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Ministry of the Interior

Governorate of Golpayegan

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Ministry of the Interior,

Department of Political Affairs and Passports,

With regard to letter number 57548/7301, [my view is that] basically, the situation of religious and fanaticism in this city is such that it is not appropriate to speak about these types of conflicts and religious discussions. Of course, you will agree that in the event of religious disturbances, referring to the court and legal prosecution will not prevent the commotion; therefore, the governorate believes necessary steps must be taken before this issue leads to problems and bears unfavourable results.

The hatred and despicable hurt caused by this propagation in the minds of the public might result in some danger for the adherents of the Baha'i ideology; therefore, whenever the Baha'i teachers enter Golpayegan, they must be obliged to return in order to prevent any probable disturbance and loss.

In closing, I wish to respectfully report that the receipt of this news of [Baha'i] propagation has not been limited to rumours; written statements were also received.

The Governor of Golpayegan

[Signature:] Kiyumars Sahmi

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