

## [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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### Baha'i Ridvan Festival Is a Disturbing Day For the General Public

According to Ferghe News: Assume that there is a day when God commands that everything be closed, and we emphasize again, everything. Perhaps the meaning of the [cessation] of [all] work is not clear. God says that employment in business, commerce, industry, and agriculture is not permissible at all, and also the performance of positions and duties—that is, the performance of government service (running the country)—and again explains that employment is forbidden, and finally emphasizes that on this day, employment is forbidden, an emphatic prohibition.

Can you think for a moment about the meaning and effects of this sentence?

We do not exaggerate; for example, hospitals are closed because doing any job on this day is forbidden. It is better to look at the statistics of daily visits to hospitals around the world. God should probably rule that no one has the right to get sick on that day, and that accidents which lead to injury should also be stopped on that day. And no one has the right to die because morgues are excused from accepting the dead.

And that is the day when no house or property should catch fire because the fire station is closed. Also, add to your reflection on the jobs that need to be shut down at any cost, even if it disrupts people's lives, means creating public chaos.

The Baha'i religion is an emerging sect for humanity today, which the Baha'i leaders claim [will become a] world government.

In this religion, with the above interpretation, nine days have been set as days of happiness and joy, in which nine days of any employment, including the agricultural industry, etc., are closed. The first, ninth and twelfth of Ordibehesht (21st, 29th of April and 2nd of May) are three of these days, which are known as Festival of Ridvan.

In April 1863, during the last days of his stay in Baghdad, Mirza Husayn-Ali, Baha'u'llah, the Prophet of Baha'ism, resided for 12 days in the Najibiyyih Garden, known as Ridvan, in the presence of a number of his companions, and stated his station as the Promised One of the Bayan.

Baha'is attach great importance to these twelve days and celebrate some of these days, which is known as Festival of Ridvan or Festival of Flower [sic].