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Wahid eventually left Yazd and went to Bavanat and Estahbanat, at each place effecting a number of conversions. In late May 1850 he arrived in Neyriz (Niriz), where his father-in-law was imam of the Cenar-sukta quarter. Many of the inhabitants of Neyriz are reported to have come to Estahbanat to welcome him to Neyriz (Nabil, p. 476). Soon after his arrival in the latter city, however, his preaching of Babism in the Cenar-sukta mosque aroused opposition. The governor, Haji Zayn-al-ʿAbidin Khan, recruited 1,000 local militia to prevent him and his followers from carrying on their activities. As a result the town became divided, the governor and his forces occupying the bazar quarter and Wahid and the Babis the Cenar-sukta quarter and later the nearby fort of Kvaja. A dawn raid by the Babis routed the governor's forces, and further defeats caused him to withdraw to the village of Qotra. He then sent to Shiraz for reinforcements. Mirza Fazl-Allah Nasir-al-Molk, acting on behalf of Firuz Mirza Nosrat-al-Dawla, governor of Fars, sent three regiments of infantry, together with cavalry and artillery. These forces were also defeated, in a pitched battle that lasted eight hours (Momen, pp. 109-10; Nabil, pp. 481-88; Fasaʿi, I, pp. 304-05; tr. Busse, pp. 290-94).

In the end Zayn-al-ʿAbidin was forced to resort to a ruse. He sent to Wahid a Koran on which he had supposedly sworn to guarantee safe passage for him and his men. When they emerged from the fort, however, they were set upon and killed or captured. Wahid himself was captured and put to death on 18 Šaʿban 1266/6 June 1850 (Eʿteżad-al-Saltana, pp. 77-78; Nabil, pp. 488-95; Momen, pp. 110-11; Fasaʿi, I, p. 304; tr. Busse, p. 294). His head and those of some of his followers were sent to Shiraz (Momen, p. 111).

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