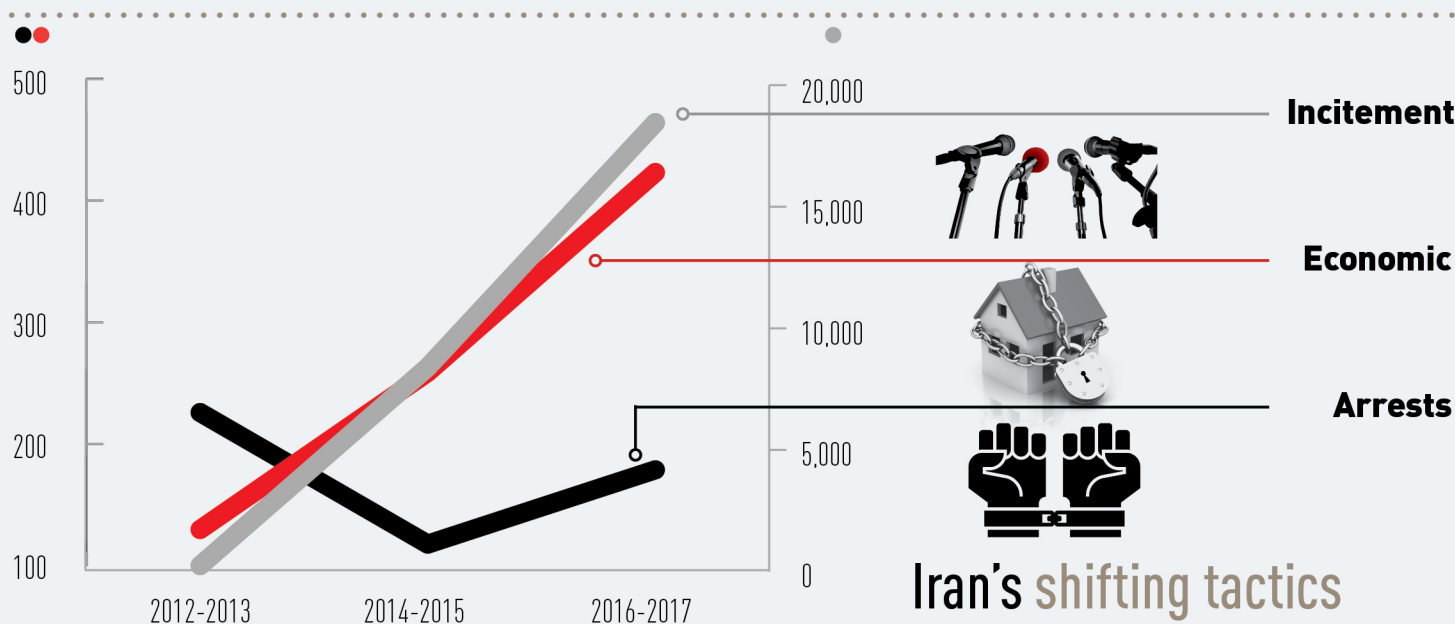


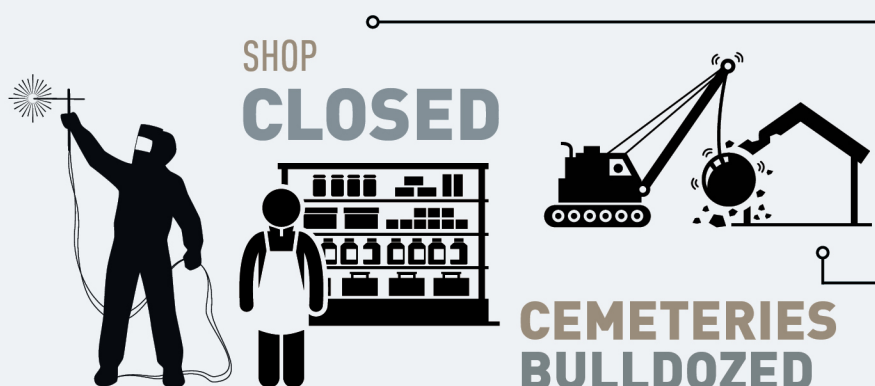
# The Systematic Oppression of Iranian Bahá'ís Continues with Increased Sophistication

Since 1979, the government of Iran has made it official policy to discriminate against and persecute its Bahá'í citizens. This oppression has evoked condemnation from the international community, activists, and, increasingly, ordinary citizens inside Iran. In response, while arrests and imprisonments continue, the government has also shifted its tactics by emphasizing less-blatant forms of persecution, such as economic, educational, and cultural discrimination, in an attempt to conceal its ongoing efforts to destroy the Bahá'í community as a viable entity.



Arrests, incidents of economic discrimination, and anti-Bahá'í propaganda in Iran, 2012-2017

## Iran's shifting tactics against its Bahá'í citizens



In the 1980s, more than 200 Bahá'ís — mostly the community's leaders — were killed or executed. Hundreds more were tortured or imprisoned. Formal Bahá'í institutions were banned. Tens of thousands of Bahá'ís lost jobs, access to education, and other rights.

In response to an international outcry, the government shifted its anti-Bahá'í strategy to social, economic, and educational discrimination, as outlined in a secret 1991 memorandum, signed by the country's Supreme Leader.

Now in its fourth decade, Bahá'ís continue to be regularly arrested, detained, and imprisoned. The persecution continues unabated.

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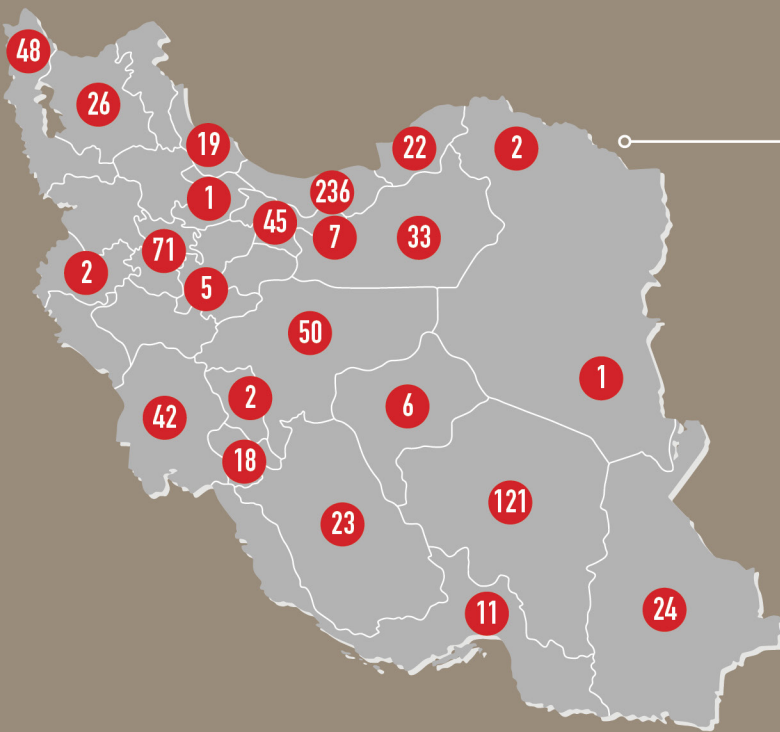
- More than **1,006** Bahá'ís have been arrested
- There have been more than **1,170** specific, documented incidents of economic discrimination
- Thousands of young Bahá'ís have been denied access to higher education
- There have been **hundreds** of attacks on Bahá'ís or their properties, including cemeteries, all unprosecuted



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Reported incidents of economic persecution of Iranian Bahá'ís 2013 to 2017\*

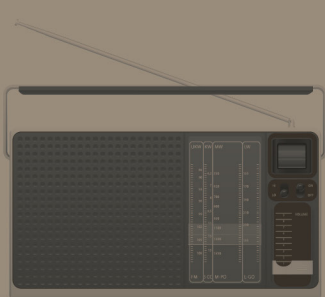
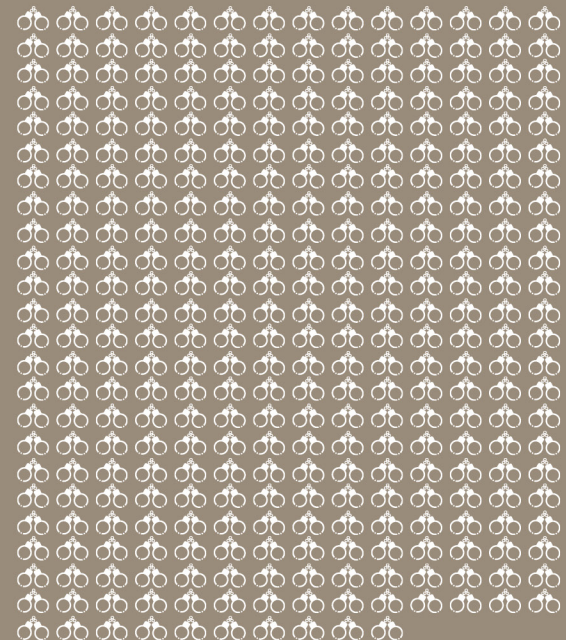
\*(Note: Map does not show all incidents because of incomplete geographic data)



## The situation has not changed

Since President Hassan Rouhani came to power in August 2013:

- Currently, **77** Bahá'ís are in prison
- At least **332** Bahá'ís have been arrested
- There have been at least **717** documented incidents of economic persecution or discrimination, ranging from threats to shop closings
- Thousands of young Bahá'ís continue to be blocked from university
- More than **26,000** pieces of anti-Bahá'í propaganda have been disseminated in the Iranian media



Reported number of anti-Bahá'í articles in Iranian media, 2014 to 2017

2014  
**4,929**

2015  
**3,229**

2016  
**15,409**

2017  
**2,803**