

[PROVISIONAL TRANSLATION FROM PERSIAN]

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[Personal information has been **redacted**.]

Date: 9 Mehr 1375 [30 September 1996]

In the Name of God

The Islamic Revolutionary Court of Justice of Shiraz

Respectfully, I, Ali Habibi, son of Ahmad, birth certificate number [redacted], born in [redacted], passport number [redacted], and my wife, Sakineh Haghdoost, daughter of Hossein, birth certificate [redacted], born in [redacted], passport number [redacted], are war-affected residents from Khorramshahr, who, after 20 years of waiting and preparing all the required documents and flight tickets, were about to travel to Australia to visit our children when were stopped at Mehrabad Airport by Mr. Shabani, who confiscated our passports and stopped our departures.

He gave us two numbers 5/55/1374 and 5/55/1377 and directed us to visit the Islamic Revolutionary Court of Justice of Shiraz to follow up about some cases. Following the advice given, we visited the Court with full confidence that we had no prior criminal records; we are Baha'is, and lived our whole lives with trustworthiness, honesty, service, and being obedient towards the laws and regulations of the Islamic government, and had not committed any crime. We visited the Court of Justice of Shiraz and received guidance and further advice from Mr. Dorji, the respected deputy for legal affairs. We were directed to visit the headquarters of [the Ministry of] Intelligence, and from there to the Passport Office at the respected Office of the President of the Islamic Republic in Shiraz.

[In that office] we were finally told that [it had been recognized that] we did not have any involvement with political activities or any record with the headquarters of Intelligence. We were told by the Passport Office at the respected Office of the President of the Islamic Republic in Shiraz that our problem could be resolved only at the Islamic Revolutionary Court of Justice of Shiraz, because that was the institution which had imposed the travel ban through the above-mentioned letters. [They told us that] upon receiving a letter from the Islamic Revolutionary Court of Justice of Shiraz, confirming that there was no travel restriction imposed on us, they would convey the same message to the Passport and Security Office. Now, we humbly request you to let the Office of the Islamic Republic of Shiraz know about the case before the expiry of our visas and to make us happy by this godly decision.

With much appreciation

Ali Habibi [Signature]

Sakineh Haghdoost [Signature]

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For information and action by the respected Islamic Human Rights Commission of Tehran, fax number 2040541, for your consideration.