

[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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Ardakan's Police Headquarters Imprisoned and Exiled a Pious Muslim for Offending the Baha'is.

Since the time it was decided to fight the despicable and wicked Baha'i group to safeguard the Islamic principles and interests of the God-worshipping nation of Iran, some hands [have been] engaged in plotting and preventing such struggle, where their activities, more or less, produced bitter results.

In this week, we were informed of the regretful content of a telegram sent by a Muslim brother to His Honour Mr. Falsafi, and copied to us. The reproachable issue was that, the Police Headquarters of Ardekan, in the name of protecting the property of the Baha'is, was attacking the Muslims, imprisoning and sending them to exile with baseless accusations. A few days ago, an unfortunate Seyyed was punished with the most severe punishments for threatening the wife of a Baha'i gardener, and was exiled to Yazd, where they imprisoned him.

We are surprised that the government started the confrontation so hastily, and is now so disgracefully preventing it. Certainly, there must be a hidden agenda; otherwise it would not have happened. We must say that these changes of decision will harm the government's credibility, and people will lose their faith and confidence [in the government]. Fighting the Azali sect and espionage band of the Baha'is should continue more, and whoever prevents it is nothing less than a traitor to Islam and an enemy to the prosperity of the Iranian people, period!

We call the attention of the head of the national police force to the above-mentioned matter; [we] expect a serious investigation and demand [to know] the end result.