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Ministry of War [and National Defence]

Army Headquarters

The Second Division

Branch Number 2

Number 19963 / 7536 / D

Dated: 31 Khordad 1323 [21 June 1944]

His Excellency the Prime Minister,

In reference to your letter number 4817, dated 17 Khordad 1323 [7 June 1944] about the complaining telegraph of Mr. Mohammad Ali Masoudi, [I would like to inform you that] the Fars regiment was interrogated about the situation and the report received indicates that Colonel Amanpour has temporarily arrested a couple of the culprits who were provoking the shopkeepers to close their shops in Abadeh, in order to prevent the expansion of the provocations. Later on [he] released them on bail with [a] commitment [from them to cease that activity].

The incident of the closure of shops took place as a result of the [differences] between the Baha'is and Muslims, which have caused conflict and fighting. A [political] party has recently been formed and a group of corrupt individuals have started opposing the police force and the closure of the shops, and creating sedition. As has become evident, their main purpose has been the creation of sedition and conflict by [persuading] people to close their shops under the pretext of religion.

Moreover, the military commander of Abadeh, Colonel Amanpour, temporarily arrested a couple of the individuals that were responsible for rioting and closure of the shops. His actions were, by no means, for personal gain or private interest, and these temporary arrests have been quite effective. He has released them by obtaining a commitment from them.

The Minister of War: [signature]

[Handwritten note 1:] Stamp: Illegible, Number 5694, Date: 3 Tir 1323 [24 June 1944]

[Handwritten note 2:] 4817 what was it? 6 Tir [27 Jun]

[Handwritten note 3:] Mr. Fakhraei, if it does not require more action, file it [Signature] 6 Tir 1323 [27 June 1944]

[Handwritten note 4:] to be archived, 7 Tir [28 June]