Now-Rooz

The Persian Cultural Heritage

During the long period of time between the formation of Now-Rooz, as the Persian (Iranian) new year's day in March 21st (occasionally 20th or 22nd) in the prehistoric ages untill today, the members of all tribes and the followers of all religions in Persia (Iran) and the neighbouring countries (and today world wide) have recognized Now-Rooz, as their common cultural heritage. None of them never ever has declared it as his special annual spring festive and new year's day and no one tried to make it identical with any other tribal or religious ceremony.

The only exception among all the groups is Baha'i faith. In their religious calander and the other writings and official documents, they refer to their new years'day (which has basicly a riligious characteristic), as Now-Rooz. This is to put a thing in wrong position and an openly missusing of an ancient key-term and unjustified taking possession of it.

In fact the dividing of the Baha'i religious year to 19 months and each month to 19 days by the leader of this faith, has had no reason except to put their new year's day sinchronized with the world wide recognized and famous Persian Now-Rooz.

Acording to our humanly culture, we Persians are respectful to belivers of all religions and their ceremonies. In this special case we have no discrepancy with Baha`is to celbrate their riligious new year`s day at March 21st (in the same time of our Now-Rooz). what we are expecting, is that evry one and each group all over the world keep the borders of our ancient cultural traditions and heritages. Now-Rooz is one of the most famous of them and no one could make it identical with any other ceremony, religious or national.

Good Thoughts, Good Words, Good Deeds.

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