

## **Jahangir Hedayati**

Born: 8 September 1923, Adilabad, Yazd

Executed in Tehran on 15 May 1984

After completing high school, Jahangir Hedayati moved to Tehran and attended the College of Engineering. He graduated as a qualified technician and was employed by the Ministry of Roads. He continued with his studies and managed to obtain a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Tehran University which led him to gain employment in the Department of Civil Aviation. Due to his technical expertise in civil engineering, abilities in planning and excellent managerial skills he was able to contribute to the construction of many airports across Iran. He served on the Umana Board of Directors.

In 1982 he was elected to the third National Spiritual Assembly<sup>1</sup> of the Baha'is of Iran. This was due to the execution of the members of the second National Spiritual Assembly. On 30 June 1983, he was abducted. His family desperately searched for him. Within three weeks of his abduction on 19 July after repeated enquires they found out that he had been kept in Evin first then transferred to Gohardasht. He was denied to any visits. After 8 months of imprisonment, before Naw-Ruz in 1984, he was granted permission to make a brief telephone call to his family. He was later transferred back to Evin prison. On 20 May 1984, his wife was informed that she could pay a visit to him but only to discover that he had been executed five days earlier on 15 May 1984. His body was not returned to his family; he was possibly buried by the authorities. The accounts of fellow prisoners indicate that during his imprisonment he had endured severe and horrific torture.

*(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> **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.