

[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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Iran's Oldest Prisoner of Conscience; Spending the Seventh Year of Prison Without the Right to Take A Leave

The oldest prisoner of conscience in the Islamic Republic of Iran is now entering his seventh year in prison, while he has not been on leave for a long time and is serving a 20-year sentence.

According to a report sent to Saham [News], Jamaloddin Khanjani, who was arrested in Ordibehesht 1387 [May 2008], along with six other friends, and received a 20-year sentence from Judge Salavati, is currently being held in Rajaei Shahr Prison as the oldest prisoner of conscience in the Islamic Republic.

Mr. Khanjani's wife died while he was in prison, but he was not allowed to leave and attend his wife's funeral. For four years now, this prisoner of conscience has been commemorating the anniversary of his wife's death in prison.

It is worth mentioning that in 1388 [2009], two grandchildren of this 82-year-old prisoner were arrested, one of whom was in the women's ward of Evin Prison for two years and the other is serving the last year of his four-year sentence in Rajaei Shahr Prison. Meanwhile, last year, only Jamaloddin Khanjani was in Evin Prison for a while. Mr. Khanjani may be one of the people who received prison sentences with his son and grandchildren as a family.

Jamaloddin Khanjani has been one of the leaders of the Baha'i community in Iran since 1364 [1985]. He was also imprisoned for several years in the 1360s [1980s] and was finally released in 1367 [1988].

During his eight years in prison, Khanjani was unable to go on leave, and he could hardly obtain the approval of judicial authorities for the treatment of his illnesses in a hospital.