

## [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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The Human Rights Resolutions Against Iran, What is the Purpose of Defending the Baha'i sect? /  
Spying for the Zionist Regime Is One of the Reasons For the Condemnation of the Baha'is

One of the cases cited in most human rights resolutions against Iran, in which the Islamic Republic of Iran is accused of human rights abuses, is the non-recognition of the rights of Baha'is in Iran as a religious minority, and the fact that they are not free to disseminate the verities of their sect and move openly among the public in accordance with their beliefs.

According to Siraj24, of course, there are lies in these resolutions [to the effect that] the Baha'is are condemned and punished for being Baha'is in Iran, while this is not the case. Just a few days ago, Hojatoleslam Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi, the first deputy head of the Judiciary, commented on the issue, saying, "We consider [Baha'ism] to be British-made, and of course, if any of the Baha'is is tried, it is on charges of spying for the usurping Zionist regime; these people were not tried because they were Baha'is."

This is a fact that is [known] in the Islamic Republic of Iran. Baha'is are not tried or punished for being Baha'is, and the human rights of Baha'is have not been violated because they are Baha'is; but in no way can this false, fabricated British sect be equated to and recognized with other religious minorities such as Sunnis, Christians and Jews. Thus, contrary to the allegations in the human rights resolutions against the Islamic Republic, there are many documents in Iran that show significant political and religious freedoms for them. In cases such as [that of] the perverse Baha'i sect, it should be noted that this sect is a deviant one, and it was made by colonialism. There is a historical documentary [about it, which holds that] the perverse Baha'i sect is not a religious group and has a black record of betrayal against the Iranian nation, such as acting against the security of the country through espionage for the Zionist regime and the like.

The history and formation of the Baha'i sect shows that some of the goals of colonialism are hidden behind these organizations, and [the colonial powers] popularized Baha'ism in Iran so that they could carry out their goals inside our country through this channel without sending spies to our country, thus strengthen its spying elements in Iran.

The history of Baha'ism proves that it operates as a puppet sect in Iran, and that its non-recognition by the government is not a violation of human rights. This question should be asked of European and American leaders who use these excuses as a resolution. Such questions should be asked of the head of American and European states, who, on such a pretext, issue human rights resolutions against us,

while in America and Europe, sects are not recognized and they are not allowed to propagate, and they even confront the minorities of some of the world's official religions. How do they expect the Islamic Republic to support a misguided and puppet sect? And are these contradictory expectations anything other than a violation of human rights under the pretext of defending human rights?