

Afif Naeimi (m) – The Baha’i Seven

Adoption Status: Not Adopted

Country: Iran

Occupation: Industrialist and Baha’i member.

Detained Since: 2008

Charges: Espionage, propaganda against the Islamic Republic, and establishment of an illegal administration

Sentence: 20 years imprisonment



Additional: Naeimi is an industrialist who was unable to pursue his dream of becoming a doctor because as a Baha’i he was denied access to university. Born in Yazd, he lived part of his youth with relatives in Jordan after the death of his father. He was long active in volunteer Baha’i service, teaching classes for both children and adults and serving as a member of the Auxiliary Board, an appointed position with the function of inspiring, encouraging and promoting learning among Baha’is.

The Baha’i Seven

The Baha’i Seven are former Baha’i leaders in Iran who have been deprived of the rights accorded to prisoners under Iran's own laws and regulations. Prior to their arrests in 2008, the seven were members of an ad hoc national-level group that attended to the spiritual and social needs of Iran's Baha’i community. In September 2010 they were told that their sentences had been reduced to 10 years after an appeal court acquitted them of some of the charges, including espionage, but they have never been given a written copy of either of the court verdicts. It was first reported on 18 March, 2011 that the 20-year sentence had been reinstated.

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