

[PROVISIONAL TRANSLATION FROM PERSIAN]

[Translator's notes appear in square brackets.]

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

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[News of] One Week in the Country

Ashura Demonstrations – How Have Falsafi's Situation and Silence Been Reflected in the Foreign Press?

... This week, an article was published in a British newspaper on Iran's religious issues, which was discussed in religious circles.

The article was published in the Times of London and was originally written in the Times regarding Ashura, saying, "Ashura Day—the day of the assassination of Imam Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet—was commemorated in Iran without incident. In the cities of Tehran and Qom, which is the seat of Ayatollah Borujerdi, the highest-ranking Shi'ite official, an unequal crowd had gathered. However, law enforcement officials were ready to fight the insurgency everywhere, which was expected to be carried out against the Baha'is by fanatical religious groups. The religious groups launched severe actions against the Baha'is two months ago.

In the days leading up to Iran's religious demonstrations, law enforcement officials did not allow Falsafi to speak; he had recently incited the Iranian people against the Baha'is. There is enough evidence that the Iranian government has succeeded in thwarting the efforts of irresponsible religious officials who want to interfere in politics. [Those among] Ayatollah Borujerdi's close circle say he has accepted the shah's views to maintain security; furthermore, the Iranian government is determined to protect the rights of religious minorities and to prevent clerics who seek to seize their lost power by threatening the rights of religious minorities."