First Day of Ridván

The Festival of Ridván commemorates the 12 days when Bahá’u’lláh, the prophet-founder lived in a garden called Ridván in Baghdad, Iraq, where he declared that he was the Manifestation of God that the Bab had foretold. It takes place exactly 31 days after the celebration of the New Year (Naw-Ruz). Communities around the world celebrate their most holy festival: Ridván; it is a very joyous day.

First Day of Ridván is one of the nine holy days in the year where work is suspended.