



across the country, offering encouragement and coordinating relief efforts.

As the persecution of Baha'is intensified, Dr. Davoudi became a visible target. The Society of Muslim Students labeled him "anti-Islamic" and "anti-revolutionary." Members of militant Islamic groups frequently gathered outside his home, making it impossible for him to continue his work as a professor. Despite these threats, he remained steadfast in defending justice, urging Baha'is to remain patient and resilient in the face of oppression. His prominence made him a marked figure in the new regime's crackdown on religious minorities.

On November 11, 1979, while taking his daily walk in Laleh Park near his home in Tehran, Dr. Davoudi was kidnapped. He never returned. His disappearance became one of the first cases of enforced abduction and execution of intellectuals and religious minorities in post-revolutionary Iran, a practice that later expanded and involved dissidents and became known as the "chain murders."

Dr. Davoudi was more than a philosopher; he was a man profoundly dedicated to truth, freedom of thought, and uncompromising intellectual integrity. As a university professor, he never spoke publicly of his religion, maintaining a clear distinction between his scholarly responsibilities and his personal faith. He was committed to teaching and writing on philosophy, as well as being a devoted scholar of the Baha'i worldview.

Throughout his life, he remained respectful toward authorities, but, as both friends and colleagues acknowledged, he never surrendered his conscience to power, nor did he seek fame or material gain at the expense of integrity. A genuine advocate of intellectual and personal freedom, he cautioned against the dangers of Stalinist-style dictatorship, whether clothed in religious or political form. Unlike those who bent philosophy to serve power, he sought to preserve its noble spirit: a disciplined pursuit of truth, an affirmation of independent thought, and a steadfast defense of human dignity.

To this day, no information has surfaced regarding his fate. His abduction remains a haunting reminder of the persecution faced by intellectuals and religious minorities in Iran.

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