

[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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Swift Attention and Action of Imam's Committee is Needed

Why Do They Treat the Dervishes the Same as Baha'is?

Reports from Sangsar indicate that an irresponsible person has started [some] unholy and disunifying propaganda against the innocent dervishes of the city, who have no other objectives except for having love and affection for Ali (peace be upon Him) [the first Imam] and has provoked the public against them to the point where they feel unsafe.

Sangsar is one of the strongholds of the perverse Baha'i sect that people like Hojabr Yazdani have imposed on the Islamic Society of Iran. During the previous years, 'Safi Ali-Shahi' dervishes, with their pure and firm love for the Lord of all the pious [Imam Ali], have stood firm with dignity in front of these robbers of people's faith, life and honour, as long as they could. [They] resisted and prevented the assaults and attacks of the anti-religious xenophiles. Now that by the mercy of the Islamic Revolution of Iran, each person and rank, as a reward for rendering services, should benefit from the care and kindness of the Islamic nation, these lovers of Ali (peace upon Him) are treated by an ignorant and outrageous person in the same way as the followers of the perverse and dirty Baha'i sect. This is completely against the spirit of Islamic Justice...