

[PROVISIONAL TRANSLATION FROM PERSIAN]

[Translator's notes appear in square brackets.]

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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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Declaration of the Ministry of the Interior,

As, according to the first Article of Amendment to the Constitution, the official religion of Iran is Islam, and its rightful sect is Shi'a davazdah-Imami [Twelver], based on the contents of Article 21 of the Constitution, publication of anti-religious materials and formation of associations and gatherings that cause religious conflict and civil disorder are prohibited across the country.

Therefore, you must take necessary actions to implement the Constitution and dissolve all the associations that cause religious conflict and civil disorder. Similarly, in the future, and according to the Constitution, [in order] to fulfil this important responsibility that you have been entrusted with, take necessary actions to seriously prevent the activities of these groupings, which, according to the law, are considered illegal.

Meanwhile, as taking action on these matters and implementing the law is the responsibility of the government officials, and interference of individuals and groups that have no responsibility causes disorder and destroys the general safety, [I] would remind you herewith that, should anyone, under the excuse of fighting with the perverse sects, instigate the public against the national security or personally commit any action that may endanger the public security and the country's order to the smallest degree, you should, according to the public penal code, punish these types of criminal activities powerfully, with the stipulated punishments.

Minister of the Interior