

[PROVISIONAL TRANSLATION FROM PERSIAN]

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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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Shushtar Friday Imam:

Take Baha'i movements seriously

According to the Fars News Agency from Shushtar, Hojjatol-Islam Seyyed Khalil Mohaghegh stated today in the Friday prayer sermons of Shushtar, "The Baha'is have not [cooperated] with the Islamic Republic since the beginning of the Revolution and have caused many disruptions for this system; these hostile activities are contained in the documents of the spying nest."

Mohaghegh added, "The movements and meetings of this sect should be monitored because they are trying to overthrow the country, and this should be seriously pursued by the security organs."

Referring to some clauses of the country's constitution, Mohaghegh noted, "All beliefs are allowed in the country and can operate freely, but this sect, with dangerous beliefs, does not accept any religious structure in its views and has a long-term plan to destroy them all."

The Friday imam of Shushtar, referring to some of the beliefs of this misguided sect, added, "The danger of these sects is felt more and more for the country and the youth, and efforts should be made to control and disrupt their organizational activities."

Mohaghegh stressed that "various sects are currently operating in the province, which must be dealt with seriously, otherwise they will lead the youth astray by attracting young people to their side."

Referring to some of the activities of these sects to attract young people, Mohaghegh emphasized, "At first, these groups appear in society with a decent appearance, but behind their faces, dangerous beliefs are hidden."

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