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Prime Ministers

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The telegram decoded by: Justice Minister from Malayer

Mr. Prime Minister

Number 280, viewed in Malayer.

Army Commander Brigadier General [?], was not in Khorramabad during the stop there. I had met the gentleman in Dezful, but I undertook the necessary investigation from the governor, police chief and other heads of departments. Following the receipt of the telegram, again I called the governor and Khorramabad's police chief, who were both quite aware of the matter, to Malayer, completed the investigation and issued proper orders. As a result of investigations, it became known that:

1. According to the police list, the number of Baha'is in Malayer does not exceed twenty-four.
2. Their leader is Javad Mohajer-Ghomi, who has a pharmacy and is the communications liaison between them.
3. The police force has complete watch over them. Besides, the police chief's home is next to Javad Mohajer's home, which is the centre for Baha'is.
4. There is absolutely no exhibitionist behaviour by the Baha'is. On 2/2 [22 April], which is the Baha'i festival, a few businessmen went to Javad's home, but there were absolutely no sermons or demonstrations.
5. The subject of the army report is that Khorramabad's officer, Second Lieutenant Gouhari, resides in a room that he has rented in Javad Mohajer's house; thus he is aware of their internal affairs. It happened, on that day, that he obtained a list including the names of the Baha'is, and copies of their tablets and teachings in another room, and reported it to his army staff. Also, there was already a dispute between him and the landlord about the rent. Following the said report, according to the order of the brigadier general army commander, the chief of Khorramabad Military Police approached the police chief to go to Javad's home early in the evening to arrest any military personnel who might be there. But he did not find anybody there. The police chief, who was aware of the matter, refrained from going there.

6. Members of the government offices who are Baha'is:

Mr. Sinaie, with equivalent to the rank of second lieutenant, and one or two others in law enforcement forces, three in the Roads Department, two or three members of the Cultural Department, the physician of the army health department, with the pharmacist and armoury of the army. There is also Imani, head of economics, but he does not profess to it [the Baha'i Faith], nor associate with others.

As you see, the issue is not of importance and apparently it is mostly a personal matter. Generally, the police force is quite watchful; the governorates and police forces of Ahvaz, Khorramabad, Borujerd and Malayer have been strongly notified to seriously act and prevent [this type of incident] if need be. I now go to Arak. Number 8 – 30/2/1320 [20 May 1941]. Sayeh.

Justice Minister

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