

**NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHÁ'ÍS OF THE UNITED STATES**

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2118 Kalorama Road Northwest  
Washington, D. C. 20008

Dear Sirs:

Kindly transmit to the Ayatollah Khomeini, Prime Minister Mir Husayn Musavi, and the President of the Supreme Court of Iran Ayatollah Musavi Ardibili the following statement from the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States:

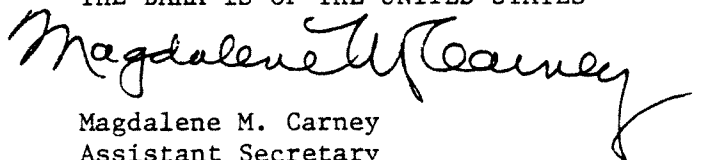
The Bahá'í community of the United States has received with dismay and grief the shocking news of the recent executions of eight members of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Iran and six members of the Local Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Tehran. Iranian officials have already acknowledged the martyrdom of close to one hundred individuals, fourteen others, who have been abducted over a year ago, have probably shared the same fate. Hundreds have been imprisoned throughout the country on charges for which no substantive evidence has ever been presented, charges that we emphatically and categorically deny.

Since our Iranian co-religionists are denied all opportunity publicly to defend themselves and to prove their innocence, since they are not permitted to appeal their cases, we appeal to you in their behalf requesting that you instruct the relevant authorities:

1. Immediately to stop summary arrests and executions,
2. To produce and publish documents on the basis of which Bahá'ís have been convicted as alleged spies,
3. To grant to Bahá'ís as law-abiding citizens and as a community their inalienable right publicly to defend themselves against malicious accusations and false charges.

The Iranian Bahá'ís have always been loyal citizens of their country. They have the deepest reverence for the spirit of Islam and are entirely innocent of any wrongdoing. We join the Bahá'ís of the entire world in appealing to you not to allow grave injustice to continue against a peaceful and gentle community and pray that the one God Whom we all acknowledge may guide your steps.

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