

## [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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### Abu Mazen's Baha'i and Zionist Roots

The Arab Times published an investigative report revealing the Baha'i roots and Zionist beliefs of Mahmoud Abbas, nicknamed "Abu Mazen", the [president] of the Palestinian [National] Authority.

Pointing out that the perverse Baha'i sect is a sect outside of Islam, and is in fact the half-sister of global Zionism, the news site wrote, "Baha'ism, Zionism and Freemasonry, which are known for their ideological corruption and promoting misguidance, all come from the same source. The main goal of all three sects is infidelity, war against Islam and service to the Jews."

The report, written by Idi Abujamra, states, "The sect that Abu Mazen follows is a sect that denounces Islam and invalidates the Sharia." It adds, "The Baha'i sect abrogates the [doctrine of the] resurrection and revivification of the dead, denies heaven and hell and permits women to be unveiled and the sharing of women and property. The Baha'is also do not accept the finality of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and the Hajj, and instead of performing the Hajj [pilgrimage] in Mecca, they circumambulate the tomb of Baha'u'llah in the Zionist city of Haifa [sic], which is the Baha'i capital of the world.

Pointing out that the Baha'is' prayer is 9 rakats [prostrations], the Arab Times adds, "This sect is a natural extension of Babism, which was founded in 1260 AH [1844] under Soviet and international Jewish colonialism, with the aim of corrupting Islamic beliefs and creating schism among Muslims, as well as deterring them from fundamental issues."

The report adds, "The great gathering of Baha'is was held in 1968. It happened at the same time as the establishment of the Zionist regime in occupied Jerusalem, in which the strong connection between Baha'ism and Zionism was emphasized. At the end, it was announced that Zionism and Baha'ism complement each other and are in common in most places."

The Arab Times goes on to describe Abu Mazen's family roots, stating that his real name is "Mahmoud-Mirza Abbas". It writes, "Mahmoud Mirza Abbas was born into a completely Baha'i family and Abbas Effendi was his grandfather. [He] has an important position among the Baha'is. His family left Iran following increasing pressure on the Baha'is. Abbas Effendi, the ancestor of Mahmoud Abbas, titled Abdu'l-Baha, is one of the most important figures in the history of the Baha'i sect."

Abbas Effendi, Abu Mazen's grandfather, fled Iran with the cooperation of the British, following the claim of the Bab's divinity and his execution. During his trip to Switzerland, he also attended Zionist

conferences, including the Wing Conference in 1911, and later moved to Haifa to spread Baha'ism in the land.

In continuation, this site states, "Mahmoud Abbas, a month before assuming the presidency of the Palestinian Authority, denied his affiliation with the Baha'i sect and asserted that he was a Sunni Muslim. In a press conference, when a reporter for a newspaper of Jordan asked him about his Baha'i origins, he blamed Mossad for scattering such rumours, but Palestinian activists at the time confirmed that Mahmoud Mirza Abbas had been born in Safed in 1939 [sic], had an Iranian father and a Palestinian mother. His name was registered with the Relief Agency in 1948 on the "Day of Catastrophe" as a Palestinian refugee."