

were imprisoned and Hájí Nasír and one other died in prison (ZH 6:928-30; EB 69-72).

After the passing of Bahá'u'lláh, Áqá Jamál Burújirdí travelled through the province and tried to raise support for Mírzá Muhammad `Alí, but had little success. There was an upheaval against the Bahá'ís in 1903 when a picture of the Bahá'í community of Rasht fell into the hands of the mullás who tried to get the people in the photograph arrested and punished. One prominent Bahá'í, Mírzá Ibrahím Khán Ibtiháju'l-Mulk, was banished for a time to Tehran but the governor managed to maintain the peace. In 1340/ 1921, however, Ibtiháju'l-Mulk was killed during the disturbances caused by the uprising of the Jangalís.

With the development of Russian territory, the ship from Rasht to Baku became one of the commonest routes for Bahá'í pilgrims to `Akká. Numerous prominent Bahá'í teachers travelled through Rasht. The first Spiritual Assembly of Rasht was established in about 1315/1897. A number of Jewish families became Bahá'ís.

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