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## **Bahais must be saved**

□ *A people that has survived the Holocaust must be forever mindful of attacks upon others for their special beliefs. Elie Wiesel chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council sends us this poignant appeal:*

The world has heard disturbing news — members of the Bahai religious group in Iran have been imprisoned and executed because of their religious beliefs.

Professing the Bahai faith in Iran is enough to be imprisoned and killed. Once again, religious hatred has taken a terrible toll.

We must protest this outrage with all our power. We hail the fact that President Reagan and other governmental authorities have raised their voices in protest — so far, to no avail.

I am particularly troubled that echoes of the Nazi cruelties are again being heard in our world.

It is especially distressing that this occurs in a land ruled by representatives of one of the world's great religions — Islam.

Believers in the God of all men should spread compassion, not persecution; understanding, not hate.

All governments and private citizens should not stand idly by while people are executed for religious beliefs.

Perhaps the Human Rights Commission of the United Nations should look into this matter, and perhaps an international conference should be called deal with the question.

We all vowed after the Nazi outrages — *Never Again*. Now is the time to act on that vow.

**Elie Wiesel**

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