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Let R be a Noetherian ring and M a finitely generated R-module. Examples due to A. Singh and M. Katzman show that the set of associated primes of a given local cohomology modules $H_I^i(M)$ may be infinite. However, it is not known whether the set of minimal associated primes of $H_I^i(M)$ is always finite, or equivalently, whether the support of $H_I^i(M)$ is always closed. We are able to answer this question affirmatively in some cases, in particular, in the case the ideal has cohomological dimension two. (Received August 24, 2009)