

[PROVISIONAL TRANSLATION FROM PERSIAN]

[Translator's notes appear in square brackets.]

[Personal information has been **redacted**.]

[The excerpt below is from the section of the article that pertains to the Baha'i Faith]

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First Deputy of the Judiciary:

The Arrested Baha'is Are Charged With Espionage

Hamshahri Online – The first deputy of the judiciary said, “The Baha'is who have been tried in Iran have been arrested and tried, not for being Baha'is, but for espionage and connection with the usurping Zionist regime.”

According to IRNA, on Thursday, in an interview with reporters on the sidelines of the meeting of the directors of the National Property and Deeds Registration Office in Mashhad, Hojatoleslam Seyyed Ebrahim Raiesi said, “Although we do not recognize Baha'ism as a religion, and according to historical documents, we know it was made in Britain, the Baha'is who were arrested and tried were spies for the usurping regime in Quds.”

Hojatoleslam Ebrahim Raiesi added, “Meanwhile our officials, including the supreme leader of the revolution and other officials in the country or internationally, have raised these issues, but there is nowhere [in the world] that they can investigate these issues with justice.