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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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In Iran Nobody is Executed as a Result of Religion

Following the French Press publication about the kidnapping of two female Baha'i children in Iran, Reza Alawi, the spokesperson of the Ministry of the Interior of the Islamic Republic of Iran, denying this false news, said during an interview with the reporter of the Pars News Service, "We announce that to post such matters during the current situation, is to contaminate the French government's giving asylum to Banisadr, Rajavi and his entourage." The spokesperson of the Ministry of the Interior, in connection to the rumours of the execution of the Baha'is in Iran, said, "This type of news, broadcast grandiloquently by the Zionist press, is groundless, and it should be mentioned that in Iran, no one is executed because of their [ideology and religious] belief; those executed were CIA and Zionist spies".