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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 Group of Baha'is Were Arrested in Egypt

For the first time in 10 years, the Egyptian government has detained Baha'is who reside in the country.

The news of the arrest of Baha'is in Egypt has been published in one of the country's publications called "Mayo".

According to this newspaper, the Egyptian police have recently arrested 40 Baha'is living in Cairo, Alexandria, Manfougieh [sic] [Mansourieh] and Port Said. The Egyptian prosecutor accuses the arrested Baha'is of keeping publications containing Baha'i teachings in their homes.

The Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung reported that the Baha'i Spiritual Assembly in Germany had been quoted as saying that the Baha'i community in Egypt was not recognized by the government. This newspaper adds that the Baha'i community in Egypt was outlawed by then Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser in the 1960s, and many Baha'is were persecuted.

During the presidency of Mohammed Anwar al-Sadat, although the Baha'i community remained illegal as before, its members were no longer persecuted by Egyptian police. Currently, several thousand Egyptian Baha'is, who lack [a Baha'i] institution and organization, hold their gatherings more or less in secret.

The Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung adds that Baha'is who are living in Iraq were also arrested by Iraqi security officials in the early 1970s. But after Ayatollah Khomeini came to power in Iran, they were released. In Iraq, Baha'i activities are illegal.

In Iran, the number of Baha'is is about 300,000, but they are also being persecuted.