

[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]

[Adapted from website:] Saham News

[Date:] 29 Ordibehesht 1394 [19 May 2015]

The Order of Police Force of the Public Places Supervision Office; Prohibition of 30 [Employment and] Occupations for Baha'is

The police force headquarters has issued an order to the police force of the Public Places Supervision Office across the country, requesting that in order to control, restrict and monitor the performance of the Baha'is, the grounds be provided for their identification and control, and that Baha'is' widespread presence in society be restricted.

According to the report sent to Saham, in this letter, which was issued in 1386 [2007/2008] and remains in force, four paragraphs with the necessary instructions have been issued. In the second paragraph of the letter it is stated that they should be barred from participating in high-paying jobs, and that Baha'is should only be active in low-income categories and occupations.

Another point mentioned is the prohibition of work in cultural, advertising and economic institutions. The letter explains the three prohibitions: "Baha'is should not be involved in publication of newspapers, publications of periodicals, jewellery, goldsmithing and watchmaking, printing houses, engravers, tourism industries and car rental establishments, publishers, and bookstores, inn-keeping, hotel industry, sewing schools, photography, filming, LAN gaming centres, computers [IT] and internet cafés".

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Police Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran (Naja)

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Islamic Republic of Iran

Number 1314/2/22

Date: 19 Farvardin 1386 [8 April 2007]

Enclosure: With enclosure

From: The Public Intelligence and Security Force F.A.A. [F.A.A., Headquarters of Intelligence and Security] [in the province of] Tehran—Public Places Supervision Office

To: Esteemed Commanders of Police Forces of the Provincial Regional Municipalities—Heads of the Public Intelligence and Security Force;

Subject: Review of the eligibility of individuals belonging to [anti-revolutionary political organizations and other illegal] groups and to the perverse Baha'i sect

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Greetings,

May peace be upon Mohammad and His family! With respect, based on the instructions received from the Head of the Public Intelligence and Security Force (NAJA)—Public Places Supervision (number 14/30/5/2/31, dated 21 Esfand 1385 [12 March 2007])—and noting the increase in the number of requests from the adherents of the perverse Baha'i sect to obtain business licences and secure their rightful and legal presence in the trade community once they have acquired their business licences; and in order to facilitate the ongoing monitoring and supervision of their activities and to halt—to the extent possible—their [the Baha'is'] extensive presence in sensitive and important trade organizations, as well as to stop individuals from [anti-revolutionary political organizations and other illegal] groups from requesting business licences, it is necessary for measures to be taken [as outlined in] the points below [which are] based on instruction number 14/30/7/100, dated 17 Ordibehesht 1382 [7 May 2003] (Final Review Commission), which specifies the type of cases to go before the Commission.

A. Perverse Baha'i sect

- 1) Take measures to identify Baha'i individuals with businesses and collect statistics on their dispersal and types of occupation.
- 2) Their activities in high-earning businesses should be halted, and only those business licences that would provide them with an ordinary livelihood should be allowed.
- 3) Issuing of [business] licences to such individuals should be prevented for activities in the sensitive categories of culture, advertising, and commerce, which includes businesses such as newspaper and periodical shops, jewellery and watchmaking shops, coffee shops, gravures, the tourist industry, car rentals, publishing and bookselling, hostel and hotel management, tailoring training institutes, photography and film recording, Internet gaming, computing, and Internet cafes.
- 4) In accordance with the religious canons, business licences will not be issued to the followers of the perverse Baha'i sect in business categories related to cleanliness

Paragraph 4 of the letter, by declaring the Baha'is as najis¹ and calling them unclean, is asking the Police Force of the Public Places Supervision office to “prevent their presence in reception halls, restaurants, self-service [food concessions], food vendors, chelou kebabs and chelou koresht, coffee

¹ [Najis: Ritually impure/unclean]

shops, supermarkets and shops selling protein foods, ice cream, juice and soft drinks, bakery and confectionery and coffee shops”.

It is worth mentioning that after the victory of the Islamic Revolution, a lot of pressure has been put on the Baha'i community in Iran.