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According to an Announcement By the Islamic Revolutionary Court of Shiraz, Two Accused of Espionage for International Zionism Were Executed by Firing Squad in Shiraz.

According to a report published on behalf of the Islamic Revolutionary Court of Shiraz, two individuals found guilty of espionage for international Zionism were executed by firing squad in Shiraz.

The announcement of the Islamic Revolutionary Court of Shiraz is as follows:

In the Name of God

The Islamic Revolutionary Court of Shiraz has investigated the cases of two accused individuals, by the names of Mehdi Anvari Tafti, son of Masih, and Hedayatollah Dehghani, son of Nasrollah, native of Abadeh, Shiraz, and after a number of days of trial, the final decree has been issued as follows:

The first was accused of being a member of the National Consultative [*sic*] Assembly of the Baha'is, and both he and his father had been two of the eulogist poets of the imperial court of the annihilated shah and his ill-fated father. He had also been cooperating with SAVAK, and had been very active in bringing disunion and dispersion among the Muslims. He had also been in communication with the House of Justice in Haifa (the cradle of Zionist espionage in Israel), contributing in cash, from which he received an appreciative letter. He was also in contact with the schemers of the recent coup, being in close collaboration with Colonel Vahdat, who is one of the most famous Zionists and a renowned spy, as well as having perpetrated other offences.

The second accused, who had been one of the most active members of the Baha'i Assembly of Abadeh, had many collaborations with Colonel Vahdat, and in converting Muslims to the Baha'i belief, exerted many efforts to deviate the ignorant individuals, especially the villagers. He had been applying tremendous pressure upon those guided Baha'i brothers who have returned to Islam. According to the existing documents and his own confession, he had communicated with 250 village headmen, sheriffs and tribal-heads of Fars Province, for which the Assembly expressed appreciation

for his activities in writing. He had also been tape-recording governmental and other telephone conversations, as well as perpetrating other offences.

Therefore, these two individuals were accused of being corrupt, corruptors, fighters against God, His Messenger and the Imam Zaman [Imam of the Age] (may God speed up His appearance), collaborating with international Zionism, and were condemned to death; after the approval of the Supreme Judicial Court, the issued orders were put into action.