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civil war, has caused considerable debate here for several reasons.
First, the Phalangist militia's ruthlessness in massacring hundreds of Palestinians in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in Beirut last September persuaded many Israelis that their country had no business supporting such a group.
Second, the militia refused to fight during the Israeli invasion, annoying Israeli officers who had hoped for some help.
Finally, the Phalangist leader, President Amin Gemayel, has been less resolute in moving Lebanon toward an overt relationship of peace than Israelis expected.

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On this point, Mr. Morris wrote that he had come across a letter dated Dec. 28, 1950, from Gideon Rafael, counselor in the Israeli delegation to the United Nations. In a meeting with Elias Rababi, second in command of the Phalangist Party and editor of its newspaper, Mr. Rafael heard of the Phalangists' hopes to win three or four seats in Parliament in the 1951 elections.

Mr. Rafael recommended that Israel donate \$25,000 to \$50,000 to the cam-

17th Bahai Reported Hanged In 2 Weeks in an Iranian City

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The Iranian authorities have hanged a young Bahai man in Shiraz, the 17th member of the minority faith to be executed in that southern Iranian city in two weeks, Bahai officials say.

In radio broadcasts, Iranian leaders have accused imprisoned Bahais in Shiraz of spying. But Gerald Knight, a spokesman in New York for the Bahai International Community, said Thursday that no formal charges had been lodged against any of those executed.

The Bahais say Iran's Islamic Government is trying to crush their religion, considered heretical by Moslems, by killing prominent Bahais. They say at least 142 Bahais have been killed since the revolution in 1979.

Mr. Knight said the latest execution, of Suhayl Hushmand, 24 years old, occurred Tuesday. On June 16 and 18, the Bahai International Community said, 16 Bahais were hanged in Shiraz.

Phalangist, Father Joseph Awad of Waterville, Maine, approached Eliahu Ben-Horin, the Middle East affairs adviser of the American Zionist Emergency Council, Mr. Morris reported, and asked for help in overthrowing the Government in Beirut to take Lebanon out of the war.

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Mr. Morris said he had found records of meetings between Israeli officials and Mr. Rababi, but no clear statement of Israel's refusal to help.

"It can only be surmised that the Israeli diplomats informed Rababi that Israel was engaged in a full-scale war, was itself short of money and arms and was in no position to assist revolts in neighboring countries." Mr. Morris wrote. "Perhaps the fact that Israeli victories had aiready knocked the fight out of Beirut and the northern front was quiescent contributed to the Israeli reluctance to set the Lebanese pot boiling."

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Fighting was reported around Bar Elias and Taanayel.

stretch of the highway and taking positions from forces loyal to Mr. Arafat as far as the Shtaura region, more than 12 miles from the Syrian border.

A rebellion against Mr. Arafat's leadership broke out two months ago and led to fighting in early June.

Mr. Arafat accused Syria and Libya of aiding the rebels. Syria denied the charge and expelled Mr. Arafat last week.

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There are at least 6,000 Palestinan guerrillas from Al Fatah and other groups in northern and eastern Lebanon in territory controlled by Syrian forces.

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