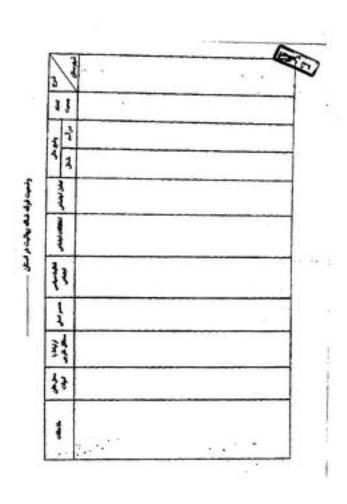
Ministry of the Interior

In this letter, which is written by the Director-General of the Political Office of the Ministry of the Interior and addressed to the political-security deputies of the offices of the Governors, the Bahá'í Faith is declared illegal and the relevant agencies are requested to control and manage the social behavior of the Bahá'ís, with subtlety and sensitivity. A form is attached to the letter in order to collect information about the Bahá'í community in each province.





[TRANSLATION FROM PERSIAN]

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To the honorable political-security deputies of the offices of the Governors' General of the country

Greetings,

Respectfully, we have received reports that some of the elements of the perverse sect of Bahaism are attempting to teach and spread the ideology of Bahaism, under the cover of social and economic activities. In view of the fact that this sect is illegal and that it is exploited by international and Zionist organizations against the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, we therefore ask you to order the relevant offices to cautiously and carefully monitor and manage their [the Bahá'ís'] social activities. In addition, complete the requested information on the enclosed form and forward it to this office for its use by the fifteenth of Shahrívar [6 September].

Seyyed Mohammad-Reza Mavvalizadeh
Director of the Political Office
[Signature]