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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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A glance at the Hojratieh Society - Interview with Engineer Mehdi Tayyeb, a present member of the Islamic Consultative Assembly and a previous member of the Society

...It is interesting to tell you that towards the end of the Qajar Dynasty there was a period of Baha'i killing, just like now, [except] that [now] they are getting rid of anti-Baha'is. At that time there were discussions about [getting rid of] and killing Baha'is. The situation was such that anyone who had enmity towards another one, was in disagreement with him or was annoyed with him, would accuse him of [incomplete paragraph]

Assad Abadi was accused of being a Baha'i and they were about to come and kill him. What does this mean? It means that colonialism plays its role in this turbulent market and destroys its enemies, like Seyyed Jamal. I believe that this action, which has come about with this intensity, is similar to the killing of the Baha'is towards the end of the Qajar Dynasty. Today, we have precisely [*sic*] two or three kinds of views such as this in our opposition against the Society [Hojratieh]. One view is the affirmative view that absolutely confirms the Society and its management. The other view is an extremist one, and, as I said, [is that of] members of the Hezbollahi [divine party] and the Khate Imam [Line of the Imam], who never cooperated with the Society. They became extremists in order to get rid of the Society and prepare the arena for the influence of other elements...