

**[PROVISIONAL TRANSLATION FROM PERSIAN]**

[Translator's notes appear in square brackets.]

[Personal information has been **redacted**.]

[The excerpt below is from the section of the article that pertains to the Baha'i Faith]

[Newspaper:] Donya

[Date:] 23 Tir 1335 [14 July 1956]

[Issue No.]: 400

What effect did the conviction of Muslims have on the Baha'is?

The trial of those accused of murdering the Baha'is of Yazd has ended, and contrary to the expectation of the clergy, a number of the accused were convicted. This is the first time the Justice Administration has condemned a number of accused of murdering the Baha'is. The clerics of Tehran and Qom were planning that, after the end of the trial and issuance of the verdict and the acquittal of 43 defendants, [they would] take them with ceremonies to Qom and award all their defence attorneys with the robe of honour, in the same way that they had presented the defence attorneys of the killers of Dr. Berjis with expensive gifts. Ayatolloah Behbahani, with his own hands, during an elaborate ceremony that took place in his own house, presented Arsalan Khalatbari and Sadegh Sarmad with the robe of honour. In any case, the issuance of the jury's decision against the accused showed that the Justice Administration did not take into consideration the issue of religion in its judgement and only issued its decision according to the contents of the case. This verdict had a great effect on the Baha'is and they took it as an achievement, because so far, whatever judgement has been issued at the courts of justice has been against the Baha'is.