

**[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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Distribution of Anti-Baha'i Leaflets in Yazd With the Aim of Inciting the People Against the Baha'is  
Reports from Iran indicate that last week, leaflets entitled "Introducing the Followers of the Baha'i Religion as Atheists" were distributed in Yazd, and posters were placed on the walls of houses and windows of the cars belonging to the followers of the Baha'i Faith.

On Wednesday, 28 Khordad [18 June], in a statement quoting Diane Ala'i, the Baha'i representative at the UN Headquarters in Geneva, the Baha'i International Community wrote, "Such leaflets have been distributed in Yazd and other cities in Iran with the aim of introducing confrontation with the Baha'is as a religious duty."

In this statement, Ms. Ala'i said, "This is a premeditated operation that identifies all followers of the Baha'i Faith; by installing these posters and brochures, they want to tell them, 'We know who you are and where you are.'"

The statement said that the leaflets had been distributed on 22 Khordad [12 June] in Yazd, coinciding with the birthday of the Twelfth Imam of the Shia.

The statement said, "Baha'i blood is of no value and it is the duty of every Muslim to stand up to this current, even at the cost of losing his/her life."

About five months ago, several Baha'i families in Yazd received similar brochures signed by Hezbollah.

Ms. Diane Ala'i has called on the government of the Islamic Republic to condemn these activities and to stop the persecution of Baha'is.

She added, "Unfortunately, the Iranian government has not reacted to such developments in the past few years, and there have been hundreds of threats and a great deal of harassment of Baha'i families in Iran."

According to the European Baha'i community, there are about 300,000 Baha'is living in Iran, at a time when Iran does not recognize the Baha'i Faith as a religion, and Baha'is in the Islamic Republic of Iran are denied the right to higher education and employment in government.

The Baha'i community says that since the 1357 [1979] revolution, the Iranian government has killed more than 200 Baha'is, and thousands of Baha'is have been arrested and persecuted.

According to this community, since 1383, coinciding with 2005, at least nine Baha'is have been killed or have died in suspicious circumstances in Iran, and 52 others have been physically assaulted by government agents and plainclothes agents or unidentified assailants. According to the Baha'i international community, all these events have remained unresolved.

In a recent report, Amnesty International said that every year a new number of Baha'i students are not being admitted to university entrance exams or they have failed to continue their studies; however, Iranian officials, including the head of the judiciary, Sadegh Larijani, have repeatedly stated that there has been no harassment of Baha'is in the Islamic Republic simply because they are Baha'is.