

[PROVISIONAL TRANSLATION FROM PERSIAN]

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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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... He recalls the less fortunate peoples of Iran, especially the followers of the Baha'i [Faith] that prefer death to recanting their faith.

While last month Ayatollah Khomeini condemned the discriminatory activities, the executions still continue, and according to the reports, 125 Baha'is were recently arrested in Shiraz. Their crime is nothing except their strict honesty and loyalty to their faith, a faith and belief which [was established] in Iran one hundred years ago, and is currently considered as "blasphemy" by the regime; the Constitution calls it "heresy".

A Baha'i publication called the "World Order" publishes the letters of the type of prisoners who are waiting in death row. Amongst these letters is the letter from Jinous Mahmoudi [Mrs. Jinous Naimat Mahmoudi], written on 7 June 1981 to her three children, which is very tragic. This letter ends like this: "I am deeply in love with you, and whenever I remember the excitement of seeing you that is currently impossible, it makes my whole body tremble. Who knows? Perhaps one day, I may see you..."

But six days later, this woman was executed. Could one efface the memories of these shameful realities with mannerisms and highly expressive sermons and lectures?

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