

Abdol-Hosein Taslimi

Born: 16 November 1921, Qazvin

Abducted and disappeared in Tehran on 21st August 1980

Abdol-Hosein Taslimi was born into a Baha'i family. After completing his primary and high school education in Qazvin, he obtained a degree in engineering from Tehran University. He was elected to the Local Spiritual Assembly¹ of Tehran in 1959. Three years later, in 1962, he moved to a suburb of Tehran and was elected to the Local Spiritual Assembly there. Later he was appointed by the National Spiritual Assembly² as the director of the Umana Company. He was elected to the National Spiritual Assembly of Iran a year before the commencement of the Islamic Revolution.

On 21 August 1980, the National Spiritual Assembly had a joint meeting with two Auxiliary Board members³, Yousef Abbasian Milani and Heshmatollah Rowhani, to discuss the situation of the Baha'is imprisoned in Yazd and Hamadan. At approximately 4 pm the meeting was raided by a number of Pasdars. The members of the National Spiritual Assembly, including himself, Houshang Mahmoudi, Ebrahim Rahmani, Hosein Naji, Manouher Ghaem-Maghani, Ataollah Mogharrabi, Yousef Ghadimi, Bahiyyeh Naderi and Kambiz Sadeghzadeh, as well as the two Auxiliary Board members, were kidnapped. They were never seen or heard from again.

(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 **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.

³ **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.