

[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]

[Adapted from website:] International Quran News Agency (IQNA)

[Date:] 14 Dey 1395 [3 January 2017]

Haghdel:

The Hand of Baha'ism is Quite Evident in All Violations

Social group: The head of the Islamic Council of Shiraz, referring to the destructive actions of the perverse Baha'i sect to advance the goals of the enemies of the Islamic system, said, "The hand of Baha'ism is quite evident in all violations, from the [refusal to wear] the hijab to the organization of immoral Internet pages."

According to the International Quran News Agency (IQNA) from Fars, yesterday evening, 13 Dey [2 January 2017], in a speech before the order of the 195th public meeting of the council, reminding the audience of 17 Dey [6 January 2017], anniversary of the day of the colonial project [that involved] the removal of the hijab on the orders of Reza Khan, Gholam-Mehdi Haghdel, chairman of the Islamic Council of Shiraz, said, "Clearly, the era of Reza Khan was the start of a cultural invasion in Iran which was one the greatest events that took place in favour of Western culture and. in fact, in the direction of Western domination over Iran." ...

Haghdel stated that the perverse Baha'i sect has always used various propaganda tools to destroy the country's political system, and that the elements of this sect have used all possible methods to disrupt the psychological atmosphere of the society. He said, "The sect's activities during the Pahlavi regime ranged from infiltrating the ruling system to infiltrating religious societies."

The Baha'i Hand is Quite Evident in All Violations

He added, "After the victory of the Islamic Revolution and the [repulsion] of this current by the government, an attempt to change the tastes of the people, and put them in front of the government was defined as the main programme of Baha'ism in the country, to the extent that the hand of Baha'ism is quite evident in all violations, from not wearing the hijab to the organization of immoral Internet pages."

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