

[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:] HRANA – Human Rights Activists News Agency

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Court of Appeals; Baha'i Citizens Sophia Mobini and Negin Tadrissi Sentenced to 10 Years in Prison.

HRANA News Agency – Branch 36 of the Tehran Court of Appeals upheld the conviction of Sophia Mobini and Negin Tadrissi, two Baha'i citizens. Branch 28 of the Revolutionary Court of Tehran had previously sentenced each of these Baha'i citizens to five years in prison under tazir¹ law.

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Sophia Mobini and Negin Tadrissi were firstly, each sentenced to five years in prison by Branch 28 of the Revolutionary Court of Tehran, presided over by Judge Amouzad, under tazir law, on charges of 'action against national security by managing the Baha'i organization and propagating its teachings' pursuant to Article 498 of the Islamic Penal Code.

Earlier, an informed source had told HRANA Sophia Mobini and Negin Tadrissi had previously been sentenced on charges of 'management of Baha'i administration' under Article 498 of the Islamic Penal Code. Further, Judge Moghiseh, in the same branch of the court without arraignment, charged them with 'membership in the unlawful Bahaim group for the purpose of action against national security of the country' referencing Article 499 of the Islamic Penal Code. He sentenced them to ten and five years in prison, respectively. They objected to the verdict, and Branch 36 of the Tehran Court of Appeals also objected. The case was referred to the same branch for reconsideration. Eventually, Judge Amouzad, who replaced Judge Moghiseh, sentenced each of these citizens to five years in prison.

The verdict handed down by Judge Moghiseh charged the citizens with "paying tuition for a language course of an Afghan citizen, providing behavioural, sexual and economic psychological counselling, and writing in a personal diary that, 'the people of this region need training.'"

Mrs. Sophia Mobini and Mrs. Negin Tadrissi were arrested by intelligence agents on 4 Aban 1396 [26 October 2017], during a ceremony marking the 200th anniversary of Baha'u'llah's birthday and were transferred to Evin Prison where they were temporarily released on bail until the conclusion of their trial.

¹ Tazir (discretionary punishment): Punishment with maximum and minimum limits determined by law and judge, respectively.