

[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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[Summary Translation]

Alamolhoda: Confrontation with Bahaism is vital

Sayyid Ahmad Alamolhoda, the Friday prayer leader in Mashhad, demanded the abolition of Bahaism in Iran and severe punishment for this “perverse situation.” He stated that Bahaism is not a religion and stated that today people should not tolerate the Israeli soldiers who have killed innocent Palestinian women and children and should not allow them to walk freely on the streets of Iran. He said that the Baha'is, whom he called Israeli spies, have committed political and security-related crimes which have all been documented. Calling the Faith “the perverse Baha'i sect”, he said it has tried to have the laws of the country abrogated including by collecting signatures to abolish the Hijab. He said Baha'is demand that God and the Promised One not be mentioned, whereas Iran is the country of the Promised One and owes all its victories to Him.