

**[PROVISIONAL TRANSLATION FROM PERSIAN]**

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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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All of today's session [of the parliament] was devoted to pre-order speeches.

Messrs. Seyyed Ahmad Safaie, Dr. Shahkar, Mohsen Akbar and Dowlatabadi were the speakers before the order.

The need to continue the struggle against the Baha'i sect, the implementation of the principles of the constitution and parliamentary oversight of all state affairs, the revision of the current organization of the administration, and the responsibility of the parliament to the people of Iran were the most important issues discussed by the gentlemen.

During his speech, Dr. Shahkar mentioned the need for the advice and guidance of the government for the implementation of the royal decrees.

At 9:50 a.m. today, a public session of the National Assembly was convened, which was chaired by Mr. Haj Moez Al-Mamalek Ardalan (the vice speaker)....

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In the fight against corruption, the root and cause of it must be discovered, the same way that in prevention of the disease, the root and cause of the disease must be found and destroyed.... I would like to say that the cause and source of all misery and the root of all corruption is atheism.

[The members:] (It is right)

In the fight against corruption, you must destroy the foundation and the manifestations of atheism.

The factors that cause deviation and weakness of the beliefs and the [lack of] interest of the people in the resurrection and the [genesis] must be crushed. One of the elements of atheism that has been fighting against all the principles of our religion and beliefs in this country for half a century, and has made our youth unbelieving and pessimistic about them, is the Baha'i sect.

[The members:] (It is right)

In the same way that we fought against the Tudeh population in this country and a good result was achieved—although I believe that struggle was not enough—we must fight against the Baha'is with the same intensity, since they were in harmony with the Tudehs, and their creed and [their] belief is the same, and, in fact, they are the same as the remnants of the Mazdaks.

The Directive is Vague

...Article 21 of the Constitution states, the communities that are not detrimental to security and religion are free, and the [correlative] meaning is that the communities that are detrimental to the security and religion of the country are not free.

[The members:] (It is right)

This population has both religious and secular aspects and they harm our national unity and are detrimental to the security of the country.

[The members:] (It is right)...

So, this population, which has both religious and secular sedition, should not be free.

Some people want to support this sect and cannot say, “We support them.” They act like this and say that it is contrary to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Declaration of Human Rights recognizes freedom of thought, belief and religion that is not detrimental to the religion [of the country].

They threaten us about the human rights; I saw the Sahar Newspaper and do not know if its director is a Baha'i or a Muslim.

(One of the members: He is a Muslim)

They Complain About the Baha'is

Whenever you are honoured to visit Ayatollah Borujerdi, you will notice that Baha'is are being complained about from all over.....

However, we expect more of the fight against the Baha'is ...

(Khalatbari: Mr. Safaie, the parliament has endorsed the government's views and the demands of the people in the fight against the Baha'is)

(The Call of the Speaker)

Yes, the parliament has approved the vague directive that the people are not satisfied with ... I am waiting to see what the government does, and the government should start dismissing the Baha'is.

[The members:] (It is right)

Behbahani: (The government should do this)

Dr. Jazayeri: (You should not doubt that the report belongs to the Baha'i community, and your honour should not doubt it.)

Safaie: (I want this certainty to be accompanied by action).