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[The excerpt below is from the section of the article that pertains to the Baha'i Faith]

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First hearing held regarding those accused of murder of Baha'is.

Before noon on Sunday [17 Dey], a preliminary court session was held in Branch 1 of the Supreme Criminal Court to review the files of those accused of murdering Baha'is in Yazd. All the accused were present and the contents of the bill of indictment were announced to them and they were warned to hire lawyers for themselves. All accused, except Mohammad Jalali and Ali-Akbar Tavakkoli, who are the instigators, stated they were unable to hire lawyers and asked the Court to appoint lawyers for them.

The Court then assigned Mr. Mahmoud Abtahi and Dr. Mahmoud Asayesh as their lawyers.

Mohammad Jalali and Ali-Akbar Tavakkoli requested ten days to personally hire lawyers. Most of the accused are simple and poor people, generally in deplorable and miserable situations and were obviously influenced by propaganda of spiteful and exploitative individuals. [The accused] do not even have proper clothing.

It is predicted that the instigators will face the most severe punishment, but the simple-minded peasants and farmers may receive [lighter sentences on the grounds of] extenuating circumstances.