

THE UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT

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Transmitted by email:

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Dear Bahá'í Friend,

The Universal House of Justice has received your email of _____, in which you express distress at the current situation in Iran and its repercussions for the Bahá'í community and ask how these events might best be understood in light of the teachings of the Faith. Also received was your email of _____ inquiring about the status of your earlier communication. We have been asked to convey the following.

Your concerns and feelings of frustration over the injustices perpetrated against many in Iran, particularly in recent weeks, are entirely understandable. The heart of a Bahá'í cannot be but deeply distressed when contemplating the scale of the anguish afflicting so many people; sufferings, conflicts, and inequities are all symptoms of the disintegration of the old world order. However, the writings of the Faith assure us that Bahá'u'lláh's Revelation has also set in motion a parallel integrative process, which Bahá'ís throughout the world are advancing alongside like-minded collaborators.

In relation to the suffering experienced by our dear brothers and sisters in Iran for over four decades, it may be helpful to consider their ordeal within a broader perspective. The House of Justice has explained that the ultimate goal of the Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh is to enable the peoples of the world to promote an ever-advancing civilization that will meet both the spiritual and material needs of the entire human race. Toward this goal all the Bahá'í communities across the globe are laboring with zeal and determination. The Hand of Divine Power has, in this enterprise, assigned a special role to the sorely tested believers in Iran. The path of the development of the Bahá'í community in the Cradle of the Faith has always been beset with trials and afflictions. Yet, notwithstanding the relentless persecution and manifold hardships to which the Bahá'ís in Iran are subjected, they are the members of a strong and vibrant community, steadfastly serving the Cause of God and their fellow citizens in their precious homeland, where opportunities for service are abundant. They are inspired by the example of Bahá'u'lláh, Who endured injustices for the sake of establishing justice, and they know and value that, as the beloved Guardian has stated, “the essential thing is patience, fortitude, courage, and audacity.” They are also assured and sustained by his words that “the day is approaching when that country will have turned into a blissful paradise, when the wronged ones of Persia will have become the pride of the world and the leaders of mankind. And this is a promise that will not be belied.” Indeed, their steadfastness and perseverance have ensured the continuous existence of the Faith in the land of its birth, their conduct has made an indelible impression on the minds and hearts of their fellow citizens, and a historic

transformation in the attitudes of fair-minded Iranians worldwide has been witnessed in recent years.

With the foregoing in mind, you are lovingly encouraged not to lose hope or be disheartened. As the House of Justice has previously stated, “The believers in Iran, whom Bahá’u’lláh has raised, nurtured, and prepared for His Purpose, represent a resource of the Cause—not only in Iran but globally—whose potentialities it is impossible today to properly appreciate.” They are the pride of the Bahá’í world and a source of joy to the hearts of their fellow believers.

Rest assured of the supplications of the House of Justice at the Sacred Threshold that the dear friends in Iran and their compatriots may be sheltered under the protecting wing of the Almighty and confirmed and strengthened in their efforts to assist and support one another to overcome the challenges before them. Prayers will also be offered on your behalf.

With loving Bahá’í greetings,

Department of the Secretariat