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## Secretly Proselytizing Baha'is deported from Uzbekistan

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The Government of Uzbekistan deported a number of Baha'is from the neighboring countries as they were secretly involved in propagation of Baha'i Faith. About 15 Baha'is were arrested by the religious ministry on information provided by local Mahalla committee that a full scale deceptive conversion was on its way in Tashkent Baha'i centre.

A similar incident was reported by government authorities in Samarkand in December 2008

Uzbekistan has recently been through the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) mechanism of the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council, and its response to recommendations was considered in Geneva on 27 July. An official responsible for registration of the Religious places in the capital Tashkent replied that "these are our internal issues, and you have no competence to interfere".

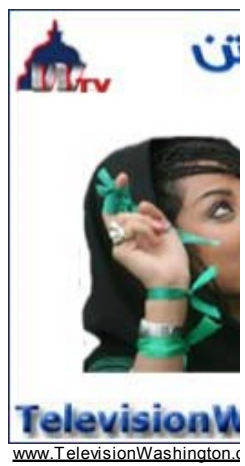
Baha'is employ deceptive, unethical conversion techniques .Deceptive in the sense that the convert never understand that he has been converted and unethical because it is aimed at children and youths below 16 years of age. The mechanism is called as children MORAL classes and junior youth empowerment programme.

They use sophisticated unethical, fraudulent mind manipulation techniques to trap and convert innocent citizens. Baha'is are from an unethical and potentially dangerous, oppressive political movements with hidden agendas. The innocent, uneducated and downtrodden people are easy victims to such, brainwashing techniques and deceptive conversion practices.

Last year in Yemen four Baha'is were arrested by the Interior ministry for secretly propagation of Baha'i Faith. The three Baha'is of Iranian origin, Zia'u'llah Pourahmari, Keyvan Qadari, and Behrooz Rohani, were arrested in Sana'a, on the night of June 20, 2008. A fourth Baha'i, Sayfi Ibrahim Sayfi, was also arrested around the same time and faces the possibility of deportation to Iraq.

According to the source close to the group, the men were arrested and taken to the national security headquarters' prison where they spent 40 days – most of the time in isolated cells – before being sent to Sana'a General Investigation Department.

Iran has also arrested a number of Baha'is many times for their secret conversion activity directed at children and Youths.



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