

Manouchehr Hakim

Born: 1911, Tehran

Assassinated in Tehran on 12th January 1981

Manouchehr Hakim was born into a Baha'i family. After completing high school he went to France to further his education and obtained a medical degree. He married and returned to Tehran in 1938 where he opened a medical practice. He also worked as a Professor of Anatomy at Melli University, and established and held the Chair in Anatomy at Tehran University. He was a renowned researcher and the author of many Persian books on anatomy. In 1976 he was awarded the French League of Honour for his humanitarian efforts.

Professor Hakim was a member of the National Spiritual Assembly¹ of Iran. He was also a founder-member of the board of directors of the Misaghiyyeh Bahá'í hospital, and served as its director for 31 years. During the Islamic Revolution the hospital was confiscated by the authorities.

Professor Hakim was assassinated between 5.00 pm and 5.30 pm on 12 January 1981 in his clinic. He received a bullet shot to the head. His funeral was organised by the Local Spiritual Assembly² of Tehran and was attended by more than 4000 people. His wife was in France at the time and was advised not to return to Iran. The government categorically denied its involvement in his assassination; however, they authorised the confiscation of his house, and within three days of his assassination stripped the house of all its belongings.

(This brief biographical note is based on the best available information. If you find any inaccuracies, or any important facts omitted, please email us through the Contact page.)

¹ **National Spiritual Assembly:** a nine-member administrative body elected annually by the Baha'is of each country, tasked with overseeing the affairs of the Bahá'í community of that particular country.

² **Local Spiritual Assembly:** a nine-member administrative body elected annually by the Baha'is of a particular area, tasked with overseeing the affairs of the Baha'í community of that area.