



Weekly Report

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A Baha'i Citizen Is Detained Without Charge

- Yekta Fahandej, a Baha'i citizen, is detained at Shiraz's No. 100 detention center, Fars Province, without charge.
- She was arrested on the evening of March 16, 2014, following a raid by intelligence officers on her home.
- Source: Human Rights Activists News Agency

<https://hra-news.org/fa/religious-minorities/شیراز-در-بهای-ی-شهروند-یک-بازداشت>

UN Human Rights Expert Expresses Concern over Persecution of Baha'is at UN Human Rights Council

- Ahmed Shaheed, the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Iran, told the UN Human Rights Council that the Government of Iran continues to violate international legal standards, oppress women and persecute ethnic and religious minorities, including members of the Baha'i Faith.
- Ahmed Shaheed reported that hundreds of individuals remain in confinement for exercising their fundamental rights, including 136 Baha'is, 90 Sunni Muslims, 50 Christians, and 19 Dervish Muslims.
- Source: Baha'i World News Service ****English source****

<http://news.bahai.org/story/983>

“To date, there has been no improvement in the situation of Iranian Baha'is. [...] 136 Baha'is are in prison solely on religious grounds, not one Baha'i youth has been able to complete his or her studies in an Iranian university [...] cemeteries are desecrated and incitement to hatred in state-sponsored media is rampant” – Diane Ala'i, Representative of the Baha'i International Community to the UN in Geneva
