

[PROVISIONAL TRANSLATION FROM PERSIAN]

[Translator's notes appear in square brackets [ ].]

**The Office of the  
Representative of  
the Supreme  
Leader**

Province of Fars and  
the Friday prayer  
leader in Shiraz

In the Name of God, the Exalted

To the esteemed Representative of the Supreme Leader in the province [of Fars] and the respected Friday prayer leader of Shiraz

Greetings!

With utmost respect, concerning the enclosed request of the parents of the three individuals accused of Bahaist activities that contains a note written by your honour, the matter was carefully investigated, according to your instructions, and a detailed report of the investigation is submitted to you for your decision.

When on leave from prison, two of the accused, by the names of Rahá Thábit [Raha Sabet] and Hálih Rúhí [Haleh Rouhi], visited the office, stating that “we have not been involved in any activities related to politics or teaching of the Baháism sect in the past few years in Shiraz, [province of] Fars, or even Iran, and all our activities have been charitable and social in nature. During this time there was no expression or mention of Baháism, neither in the gathering of the participants in class nor in private. We have merely been involved in activities concerning hygiene and social issues; these classes were all held with the permission of the Islamic council of the city in poor areas such as Sahlábád [Sahlabad], Mahdíábád [Mehdiabad], etc., and our activities were humanitarian and for charity.”

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In a meeting with the parents of the three accused [individuals], the parents also confirmed the same statements and the same goals, and they believed “that the Justice Administration of Shiraz was unjust in the manner of their investigation of the case, in not permitting the appointment of a lawyer, and in issuing the verdict, and our rights have been violated and that we are seeking justice from the Representative of the respected Supreme Leader in the province and the Friday prayer leader of Shiraz.”

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After hearing the statements of the accused and that of their parents and studying their case, I went to Mehdiabad locality and visited one of its residents, Mr. Jiddí [Jeddi], who introduced himself as a retired colonel of NAJA [Islamic Republic of Iran Police]. In response to my questions concerning the objectives and the activities of this group, he stated the following:

From the beginning of their activities until now [the activity was discontinued], these individuals held charitable, humanitarian classes once a week, helping junior youth and youth. The

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activities of these classes included writing, drawing, teaching hygiene, and moral values, and there was no mention of religious or political matters. They have never made any mention or any statement regarding Baháism.

He was also complimentary about their educational methods and their presence among the junior youth and youth in that area and believed that ever since these individuals had entered Mehdiabad, the social skills, behaviour and ethics of the youth in that area had improved so much that it had given hope to the families concerning the behaviour and the future of their children.

I also contacted eight of the junior youth and youth who participated in these classes and after posing some questions [to them], they stated that this group had been involved in activities such as teaching moral education, drawing, calligraphy, and social skills and that there had been no discussions concerning politics or discussions which were against religious, legal, and cultural standards and “truthfully, we, the junior youth and youth, learned a lot from this group and request their return.”

[Signed:] Valí Rustamí [Vali Rostami] 27/3/87 [16 June 2008]

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