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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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Offering Numerous Books Against the Baha'i Faith at the Tehran Book Fair / Pictures

HRANA News Agency – A few days after the start of the Tehran International Book Fair, the presence of books about the Baha'i Faith with titles such as “The Perverse Baha'i Sect” has dramatically increased in this exhibition. In this regard, the Islamic Revolution Document Center has presented a book package “With the aim of recognizing the different dimensions of the Baha'i sect” in this exhibition, and the Baha'i Research Centre has dedicated almost all its books on this subject [and displayed them] in two booths in this exhibition.

According to HRANA, the Tehran Book Fair has become a place to promote violent thoughts or hateful ideas with the presence of books that target various schools of thought. The books that target the Baha'i Faith are more visible this year than in previous years and the publishers of these rely heavily on government budgets or religious institutions.

This happens despite the Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that states, “Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.”, and no one has the right to insult or attack another person for having a distinct and different thought and opinion.

The introduction of such books by institutions with large government budgets at the Tehran Book Fair has increased at a time when Baha'is in Iran are not only deprived of the right to express their belief, have a religious organization and perform their rituals, but currently dozens of Baha'is are accused of expressing their views and participating in administrative affairs of Baha'is in Iran are either imprisoned or have been sentenced to several years in prison.

See the pictures of HRANA reporters from this exhibition below.