

## Ebrahim Rahmani

Born: 1926, Ferdows

Abducted and disappeared in Tehran on 21 August 1980

Ebrahim Rahmani was born into a Baha'i family in 1925 in Ferdows. After completing his high school education he moved to Tehran to further his studies and obtained a degree in Natural Sciences. He then returned to Ferdows. He was a member of the Local Spiritual Assembly<sup>1</sup> of Ferdows. He faced much persecution there and was finally forced to move to Mashhad. Years later, he and his family moved to Tehran. He was elected to the National Spiritual Assembly<sup>2</sup> of Iran in 1978 and served in that capacity until the time of his arrest and abduction in 1980.

On 21 August 1980, the National Spiritual Assembly had a joint meeting with two Auxiliary Board members<sup>3</sup>, 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 and Houshang Mahmoudi, Abdol-Hosein Taslimi, Hosein Naji, Manouher Ghaem-Maghani, Ataollah Mogharrabi, Yousef Ghadimi, Bahiyyeh Naderi and Kambiz Sadeghzadeh, as well as the two Auxiliary Board members, were abducted. 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.)*

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<sup>1</sup> **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.

<sup>2</sup> **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.

<sup>3</sup> **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.