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## —Letters—

### **Baha'i Faith**

Re: Your front-page article Monday, Dec. 18. We would wish to point out that the Baha'i faith is not a sect. The Islamic authorities have themselves officially testified to its independent status.

Antony Alexander.  
Oban, Scotland.

### **BBC on Iran**

I write in support of Prof. Pullen's letter of Dec. 16. As an Iranian who listened to the BBC Persian program until very recently, when I left Iran, I would like to express my utter disgust at the Persian program's inflammatory and one-sided coverage. The BBC's Persian news coverage is, at best, discreet masterpieces of misinformation. To neutral listeners, the BBC appears to have sympathized, if not overtly sided, with those opposing the regime, and in doing so, it is enacting the Nazi doctrine that news should be given out for instruction rather than information.

My relatives, who belong to the Baha'i faith, have had their homes ransacked and burned by the supporters of an Islamic republic. This may not be news on the BBC Persian program but it is, indeed, very tragic news to me. Am I to understand that these people have no human rights because of their faith or is it that, in the opinion of the BBC, everything is allowed to the opposition?

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