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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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Mashhad's Friday prayer leader, at this week's enemy-crushing Friday prayer, coinciding with the anniversary of the Birth of the Imam of Resurrection Day:

“As promised by the Divine Being, for as long as corruptors live on earth, and where corruption rules, the hope for reformation of the world is nil.”

The [proponents] of campaigning against the Baha'is should realize that the roots of Bahaism are dried out. Today, Velayat-e faqih [the Guardianship of the Islamic Jurist] is set before us, for every organization should be in line with Velayat-e faqih..

...Second sermon

Ayatollah Sheikh Abolhassan Shirazi, in the second sermon, devoted most of his speech to the birth of Vali-ye Asr [The Guardian of the Period] and said:

“As promised by the Divine Being, as long as corruptors live on earth, the reformation of the world is not possible, and only individual reformations may take place, so that everyone will be saved from misery. For instance, in the days gone by, when the corruptors ruled the society, social reformations were not possible, and basically where corruption dominates, a society of the righteous cannot be expected. So, when the beloved Imam said that there was no battle against the Baha'is under the regime, since that corrupt person—meaning the shah—was doomed, and he wanted to let Baha'is be—that is to say, when the ringleader was corrupt, battle against Bahaism was not possible unless individually— ... however, with a righteous society, corruption can be uprooted. Corruptions of all kinds can be uprooted under the banner of Velayat-e faqih, the reason being that the shah and his gang [were] leaving ...

They claimed they battled in the past; however they were all in the country, but as soon as the doomed shah leaves, “Bahaism too” dies and is uprooted. What matters to our nation today, is maintaining Velayat-e faqih, not battling Bahaism, as Bahaism is dead.

We uprooted “Bahaism” and “Toodeh” the hypocrites, one and all, since God was with us ... two fronts cannot live in this country but only association which should be under ...”