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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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Appointment of a Baha'i as Obama's Advisor on Religious Affairs After Faezeh Hashemi Meets With Baha'is in Iran

It is reported that U.S. President Barack Obama has appointed Naseem Kourosh, of the U.S. Baha'i Office of Public Affairs, in charge of human rights, as one of his religious advisers.

Pars – This action of the U.S. president took place in a situation where, some time ago, Faezeh Hashemi Rafsanjani had visited the leaders of the perverse Baha'i sect in Iran and had upset the Muslim community by taking a souvenir photo and spreading it on social media.

The appointment of Naseem Kourosh, the public relations officer for human rights of the U.S. Baha'i Community, as the U.S. president's advisor on religious affairs, shortly after Faezeh Hashemi's meeting with the Baha'is, suggests that there has been some organizational and operational link between the Baha'i community in Iran and [that in] the United States, and Faezeh Hashemi has played a predetermined role in this field.

Accordingly, it is possible that Barack Obama's action is aimed at supporting and building a security shield over the Baha'is. According to reports, in the next steps, U.S.-led anti-human rights reports against Iran are to be prepared for confronting the Baha'i sect. Faezeh Hashemi's visit was also intended to create an atmosphere in this area, and it seems that the role defined for her was perfectly coordinated and in line with "support and internal cover" for the Baha'is. At the same time, from abroad, the supporters of the perverse sects in favour of the Baha'is, [aim] to set fire to the Muslim community, especially the Islamic Republic of Iran, with religious margins and differences, and to create "challenges from outside" and some kind of "internal tension" for Iran.