakistani security (14) \_\_\_\_\_. Pakistani expert Malik Siraj Akbar said: "The international community must play its (15) \_\_\_\_\_ in bringing the people behind these crimes to (16) \_\_\_\_\_."

*independence*  
*role*  
*allege*  
*royalties*  
*regions*  
*justice*  
*forces*  
*addressed*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) it has found 169 bodies in mass graves in the Pakistani \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. provinces of Balochistan
  - b. provincial of Balochistan
  - c. province of Balochistan
  - d. prove once of Balochistan
- 2) The corpses are believed to be members of groups calling for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. greater automatic
  - b. greater auto-naming
  - c. greater awe toe no me
  - d. greater autonomy
- 3) reportedly arrested and kidnapped by Pakistan's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. security agencies
  - b. securities agencies
  - c. secretive agencies
  - d. secreted agencies
- 4) The commission has called on the United Nations to send a fact-\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. funding mission
  - b. finding mission
  - c. fending mission
  - d. find in mission
- 5) The AHRC expressed shock \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and deeply concern
  - b. and deep concerned
  - c. and deep concern
  - d. and deeply concerns
- 6) Balochistan is one of Pakistan's poorest regions, although it has \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. fast natural resources
  - b. baste natural resources
  - c. past natural resources
  - d. vast natural resources
- 7) Baloch separatists allege that Pakistan is systematically \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. surprising development
  - b. suppressing development
  - c. supposing development
  - d. surpassing development
- 8) The people want a whole series of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. issued addressed
  - b. issuance addressed
  - c. issuers addressed
  - d. issues addressed
- 9) These range from human rights abuses, greater autonomy, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. increased royal ties from...
  - b. increased royal tees from...
  - c. increased royal teas from...
  - d. increased royalties from...
- 10) play its role in bringing the people behind these \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. crimes to justice
  - b. crimes at justice
  - c. crimes on justice
  - d. crimes up justice

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Balochistan is one of Pakistan's (7) \_\_\_\_\_, although it has vast natural resources. Baloch separatists allege that Pakistan is systematically (8) \_\_\_\_\_ 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, (9) \_\_\_\_\_ from the region's abundant natural resources, (10) \_\_\_\_\_. In the period between 2003 and 2012, an estimated 8,000 people from Balochistan were (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Pakistani security forces. Pakistani expert Malik Siraj Akbar said: "The international community must play its role in bringing the people behind (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140131-balochistan.html>

1. How many bodies did the AHRC say it found?

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2. What groups do the AHRC say the dead people belonged to?

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3. Who did the AHRC ask to find out the facts about the killings?

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4. How many bodies did Pakistan say were found?

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5. What two feelings did the AHRC express over the killings?

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6. What is plentiful in Balochistan?

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7. Who is suppressing development, according to Baloch separatists?

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8. What do the Baloch people want addressed?

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9. When were 8,000 people reportedly kidnapped?

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10. Who did a Pakistan expert say had to play a greater role?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140131-balochistan.html>

1. How many bodies did the AHRC say it found?
  - a) 169
  - b) hundreds
  - c) countless
  - d) 101
2. What groups do the AHRC say the dead people belonged to?
  - a) Free Balochistan Facebook groups
  - b) ethnic groups
  - c) those wanting more autonomy
  - d) bigger and bigger ones
3. Who did the AHRC ask to find out the facts about the killings?
  - a) village elders
  - b) Pakistan's government
  - c) the police
  - d) the U.N.
4. How many bodies did Pakistan say were found?
  - a) none
  - b) 15
  - c) it's unsure
  - d) 101
5. What two feelings did the AHRC express over the killings?
  - a) shock and concern
  - b) anger and concern
  - c) shock and fear
  - d) fear and anger
6. What is plentiful in Balochistan?
  - a) air
  - b) food
  - c) strawberries
  - d) natural resources
7. Who is suppressing development, according to Baloch separatists?
  - a) the United Nations
  - b) the World Bank
  - c) Pakistan
  - d) the police
8. What do the Baloch people want addressed?
  - a) speeches
  - b) many issues
  - c) envelopes
  - d) e-mails
9. When were 8,000 people reportedly kidnapped?
  - a) last year
  - b) January
  - c) between 2003 and 2012
  - d) on March 12, 2012
10. Who did a Pakistan expert say had to play a greater role?
  - a) the World Bank
  - b) the international community
  - c) security forces
  - d) Baloch people

# ROLE PLAY

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## **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 HHHHHH. 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.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140131-balochistan.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'human' and 'rights'.

<b>human</b>	<b>rights</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• mass</li><li>• members</li><li>• some</li><li>• send</li><li>• truth</li><li>• deep</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• vast</li><li>• keep</li><li>• whole</li><li>• full</li><li>• expert</li><li>• behind</li></ul>
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# INDEPENDENCE SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140131-balochistan.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Independence in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# INDEPENDENCE DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

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

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# INDEPENDENCE DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

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

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Balochistan is one of Pakistan's poorest regions, although it has (7) \_\_\_\_\_ natural resources. Baloch separatists allege that Pakistan is systematically suppressing development in the region to keep its people (8) \_\_\_\_\_. The people want a whole series of issues addressed. These range from human rights abuses, greater autonomy, increased (9) \_\_\_\_\_ from the region's abundant natural resources, and full independence. In the period between 2003 and 2012, an (10) \_\_\_\_\_ 8,000 people from Balochistan were reportedly kidnapped by Pakistani security forces. Pakistani expert Malik Siraj Akbar said: "The international community must (11) \_\_\_\_\_ its role in bringing the people (12) \_\_\_\_\_ these crimes to justice."

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |               |                 |                 |                |
|-----|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) proving   | (b) provincial  | (c) proves      | (d) province   |
| 2.  | (a) shouting  | (b) screaming   | (c) whispering  | (d) calling    |
| 3.  | (a) reporting | (b) reportedly  | (c) reporters   | (d) reports    |
| 4.  | (a) as        | (b) on          | (c) off         | (d) it         |
| 5.  | (a) refuses   | (b) abandons    | (c) denies      | (d) dejects    |
| 6.  | (a) over      | (b) out         | (c) in          | (d) under      |
| 7.  | (a) fast      | (b) vast        | (c) past        | (d) last       |
| 8.  | (a) weak      | (b) skinny      | (c) frail       | (d) pale       |
| 9.  | (a) VIPs      | (b) royalties   | (c) dignitaries | (d) luminaries |
| 10. | (a) accounted | (b) accredited  | (c) estimated   | (d) inquired   |
| 11. | (a) act       | (b) participate | (c) play        | (d) depict     |
| 12. | (a) reversal  | (b) rear        | (c) beyond      | (d) behind     |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. the Pakistani rpnvceio of Balochistan
2. The cespros are believed to be members of ...
3. greater atomouyn
4. The oicimsnmos has called on the United Nations
5. cetsrniaa the truth behind the killings
6. The AHRC expressed "shock and deep norecnc"

## Paragraph 2

7. Baloch satsaiperst allege that...
8. Pakistan is systematically ssnsrieupgp development
9. increased toriyales
10. the region's nanbdtau natural resources
11. an ttsemeida 8,000 people
12. bringing the people behind these crimes to tsciuje



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140131-balochistan.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) the killings. Pakistan's government denies the claims made by the AHRC and says the total
- ( ) on the United Nations to send a fact-finding mission to ascertain the truth behind
- ( ) independence. In the period between 2003 and 2012, an estimated 8,000 people from Balochistan were reportedly
- ( **1** ) The Asian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) says it has found 169 bodies in mass
- ( ) its people weak. The people want a whole series of issues addressed. These range from human
- ( ) number of bodies found is just 15. The AHRC expressed "shock and deep concern" over the latest killings.
- ( ) resources. Baloch separatists allege that Pakistan is systematically suppressing development in the region to keep
- ( ) graves in the Pakistani province of Balochistan. The corpses are believed to be members of groups calling for greater
- ( ) rights abuses, greater autonomy, increased royalties from the region's abundant natural resources, and full
- ( ) kidnapped by Pakistani security forces. Pakistani expert Malik Siraj Akbar said: "The international
- ( ) reportedly arrested and kidnapped by Pakistan's security agencies. The commission has called
- ( ) Balochistan is one of Pakistan's poorest regions, although it has vast natural
- ( ) community must play its role in bringing the people behind these crimes to justice."
- ( ) autonomy and rights for Balochistan. The AHRC suspects they are some of the thousands of Balochs who were

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140131-balochistan.html>

1. in in province bodies graves Pakistani 169 mass the.

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2. greater for calling groups of Members autonomy.

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3. finding mission to ascertain the truth Send a fact -.

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4. made Pakistan's by government the denies AHRC claims.

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5. over killings shock concern latest Expressed deep the and.

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6. in region Systematically development the suppressing.

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7. a of want series addressed people whole issues The.

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8. resources natural abundant region's the from Royalties.

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9. community international The role its play must.

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10. people justice behind these Bringing crimes the to.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140131-balochistan.html>

The Asian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) says it has found 169 bodies in mass graves in the Pakistani *provincial / province* of Balochistan. The corpses are *believed / beliefs* to be members of groups calling for greater autonomy and rights for Balochistan. The AHRC *suspicion / suspects* they are some of the thousands of Balochs who were *reported / reportedly* arrested and kidnapped by Pakistan's *secretive / security* agencies. The commission has called *on / off* the United Nations to send a fact-finding mission to *retain / ascertain* the truth behind the killings. Pakistan's government denies the *clams / claims* made by the AHRC and says the total number of bodies found *is / are* just 15. The AHRC expressed "shock and deep concern" *over / above* the latest killings.

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

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140131-balochistan.html>

Th\_ \_s\_\_n H\_m\_n R\_ghts C\_mm\_ss\_\_n (\_HRC) s\_ys \_t  
h\_s f\_\_nd 169 b\_d\_\_s \_n m\_ss gr\_v\_s \_n th\_ P\_k\_st\_n\_  
pr\_v\_nc\_ \_f B\_l\_ch\_st\_n. Th\_ c\_rps\_s \_r\_b\_l\_\_v\_d t\_  
b\_ m\_mb\_rs \_f gr\_\_ps c\_ll\_ng f\_r gr\_\_t\_r \_\_t\_n\_my  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140131-balochistan.html>

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FREE WRITING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140131-balochistan.html>

Write about **independence** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about Balochistan. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. INDEPENDENCE:** Make a poster about independence movements around the world. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. AUTONOMY:** Write a magazine article about a country seeking greater autonomy. Include imaginary interviews with people who want to break free from the government.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on independence movements. Ask her/him three questions about independence. Give him/her three of your opinions on which regions of the world should be given their independence. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b F    c T    d T    e T    f T    g F    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

- 169
- Groups calling for greater autonomy
- The United Nations
- 15
- Shock and concern
- Natural resources
- Pakistan
- A whole series of issues
- Between 2003 and 2012
- The international community

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. a    2. c    3. d    4. b    5. a    6. d    7. c    8. b    9. c    10. b

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)