

Masrouh Dakhili

Born: 1923, Maragheh, Azerbaijan

Executed by firing squad in Tabriz on 29 July 1981

After graduating from high school, Masrouh Dakhili moved to Tabriz to study electrical engineering and was employed as the director of Radio Tabriz. He later attended medical school at Tabriz University and was employed at the Red Cross. In 1957 to promote the Baha'i Faith, he pioneered to Mahabad, Azerbaijan and was the director of the Respiratory Diseases unit of the largest hospital in the city. Sometime later he moved to Tabriz and then to Tehran. During his lifetime he was a member of the Local Spiritual Assembly¹ of Tabriz and also Miandoab. He was later appointed as an Auxiliary Board member² and served in that capacity until the time of his arrest and imprisonment.

On 6 July 1981, while Dr Dakhili was travelling to visit his daughter in Bandar-e-Anzale in Rasht, his car was stopped by Pasdars and he was arrested and taken to their headquarters. After 5 days, he was transferred to Tabriz and kept in solitary confinement for 18 days. He was then imprisoned in Tabriz prison. He was executed by firing squad at dawn on 29 July 1981, together with eight other believers, Hosein Asadollah-Zadeh, Allah-Vardi Misaghi, Manouchehr Khazei, Abdol-Ali Asadyari, Esmail Zehtab, Parviz Firouzi, Mehdi Baheri, and Habibollah Tahghighi. His body was buried by his family that day at the Vadi Rahmat Cemetery in Tabriz.

(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 **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'i community of that area.

² **Auxiliary Board Members:** group of individuals appointed by the Continental Board of Counselors for a five year term. Their responsibility is to encourage individuals and strengthen Baha'i communities in their area of service - usually smaller regions within a country. Auxiliary Board Members have a consultative role in relation to the Local Spiritual Assemblies.