

Message of Today

'Bahais' executions in Iran'

IF

White House is listening

"IF IRAN is listening" was the title of an editorial which appeared in the New York Times (the prestigious American daily) some time ago. In that the paper severely attacked a statement of the Islamic Republic's Chief Justice Ayatollah Musavi Ardabili denying the execution of persons belonging to the Bahai community in Iran. The New York Times further claimed that they know the names and addresses of all Bahais executed in Iran and that the paper was ready to announce them "if Iran is listening!!"

Since the propagations of international imperialism on the issue of "executions" in general and the execution of Jews and Bahais in particular has increased during the last year, it makes it necessary for us to express our views in order to enlighten the public on this issue.

Today there is nobody who is in doubt as to the fact of the ex-shah being a direct agent of the US and Zionists in Iran and also of the fact that the country's affairs were directly run by "dominating agents."

One of the treacherous policies which suited the US most at that time was to install in key positions only those who in addition to being 'sold-out', 'westernized', 'spy' agents were also characterized by another admired quality - their refusal to believe in, or outright rejection of pristine Islam. They had to be followers of religions which severely opposed Islam so that when it was needed they could more easily embark on a massacre of thousands of the Iranian Moslems in the nation.

It was at the hands of these same agents that over 4,000 Moslem women and children were slaughtered in "Black Friday" 1978, a crime which was unsurpassed for its savagery in history.

That explains why the ex-shah always tried to employ mercenary and 'sold-out' Communists, Bahais, Zionists, etc. in governmental bodies. Such creatures were in fact the tools for spreading the economic and cultural domination of America over Iran.

To prove the accuracy of our claim, it will suffice if we only point to one of such elements. Amir Abbas Hoveyda, the shah's premier for 13 years was a Bahai, a man acknowledged as the closest accomplice of the defunct shah.

Probably, those Bahais who are not hostile to the Islamic Revolution and are peacefully living beside Moslems in this country will also be surprised to know that a Bahai was the prime minister of a country 98% of whose population were Moslems.

The reader can then imagine how many Bahais had been put in important positions by a Bahai who was the head of the shah's government during all those years.

After the victory of the Islamic Revolution, Hoveyda was executed by a just Islamic Court, and undoubtedly such a revolutionary execution is confirmed by all Moslems and the world's liberation seeking people. But most surprisingly, it was later observed that the western and Zionist propaganda machinery protested such executions and referred to them as "inhuman acts."

Yes, according to Western logic, the massacre of 4,000 people among whom there were many infants and pregnant women is not "inhuman act" but the execution of those involved in such a mass slaughter is an anti-human action!!

New York Times had claimed that 111 Bahais have already been executed in Iran. Even supposing that such a baseless allegation is right, still it has to be admitted that this figure yet falls short of the numbers who may strictly 'deserve' to be executed, taking into account the fact that the agents of such men as the infamous Hoveyda

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proliferated the ex-shah's mansions and courtly offices.

Of course many of those elements did escape to the west before and in the beginning of the Revolution and only a few of them were caught in the grip of the Moslem masses and faced the consequences of their crimes.

Many are still perhaps lurking in hideouts but everyone of them who has been arrested by the people and the revolutionary forces have been handed over to the Revolutionary Courts to be tried.

The West must know that every single agent of theirs will ultimately be arrested and executed if need be even if their figure should tot up to a 111,000 people.

'Execution' is the only punishment corresponding to the crimes of those who killed 60,000 innocent Moslems and disabled and injured over 100,000 people in the course of the Revolution. The same fate awaits those involved in the killing and disabling tens of thousands of martyrs and disabled individuals after the Revolution.

All we wish to say to papers such as the New York Times is that you as loud-speakers of international Zionism are just making efforts to convince people around the world that these criminals have been executed because of their religious convictions and merely on account of their being a Bahai, Jew or Communist. In other words that they have been executed due to their faith and ideology beliefs other than Islam.

You propagate this with the following objectives in mind:

1 - To establish hatred and indignation among followers of other religions towards Islam and Moslems.

2 - To infuse enmity and rancor among the world's people toward the Islamic Revolution of Iran.

3 - To prepare the grounds for further aggressions of Israeli Zionists in the future.

4 - To instigate the majority of the world's capitalists who are Bahais and Jews against the Revolution, so that they will mobilize all their capabilities for inflicting economic blows upon Iran's economy.

5 - Above all, through such baseless propagations, you try to cover up for the crimes of your capitalist/Zionist masters and to distract the attention of the people from the real criminals.

You are certainly aware of the fact that if the world's people learn of the policies employed against the oppressed nations such as the Moslem suppressed Iranian nation, they will not allow your masters to continue their unscrupulous living and thus there will also be an end to your receiving of billions of dollars from them.

You certainly know that on learning the truth, the people from all around the world (Africa, Asia...) will proceed bare-footed to the White

House, Kremlin, Elize..... and bring them down on you and your masters and indeed such a day is not too far.

The crux of our contention is that nobody has or ever will be tried, imprisoned or executed simply because of his beliefs. It must be remembered that the number of Moslems who have been executed on charges of terrorism, bombings and committing treason against Islam adds up to several times more than the numbers claimed by the New York Times in regard to executed Bahais.

Despite their overwhelming majority Moslems who form 98% of the population within the Iranian nation are living in real peaceful co-existence with Christians, Jews, Communists and even Bahais who do not plot against the Islamic faith and the Revolution of the people. There are many individuals and even groups of such people who have fought in the war and thus sworn allegiance to Iranian nation and to concepts of honor and freedom. The graves of such people can now be seen side by side with those of Moslem martyrs in Tehran's Beheshte Zahra cemetery, and that in fact is the profoundest testimony to our claim.

At the same time it must be borne in mind that in the name of the Iranian nation, the Islamic Republican Government will not let anybody whether Moslem, Jew and or Bahai to conspire against the Islamic Revolution.

The Islamic Republic's Chief Justice, Ayatollah Ardebili has also recently reiterated this while he denied the execution of Bahais on account of their convictions.

We are sure that our arguments are bound to be accepted by all free-thinking and humanitarian people of the world regardless of the religion they may belong to and this of course 'if Washington is listening.'

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