BAHA'I LEADERS THANK REAGAN, WHO CALLED FOR SPARING THE LIVES OF THE MEMBERS OF THEIR FAITH IN IRAN

The world centre of members of the Faith, which is in Haifa, yesterday welcomed the call of President Reagan to prevent the execution of 22 members of the persecuted sect by the revolutionary Islamic authorities in Iran.

The regime of the Ayatollah Khomeini accuses the Bahá'ís of connections with Zionism and deprives them of freedom of religion, even though the Islamic Republic of Iran recognizes Judaism, Christianity and the Zoroastrian Faith.

"We were pleasantly surprised by the declaration of the President of the United States. We welcome this as evidence of the awakening of conscience among the leaders of the world against the persecution of the Bahá'ís of Iran", declared the Centre.

