

**[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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HRANA News - Latest update about the demolition of homes of Baha'is in the village of Ivel

Although more than a week has passed since the demolition of a number of houses of Baha'is residing in the village of Ivel in Mazandaran, Baha'i residents of this village have not been able to go back into the village, and all their efforts to this effect have been fruitless.

According to HRANA reporters, the main proponent of this demolition [whose identity has not been revealed by HRANA] was able, through contacts in Tehran, to receive a permit for the demolitions from the Judicial Council of Tehran, and executed it within 12 hours.

Residents of the village have informed HRANA journalists that on the evening of Tuesday, 1 Tir [22 June], this proponent started preparing for the demolition by renting a few trucks and loaders from a cement factory close to the village. However, due to the proximity of Muslim and Baha'i houses, he did not use the loaders for the demolition, but hired a few workers to do the job.

It should be noted that so far Baha'i complaints to the police and judicial institutions have not resulted in any resolution, nor are officials giving any clear answers regarding this situation.

On the other hand, few days ago, on 12 Tir [3 July], a hearing was held in Kiasar to investigate the complaints of two of the Baha'is of Ivel regarding people who had attacked them and beaten them when these Baha'is tried to return to the village.

At the beginning to the hearing a few people were trying to disrupt the trial by chanting "Death to Baha'is, Israel's Spies". For this reason the judge had to interview each side separately. At the conclusion the judge told the Baha'is that in interrogations police had conducted with the villagers, they all denied having participated in the demolition, and claimed that people from outside the village were responsible for the destruction.