

[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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The First Session of the Court Case of Those Accused of Murdering the Baha'is Was Held

The preliminary hearing of those accused of killing of Baha'is in Yazd was held at Branch 1 of the Supreme Criminal Court on Sunday before noon, where all the defendants were present. The content of the statement of claim was brought to the attention of the accused and they were all urged to appoint a lawyer for themselves. All the defendants except Muhammad Jalali and Ali-Akbar Tavakkoli, who were the main instigators, stated their inability to appoint a lawyer and requested the court to appoint them appropriate lawyers.

The court appointed Mr. Mahmoud Abtahi and Dr. Mahmoud Asayesh as the attorneys for the mentioned individuals; however, Muhammad Jalali and Ali-Akbar Tavakkoli asked for ten days' respite to appoint their attorneys personally.

Most of the accused are destitute and unfortunate people, and it turns out that they have been influenced by the instigations of spiteful and malevolent people and are generally afflicted by misery and even deprived of clothes.

It is expected that the instigators will receive the severest sentence, but the unfortunate peasants and farmers will receive the shortest possible sentence [for their crime].