

[PROVISIONAL TRANSLATION FROM PERSIAN]

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Ministry of the Interior

National Gendarmerie Headquarters

[Date:] 17 Mehr 1331 [9 October 1952]

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Ministry of the Interior,

Respectfully, it is submitted: According to the Gendarmerie Regiment of Kerman, on the 8th of Mehr 1331 [30 September 1952], the Mourning Day of Ashura¹, about four thousand people gathered in the village of Hasanabad where the Baha'is reside and [the Centre for?] their propagation activities are located. [The crowd] intended to plunder the properties of the Baha'is and kill them. Having foreseen this, the necessary precautions were taken by sending troops to prevent [the mob's] actions. The mob was able only to destroy the Haziratu'l-Quds² and set on fire some of its furniture. When the perpetrators were being prosecuted in the Rafsanjan Court, again a group of them, having been incited by Mr. Ansari, the preacher, attacked the Court and freed the culprits and later on they headed to the Baha'i Cemetery in Sadeqabad, in the outskirts of the town, and dug out the corpses and set fire to them. From the [Gendarmerie] Regiment a group [of gendarmes] was dispatched to Rafsanjan under the supervision of an Officer, and ordered to help the Police Force in to terminate the quarrel and have the matter investigated.

Commander of National Gendarmerie,

Brigadier General Alavi-Moghaddam [Signature]

¹ [The "tenth" day of the month of Muharram on which the Prophet's grandson, Imam Husayn, was martyred and became the symbol of martyrdom in Islam]

² [A Baha'i term for Baha'i Centre]

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[Handwritten Note 1:] Law Enforcement Office, take necessary action.

[Handwritten Note 2:] Copy of the above is sent to the Office of Governor General of the Eighth Province, and another copy to the National Police Force. Please report the results of the investigation and indicate what lawful action was taken to terminate the dispute.

[Signature], Head of Law Enforcement Office.

Minister of the Interior, [Signature: Shahshahani]