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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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Forty Years Ago on This Day

Briefing by Sir Denis [on] Ross, the Famous British Orientalist

.....In the mid-19th century in Iran, a man claimed to be a prophet and called himself the Bab. He claimed to be the link between the believers and the Promised Imam, and that he was His intermediary with the people. He soon set himself and his early believers to diffuse his cause and message. He earned himself followers who were then called Babis.

In the year 1850, while he was yet 29 years old, he was slain as a result of the enmity of the Muslim clergy. In 1852, after his execution, there was an assassination attempt on the Shah, which was unsuccessful, and the Babis were said to be its agents. Hence, many of them were targeted and killed [without any legal trial]. One of those famous Babis was Tahirih Qurat'ul Ain, who was condemned to death. She was also a famous poetess who improvised poems when she was taken to the execution site.

In 1864, all those who openly confessed to being Babis were banished from Iran and resided in Akka and Syria. In those same years, one of the followers of the Bab, named Baha'u'llah, claimed to be the promised Imam, whom the Bab had foretold. He established his own set of beliefs and found disciples, who were later called Baha'is. Nowadays, his grandson is the head of Baha'is and lives in Haifa.

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[Picture:] Tahirih Qurat'ul Ain