

Baha'is in Iran face increased persecution

The Iranian government appears to be laying the foundation for a new cycle of persecution against Iranian Baha'is, according to a human rights organization specializing in Iran.

The Iran Human Rights Documentation Center, an international group of human rights advocates, scholars and lawyers, this week released a new report on religious oppression in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The 60-page study tracks trends that point to a renewed persecution of Baha'is, a faith that grew out of Islam in the 19th century, but is considered heretical by most Muslims. Baha'is in Iran are not recognized as an official religion, a classification that denies Baha'is access to education, employment or freedom to meet for worship.

The full report is posted at www.iranhrdc.org.