

IRAN CONDOLES THE DEATH OF ALLAMA JA'FRI

The world known scholar philosopher and high ranking jurist of Islam Allama Sheikh Mohammed Taqi Ja'fari died on November 16, 1998 after a prolonged illness.



Prof. Taqi

Ja'fari was born in 1925 in Tabriz city. He completed his primary education at Madarsa-e-Etemad and secured first position in his class V examination. Since he belonged to a very poor family he could not continue his studies and started working at a place for providing necessary financial assistance to his family. He was keenly interested in pursuing his studies. His father accepted his request and took him to Talebia school for admission. While continuing his studies he had to work after school time in order to cope with his educational expenses.

After completing his secondary education at Talebia School, Allama Taqi Ja'fari went to Tehran and entered Madarsa-e-Marvi. Later he went to Qum to complete his education in theological sciences. In Qum he had to face intolerable financial hardship like starvation for days

together but he was never disappointed. He stayed in Qum for one year and left for Tabriz to attend to his ailing mother. But, the moment he reached Tabriz, his mother had already expired.

In 1948, Allama Taqi Ja'fari left for Najaf city

in Iraq and stayed there for more than 12 years. In Najaf, Allama Ja'fari got the opportunity of participating in the lectures of top ranking scholars and jurists of Islam like Ayatullah Sheikh Kazim Shirazi, Ayatullah Abul Qasim Khoi, Ayatullah Syed Mehmood Shahrodi, Ayatullah Syed Jamal Gulpaigani, Ayatullah Syed Abdul Haadi Shirazi, Ayatullah Meelani, Ayatullah Sheikh Sadra Qafqazi and Sheikh Murtaza Taleqaani.

During the last five years of his stay in Najaf city, Allama Ja'fari started teaching philosophy and jurisprudence. A number of prominent scholars of Islam like the martyred

Ayatullah Syed Baqir-us-Sadr, were his students.

Later, he came back to Tehran and started his research work. Allama Taqi Ja'fari was actively engaged in research projects till he breathed his last. He produced more than 50 authentic books and hundreds of articles on various topics related to Islam. Besides, he used to deliver lectures on various literary topics at Tehran University.

The leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatullah Syed Ali-e-Khamenei issued a condolence message on the sad demise of Allama Ja'fari wherein he described Allama Ja'fari's death as an irreparable loss to the academic and cultural society of Iran.

Recognising Allama Ja'fari's dedication to research activities Ayatullah Khamenei said that during the last 45 years of his works Allama Ja'fari presented valuable and authentic books to the world of knowledge and science which will serve as refer-



ence material for the coming generations of scholars interested in having deep and critical study of the Islamic sciences.