

[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]

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Sealing of Golshahr Elderly Centre is False / Legal Deadline Given to Obtain a Licence

In an interview with a Fars reporter in Karaj, Haji Reza Shakarami, in response to a question about the comments surrounding the closure of an nursing home in Golshahr, Karaj, said, "According to the relevant authorities, some nursing homes in Karaj do not have a legal permit to operate. [In this regard], the prosecutor's office was notified, and an order was issued to investigate the matter. If, after providing sufficient opportunities, they do not have an operating licence, the welfare and law enforcement authorities will take action in accordance with regulations and legal standards."

The public prosecutor of Alborz Province added, "Therefore, the centres without a licence have been granted a legal deadline, but no centre has been sealed yet, and the information published in cyberspace and the foreign media regarding this centre has been with the aim of pretending [that the Baha'is are] oppressed and painting a black picture, and it is false."

It is worth mentioning that, in recent days, a lot of advertisements have been published on anti-regime websites and their affiliated social networks about the closure of a Baha'i care centre for the disabled. [They] tried to portray the Baha'is as oppressed in Iran, claiming that the closure was due to the elderly being Baha'is, while according to provincial officials, the centre has not gone through the necessary legal steps to operate.