

British Baha'i Appeals for Lives Of 3 In Morocco

LONDON — (UPI) — The national assembly in Britain of the Baha'i world faith announced it had appealed to King Hassan II of Morocco to save the lives of their three co-religionists under sentence of death.

John Long, chairman of the national spiritual assembly of Baha'i cabled appealing to King Hassan "to intervene to secure justice and prevent condemnation on religious grounds of our Baha'i brothers in Morocco."

A spokesman for the Baha'i world faith said that the charges appear to have arisen only from the fact that the young Baha'i members several of whom are teachers, belonged to a non-Islamic religion other than Christianity or Judaism.

Article six of the new Moroccan constitution expressly guarantees religious freedom in Morocco. But according to official statements made there, the spokesman said, this freedom extends only to Christianity and Judaism.