



Iranians in their largest gathering in Paris

CALL FOR DEMOCRATIC CHANGE IN IRAN



3,500 lawmakers including majority members of 23 parliaments support Iranian Resistance and the rights and protection of Camp Ashraf Residents



Solidarity with Iranian people's uprising and Ashraf residents



On June 26, Iranians from across the world gathered in Jean Bouin Stadium of Taverny, northern suburb of Paris, to express their support to the nationwide uprising in Iran and the 3,400 members of the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran residing in Camp Ashraf, Iraq. The 100,000 Iranians in the stadium voiced their full support for the proposed plan by Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, President-elect of the Iranian Resistance, for democratic change in Iran based on people and their resistance.

Mrs. Rajavi was the keynote speaker at the event. Hundreds of international personalities, including Ambassador John Bolton, former US Undersecretary of State and former Permanent US Representative to the United Nations, two former prime ministers, José Maria Aznar of Spain, and Sid Ahmed Ghazali of Algeria, joined more than 100 lawmakers from across Europe, the Middle East and Canada partaking in the event.



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Welcoming Maryam Rajavi to the gathering of Iranians

*Mayors of Val d'Oise Province
welcoming Mrs. Maryam Rajavi
to the gathering of Iranians at
the Jean Bouin Stadium (above).*

*Reporters trying to reach Mrs.
Rajavi (middle).*

*Crowd of Iranians warmly
receive Mrs. Rajavi (Below)*







“Iranian people demand that the clerical regime must go”

Excerpts of the address by Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, the President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran.

In their uprisings [over the past year], the Iranian people are saying that we do not want turbaned fascists; we do not want stoning, execution and limb amputation; we do not want forced veiling, compulsory religion and imposed rule; they are telling the mullahs to get lost from Iran.

Over the past year, the Iranian society expressed itself in the most eloquent manner, saying: now is the time for change.

[The regime’s Supreme Leader Ali] Khamenei failed both in containing the uprising and in mending the fissure at the top of his regime.

I ask the ruling mullahs: What option do you have other than stinging yourself like a scorpion when surrounded by fire?

To those who want to preserve this despicable regime but with a reformed appearance, we say you are wasting your time. It is impossible for this fragile dictatorship to remain in power. You can criticize the People’s Mojahedin Organization of Iran and the resistance movement as much as you like. But acknowledge the right to sovereignty for the Iranian people and reject the entirety of absolute clerical rule. This will be to your benefit and you will find us on your

We demand that;

- You stop the purchase of oil and gas from this regime right now.
- Khamenei, Ahmadinejad and other regime leaders be tried by an international tribunal for genocide, namely the massacre of 30,000 political prisoners in 1988.

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Owing to the uprising and the perseverance of Ashraf, the velayat-e faqih [absolute clerical rule] has reached a point where appeasement is no longer effective. The fourth round of UN Security Council sanctions has not left any room for the policy of appeasement.

We tell Western governments: For years, you engaged in futile negotiations with this regime. You bought time for it to complete its

The new Security Council resolution and complementary sanctions by the US and EU are necessary, but insufficient. We insist that you do not hesitate in implementing these provisions



As far as the Iranian people and Resistance are concerned, in addition to the Iraqi government, the US government and the United Nations would be responsible for any attack and bloodshed in Ashraf

nuclear installations. You helped those affiliated with the Revolutionary Guards to assume power in Iraq. You included the PMOI on the list of terrorist organizations and betrayed the Iranian people's resistance. You provided the regime with the windfall gains of such a policy. Ultimately, however, you reached a dead-end.

You saw for yourselves that this decadent regime lacks the slightest

flexibility or openness. So, it is incumbent upon you to reverse the wrong course you had taken.

Today, we are witnesses to the declaration of majorities in 23 parliaments and 3,500 parliamentarians in 44 countries in defense of Ashraf and the Iranian people's uprising.

In these declarations, representatives of more than a billion people around the world have rushed to welcome freedom and democracy in Iran.

It is incumbent upon you to acknowledge the right of the Iranian people and Resistance in demanding regime change, recognize the National Council of Resistance of Iran and shun this regime, its representatives, spokesmen, advocates and operatives

Regarding the mullahs' plots against Ashraf, I must emphasize that in accordance with international law, especially Article 45 of the Fourth Geneva Convention, the United States is considered to be responsible for the violation of the rights of Ashraf residents even after handing over security to the Iraqi government.





But, despite all [the regime's] conspiracies and threats [in Iraq], however, in the recent elections, the people of Iraq took a giant leap toward countering the Iranian regime and its proxies in their country. The new Iraqi government has yet to be formed. But, in any case, the regime's strategy in Iraq has suffered a serious defeat.

In the end, I pledge before you and the Iranian people:

- **For the revival of all the blood that was shed for Iran's freedom;**
- **For the creation of a new society, based on freedom, equality, democracy, respect for human rights and separation of religion and state;**
- **A society, based on gender equality, where women have equal and active participation in political leadership;**
- **An Iran, where Kurds, Baluchis and Arabs, as well as all those suffering from dual oppression, attain equal rights and freedoms;**
- **A country, where young people could expand their talents and creativity without suppression and restrictions and play a fitting role in running the affairs of their homeland; and**
- **A nuclear-free Iran that seeks peace and peaceful coexistence with its neighbors and diplomatic relations with all countries around the world.**



Alejo Vidal-Quadras, Vice President of the European Parliament, presenting majority support of EP members

“Democratic change by people of Iran and the resistance is the only solution. This change is represented by NCRI. This is the best and only way to victory”

I will never forget my visit to Ashraf in October 2008. I told you that Ashraf City is over all a moral standard and a reference, an example for the whole world. Ashraf City is a symbol of hope, of democracy, of freedom and justice, for the people of Iran and all the peoples on this planet. ... When I left Ashraf, I left my heart behind. Not only that, but also my bed, because I have a bed in Ashraf. I have a photograph of this bed with my name on it in my office in Brussels, and I look at it everyday so I don't forget Ashraf.

I promised to the people of Ashraf two things: First, that we would remove the PMOI from the blacklist of the European Union, and second, that their security will be ensured. Today, the PMOI has been removed from the EU blacklist, so half the promise is fulfilled, and we shall continue our efforts to guarantee the security of Ashraf.

Today, we are gathered here to say to the Iranian people that we are on your side. We support your struggle for democracy. We have come to express our appreciation to Mrs. Rajavi's leadership as the president-elect of the resistance. She is a true guide for all of us and she has spared no efforts for her people. The Iranian people have expressed their desire loud and clear, they want regime change. Europe can no longer justify the continuation of the policy of appeasement. Democratic change by the people of Iran and the resistance is the only solution. And this change is represented by the National Council of Resistance of Iran. This is the best and I dare say the only way to victory.

“Future of Ashraf Iran's future respect for

I am very glad to be here with all of you participating in this magnificent and very impressive meeting today in Paris with my Iranian friends who are fighting for freedom and democracy in their country. I support you. Thank you very much for your invitation.

The Iranian people deserve a government that is not based on brutal repression. They deserve a government that respects

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people's dignity and ensures their freedom and prosperity. The Iranian people deserve a different government. They need and deserve a change of regime in Iran.

Iranians are a great people. Over 30 years ago, Iran took a course that could not have been more catastrophic for its people, the region and the world. With the rise of the Ayatollah Khomeini [in 1979], the Islamic Republic of Iran became a brutalizing force within and a destabilizing one without. First, they wiped out values such as freedom, democracy and the dignity of each person, limits on power, equal opportunity, pluralism, criticism and dialogue, not to mention gender equality. It needs to be said loud and

Ashraf is tied to Iran and Iran is tied to freedom, human dignity”

*José Maria
Aznar, former
Prime Minister
of Spain*



clear that the Khomeini regime has been built on a mountain of Iranian blood. The problem is the nature of the current regime. On the outside, Iran became a revolutionary power whose exported fundamentalism to the world and the region as far as it could. And to that end, they did not hesitate to resort to terrorism or to create groups to defend their agenda wherever they deemed it necessary.

I don't think anyone in their right mind still has any doubts about the true intentions of ayatollahs regarding their nuclear program. The ayatollahs want

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the bomb and unless the international community takes effective actions to frustrate their goals and efforts they will end up getting it.

We have spent several years of diplomatic negotiations trying to persuade Iran to put its program on hold to no avail. And a nuclear bomb in the hands of someone like Ahmadinejad is a real danger. With a constant challenge to the international community, the Ahmadinejad regime is not only a threat to the country but also to the rest of the region. A nuclear Iran will only bring greater instability and become a greater threat to Europe. A few days ago, the United Nations once again brought a resolution condemning Iran. It was the fourth in the last three years. As well, US and EU have approved new sanctions. I don't know if each recommendation to members of the international community to intensify their pressure against the regime would bear the fruit that the previous resolutions were not able to provide. This will without a doubt turn up the heat on the Tehran regime and its more dangerous

elements such as the Revolutionary Guards. However, sanctions are aiming to force the regime to begin serious negotiations over its nuclear program with an eye to get them to suspend it. The sanctions, therefore, are not designed to put an end to the regime which is what we truly need. For me, stopping nuclear rise in Tehran is essential but not enough. We must bring a change of regime to Iran. The Iranian people have been showing that despite the repression this is what they want and in my view liberal democracies have an obligation to uphold freedom in those places where it does not exist and people seek it. Unfortunately, this has not been done during the last year and I perfectly understand many Iranians' possible feeling of frustration or abandonment. Despite the sanctions approved recently, the greatest power in the world seems sometimes more focused on trying to keep its opponents happy than on helping the forces of freedom. And, we Europeans, despite as well the sanctions recently approved, continue to prefer giving priority to our short term business interests over the political ideals we should be defending around the world. ... The Iranian people have suffered enough and they deserve something different, a better, secure life in freedom. Many have to look for this in places other than their homeland. Today's very impressive meeting is a good example. But, I do not want to end my address without remembering and giving some words of encouragement to all those who have not been able to find an environment like ours. I refer to all those refugees living in camps far from their homes and comforts, and

in particular to those who are living today, and have lived for many years, in Camp Ashraf near Baghdad. Created in 1986, a symbol of tenacity, the over 3,000 people who live there are now subjected to harassment by the Iraqi authorities, certainly not because they want to but because they have succumbed to pressure from the ayatollahs' regime. Therefore, let this be a call to the international community to put a stop to the policing that the Iranian regime wishes to inflict on its own people simply because they disagree with it. The future of Ashraf is tied to Iran and Iran's future is tied to freedom, respect for the person, equality, and human dignity. The end of Khomeini's regime is just around the corner. It's our duty to ensure that that corner gets closer and closer every day. While I personally will always support my Iranian friends, dissidents, opposition activists, and people like you that fight for freedom and democracy in Iran.

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Thank you very much and good luck.



Tom Tancredo, former US presidential candidate

“I am an Ashrafi”

Thank you very much. What an honor it is for me to be here today to celebrate with you. 47 years ago President Kennedy went to Berlin. This was the city that was under siege. They were trying to squeeze the life out of the people of Berlin. But President Kennedy told them that he was in fact that day a Berliner. Well, today, I and hundreds of thousands of people around the world can say “man Ashrafi hastam” [I am an Ashrafi].

Today, because of your efforts and efforts of people like my colleague Chairman Bob Filner of California over 220 members of Congress signed a resolution in support of Ashraf. We are here today to show our solidarity with the people of Ashraf and to celebrate the revolution. But, more needs to be done than just showing solidarity. The government of the United States must adopt a very firm policy vis-à-vis the regime in Iran and in support of the Iranian Resistance and the National Council of Resistance of Iran led by Mrs. Maryam Rajavi. As I've said before, Ahmadinejad and the regime in Tehran today have brought darkness over the land. But Maryam Rajavi has pierced the darkness. She is the light that pierces the darkness of Iran.

Ahmadinejad and Khamenei tell the people of Iran that their enemies are all outside, that their enemies are the US, Israel, and the West and you. But in reality the greatest threat to the people of Iran, to their liberty, to their freedom and prosperity is the government of Iran. Today we gather here in this beautiful day in Paris to celebrate the anniversary of the revolution and to show our solidarity with the people of Ashraf. But, God willing, in one year, we celebrate the same thing only in Tehran.

“We will not tolerate interfere

The US has a responsibility for the safety of presence inside Ashraf has to be continued

It's a great pleasure to be here today and to say thank you for the opportunity to address the free people of Iran. I would like you and all the people still inside Iran to know how many tens of millions of Americans believe that the policy of the United States government should be regime change in Iran.

What is important, I think, for the rest of the world to understand is how in the past several years in particular the regime has become increasingly a military dictatorship, and that this is an oppressive, and in fact fascist, regime that controls Iran today.

The repression that followed last year's fraudulent June 12 presidential election was an eye opener for many people in the West and certainly in the United States. And this is because not simply that the election itself was fraudulent and not simply because of the brutality of the Pasdaran and the Bassiji against the people of Iran, but because the entire sequence of events revealed just how basic are the flaws in the current regime and just how strong is the opposition of the people of Iran to the regime itself.

I found the US reaction to the repression after the June 12 election

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as very disappointing. I think that the administration did not want to speak the truth about what was going on inside Iran because it was still focused on the open hand that it had extended to the Iranian regime; an open hand for negotiations particularly over the nuclear weapons program. Now, I think, any one familiar with the regime had to know at the beginning that the open hand would be rejected and that there would be no negotiation over the nuclear program and certainly no negotiations over the freedom of the Iranian people. It remains to this day

a disappointment that the administration in Washington has not realized that yet.

But I do want to assure you that in the United States, among the people, in the Congress, in the media, and in academic circles, there is an increasing realization that the regime in Tehran is not a regime that we can negotiate with and that the open hand policy has failed. This meeting today is a signal both to the people still trapped inside Iran and the democratic countries all around the world that the people of Iran seek to have control over their own government and to participate in democratic elections.

I think that the US policy of regime change should be a very active policy. I think the first thing that we need to be clear on is that the United States will not stand in the way of legitimate opposition groups of Iranians who seek regime change in Iran.

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**John Bolton,
former US
Ambassador
to the United
Nations**



As all of you know, in many European countries, the designation of the MEK as a terrorist organization has been lifted. That has not happened in the United States yet. But there are many members of Congress who have pressed Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, to have the State Department reevaluate that designation which after all was first imposed in 1997 during the Clinton administration, many say as a favor to the regime in Tehran. That obviously has not produced anything in response. And I do think that it is incumbent on this administration to make it clear if it has evidence to bring it forward and if it does not have evidence to remove the designation.

US opposition to international terrorism is unwavering but it is an opposition that has to be based on facts and not ideology and that is what we need to see. In the short term I believe the United States has a responsibility for the safety of people at Camp Ashraf. At an absolute minimum, the US presence inside Ashraf has to be continued and perhaps expanded back to something like its previous level. I think the UN mission inside Ashraf has to be extended and I think we need to make it clear to the government of Iraq that we

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will not tolerate interference in the camp and certainly not the kind of assaults that have occurred on the inhabitants of the camp before. This is again something, I think, of a very high priority in the American Congress.

I think going beyond simply getting out of the way of legitimate democratic opposition to the regime in Tehran that the United States should be prepared to provide assistance to the opposition;

resources and information continuing and expanding, for example, the work of Radio Farda, and other ways to get information to the people still inside Iran. I think the utility of this kind of support has been demonstrated throughout history, such as Solidarity in Poland. Obviously we do not want to do anything that would give the regime the ability to say that the opposition was anything other than fully independent. But, I think our support and the support of other western democracies should go beyond the merely rhetorical. In recent weeks we have seen the UN Security Council impose the fourth set of sanctions against the regime because of its nuclear weapons program. Sanctions are useful to put pressure on the regime and will bring us closer to the day when the regime will fall and there will actually be a democratic Iran. But I do not think that the sanctions unfortunately will be enough to stop the regime's continued pursuit of nuclear weapons. And I worry very much that the Obama administration and

our western European friends believe that there is now nothing more that can be done to prevent the regime and the Revolutionary Guards from obtaining nuclear weapons. Their fallback position is that the mullahs and the Revolutionary Guard can be contained and deterred once they achieve a nuclear weapons capability. I think this is a huge mistake for the region and the world but mostly for the people of Iran. The fact is that once

this regime gets nuclear weapons it will be immeasurably strengthened and the power of Revolutionary Guards, already considerable, will be strengthened even further. This regime with nuclear weapons is not simply an external threat to its neighbors and stability in the region and the world as a whole, but an even greater threat to the people of Iran. It is the trump card for the regime to stay in power.

I think it is very significant here that the position of the democratic opposition is that it does not want an Iran with nuclear weapons. Commentators in the West are continuously telling us that opposition to the nuclear program helps bring the people of Iran into closer support for the regime in Tehran. We know that that is simply not true and I think it is very important that in Maryam Rajavi's platform for the future Iran it says in point 10 very explicitly, (let me quote it so that the media can hear it, this is Mrs. Rajavi's own platform), "We want the free Iran of tomorrow to be devoid of nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction." Mrs. Rajavi's position is exactly the right position, because an Iran with nuclear weapons will be a less secure Iran. This is why it is so important that we support the democratic opposition in Iran to see regime change at the earliest possible date. Now, some people in the West, although they do not like to put it this explicitly, basically do not think Iran is ready for democracy. I think they are flatly wrong. Iran is more than ready for democracy. This is something that we feel very deeply about in the United States.



Tom Tancredo, former US Congressman, presenting list of signatories to Mrs. Rajavi



Canadian delegation; Raymonde Folco, Robert Oliphant, David Kilgour, Paul Forseth, Rodriguez Pablo, Yasmin Ratansi and Alexandra Mendes



Danish support presented by Jens Christian Lund



Norwegian delegation; Morten Högglund, Karin S Wolseth and Tord Lien



Sari Essayah presenting Finnish support to Mrs. Rajavi



Lennart Friden, presenting the Swedish MPs support



Birgitta Jonsdottir and Margaret Tryggvadottir presented the support of MPs from Iceland



Parliamentary delegates from 20 countries join in solidarity with Mrs. Rajavi. The signing ceremony was held in the presence of the Iranian ambassador to the European Parliament. The signatories are members of national parliaments from 20 countries.

3,500 lawmakers from Europe and the Middle East support the Iranian people and demand the rights of Camp Ashraf residents

Majority members of parliament from 180 countries and 100 Senates are among the signatories.

Iran

Millions of Iranians are demanding freedom and democracy. They are protesting and arrested thousands and are prosecuting some of the officials. We reiterate that since the organized and legitimate opposition to the regime in Iran still exists, any support for or relations with the regime that involves the execution under Islamic penal law. In order to stop the regime, we must eliminate its 3,400 opponents in Camp Ashraf. The regime's goal is "the principle of absolute clerical rule" the goal being the elimination of the opposition.

We support opposition leader Mrs Maryam Rajavi and the Iranian people and resistance and urge the United Nations Security Council to take urgent action for the release of political prisoners. Continued relations with Iran must be based on human rights. The United Nations must protect Ashraf residents, and stop the use of violence or forcible displacement in Iraq.

Above statement signed by 180 members of Parliamentary Assembly of Europe



Jordanian delegation led by Nariman Al Roussan, MP, presented the Jordanian Parliament majority support



with Mrs. Maryam Rajavi on the stage to present documents
signed documents are displayed on the stand in front.

Europe, North America and the Iran Resistance and defend the rights and call for their protection

in 20 countries and three
of the signatories



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The attack last July left 11 killed and 500 injured.
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f Council of Europe. Lawmakder in other countries signed similar texts

Dennis de Jong
presented
Dutch
Parliament and
Senat majority
supports to
Mrs. Rajavi



UK delegation from left; Lord
Magginis, David Amess MP,
Christine McCafferty MP, Lord
Cotter, Lord Clarke, Mark
Williams MP, Lord King and
Kerry Pollard MP



Jean-Pierre Brard, French MP



Italian delegation; Alessandro
Pagano, Carlo Ciciolli,
Elisabetta Zamparutti and
Massimo Romagnoli



German delegation; Stefanie
Schultze, Gabriele Hiller, Hille
Gosejacob-Rolf and Frank
Hammer



Spanish delegation from left;
Jordi Xucla and Gustavo de
Aristegui



Jean Chaeles Rielle presenting
Swiss support to Mrs. Rajavi



Giuseppe Maria Morganti
presenting San Marino's
parliamentary support to Mrs.
Rajavi



Speeches

The following are excerpts from speeches at the rally



Henri Leclerc

Lawyer, Honorary President of the French Human Rights League

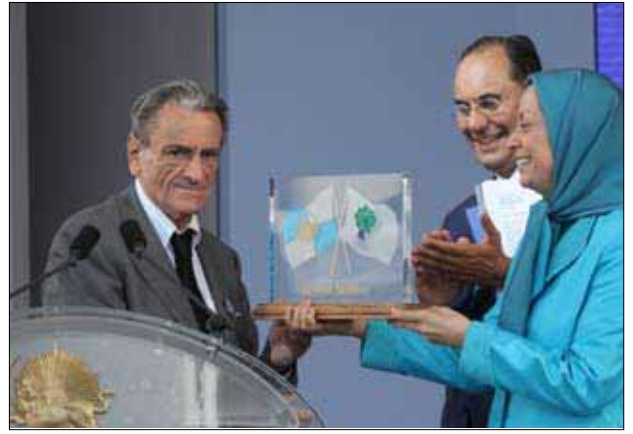
As a French citizen I am outraged because for years I saw this French government bend to the Iranian regime too often. We see what happens today, with the people of Iran being tortured and suppressed. We see the resistance activists in Ashraf threatened in intolerable and unacceptable conditions. So the world must make a decision to defend the activists in Ashraf. We must defend them because they are freedom fighters. The flame of resistance inside Iran must not be extinguished. In our human rights declaration in 1789 (French revolution), our forefathers wrote that there must be freedom, brotherhood and safety, but there was another right that we forget too often. The world must now refer to this right, and that right is resistance.



Jean-Pierre Brard

French MP

On behalf of the French Parliamentary Committee for a secular and democratic Iran, we are here today to declare the support of a majority of members of the French National Assembly, and to back your fight for democracy and secularism in Iran. As you said, Madam President, the merchants of religion who rule Iran in the name of Islam, are themselves the worst enemies of Iran and we may add, the worst enemies of humanity as a whole. The best way to combat religious fascism, the best way to show solidarity with the Iranian people is to support those who have solemnly decided to fight the mullahs' regime. It is to provide strong support for the NCRI, which you lead, Mrs. Rajavi. Specifically, the meaning of opposing the mullahs is to protect the 3,400 residents of Ashraf.



Mayor of Taverny offering Maryam Rajavi a plaque engraved with flags of Taverny municipality and Ashraf, as a symbol of solidarity with the struggle against the religious fascism ruling Iran.

Maurice Boscavert

Mayor of Taverny

Let us chant "Azadi"

I would like here to express my sympathy for the Iranian families, especially those of Ashraf, who have been mourning because of the suppressive deeds of the Revolutionary Guards. For all those who fight the mullahs, for all those who sacrifice their lives for the establishment of democracy in Iran, let us chant, "Azadi" [Freedom].



Jean-Pierre Béquet

Mayor of Auvers sur Olse

The Iranian people need freedom, democracy, and secularism. Yes, the Iranian people want to get rid of barbarism, and we are here to support them, to acknowledge the reality of this barbarism and declare that it has to end.

Ashraf residents are our friends. They are suffering and risking their lives. They risk being faced with genocide because the mullahs are prepared to carry out such crimes. It is only the passive resistance of the residents and our support that can prevent this genocide. So, hail to all our friends in Ashraf.



Nariman Al Roussan

Jordanian MP

All freedom-loving people are on your side

My sisters and brothers in Ashraf !

Greetings from an Arab sister who admires you, greetings from Jordan, a country which was once your host, and supported you in your struggle to obtain glorious victory with the help of God; Greetings wrapped in the aroma carried by the winds from Palestine over our countries; The aroma of Palestine which inspires sacrifice in us; and you are part of this message.

My sisters and brothers, I always prefer to infuse the words of poets in my remarks. I would like to tell you, "O brother, the oppressors have surpassed all boundaries; and, resistance and sacrifice are righteous." And this is a struggle that you lead and God willing you will obtain victory under the leadership of the East's Jewel and the symbol of pride, Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, a woman who in her struggle and carrying the message of this great people has become an idol.

480,000 inhabitants of Iraq's Diyala Province called for an end to inhumane siege of Ashraf

UN to assume protection of Ashraf residents and US to guarantee that no violence and forcible displacement is used against them

Government of Iraq to recognize the legal status of Ashraf residents based on European Parliament Resolution, Council of Europe Declaration, and statements by Parliament Majorities in 20 countries across the globe

Concurrent with departure of U.S. forces from Camp Ashraf and on the verge of formation of new Government of Iraq, in light of growing threats by the Iranian regime against members of the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI), 480 thousand people of Diyala province from various sectors, by signing 439 letters and 443 statements and sending them to international organizations, urged the United States President and the UN Secretary- General to take immediate measures to prevent recurrence of military attack and human catastrophe in Ashraf.

Among the signatories are 1071 tribal Sheikhs and Sheikhs' councils, 41 different social and humanitarian organizations and syndicates, 2165 lawyers and jurists, 6872 physicians, engineers and university professors and staff, 48 members of City Councils and heads of governmental offices from Diyala province.



Sid Ahmed Ghozali

Former Prime Minister of Algeria



Support by 100 Egyptian MPs and residents of Iraq's Diyala

I am looking at two resolutions specifically related to Ashraf. Madam President, you embody the Iranian Resistance here among us and you have said many times that Ashraf is the highest symbol of the Iranian Resistance. Ashraf is in danger since the mullahs' regime has put its hands on Iraq. These two resolutions emanating from the General Secretary of National Council of Tribes in Diyala province, where Camp Ashraf is located. The second resolution is from 100 Egyptian MPs.

The resolution presented by the political and intellectual elites of the Diyala province and signed by 480,000 citizens in the sole Iraqi province of Diyala, is directed to all leaders to raise for the umpteenth time the alarm on the situation and threats to Ashraf. Among the 480,000 signatories, there are more than 7,000 lawyers and 6,000 university professors and intellectuals. This resolution as the one which emanates from the Egyptian parliament underlines the responsibilities: "it is the United States government which has disarmed Ashraf residents. It is the US government which has guaranteed the protection of the inhabitants of Ashraf City. Now that the U.S. military leaves, this does not diminish the responsibility of the US Government. The UN and the Iraqi government are responsible too."

Iran with this regime is a country where one is condemned to death and which executes its citizens simply because they have demonstrated in the streets. Iran is the country where in 1988, in three months, on a single order of Khomeini, 30,000 members of the Iranian Resistance were executed.

That is why Mrs. Rajavi has repeatedly outlined that the solution of the problem in Iran is neither war nor appeasement, it is in supporting resistance so that this regime leaves Iran.

MESSAGES OF SOLIDARITY WITH ASHRAF AND RALLY IN PARIS



Lord Corbett
of Castle Vale,
Chair of the
Parliamentary
Committee for
Iran Freedom

Salam Ashraf

If you listen carefully, you can hear the gathering storm over Iran as those millions of people in that country cry freedom. They want change. This gathering will send a message to those countries, including my own, who have tried for seven years to get the mullahs to tell the truth about their nuclear weapons development program. It has got nowhere. That is why now a powerful message must go out from this gathering to the people of Iran that the answer to Iran's quest for freedom and human rights and democracy lies in your hands. You don't stand alone. The international community must say that we stand with Ashraf because it is a beacon of hope. We are with you, you do not stand alone, we are going to win.



Lord Archer of
Sandwell QC,
former Solicitor
General

We support people of Iran and Ashraf

In the great gathering of Paris people from all over the world will come together to consider how they can best support the people of Iran and their struggle, the people of Ashraf in the dangers which they are facing and all those who are working for a new and different Iran, those who want to bring Iran into the community of nations. We believe that this conference will demonstrate that the whole world now wants to see an end to the regime of the mullahs and a new beginning for Iran. All my colleagues from the British Parliament attending the gathering want to carry a message that we support the people of Iran in their struggle and the people of Ashraf in their danger.



Lord Waddinton
QC, former Home
Secretary

On with the good work, support people of Iran and Ashraf

The World may at last be waking up to the threat to world peace which is posed by the Iranian regime, but perhaps fewer are not aware of the abuse of human rights within Iran and the threat which is posed to the people from Iran at present in Camp Ashraf, and we must not forget the people in Camp Ashraf, under siege by representatives of Iraqi government and under threat of attack inspired by the Iranian regime, so today I send you a very simple message; on with the good work, supporting the people of Iran as they work for freedom and democracy in that country, yes let us all support those in Camp Ashraf and wish them all good fortune, my good wishes to all of you.



Lord Cotter

US must maintain a presence at Ashraf

I have come here to express my support for the residents of Camp Ashraf. In order to prevent a massacre of the residents by Iraqi forces loyal to the Iranian regime, UN peacekeeping forces must take over responsibility for their protection. The US, which had signed an agreement with the residents to guarantee their protection, must maintain a presence at the camp so that it can guarantee that no further harm will come to them and that their rights will be respected.



Mark Williams MP

We should support Iranians seeking change

I would like to congratulate you all for your powerful collective support for the brave residents of Camp Ashraf and for the resilient people of Iran. Western leaders are finally grasping that this regime has reached the final phase of its life cycle. We should be supporting Iranians who want democratic change. I will work with other colleagues in Parliament to gain international protection and support for the Resistance members at Camp Ashraf.



Lord Maginnis of
Drumglass

Ashraf is a symbol of hope

A majority of backbench MPs and over 150 members of the House of Lords in the UK are calling on the Iraqi Government to respect international law, International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law in its treatment of Camp Ashraf residents. I would, as a matter of urgency, want to see the United Nations forces in Iraq take over protection of Ashraf in order to prevent another horrendous attack on the camp similar to the deadly raid of last July.



Lord Clarke of Hampstead,
former Chairman of UK
Labour Party

Ashraf is a symbol of hope

We have committed ourselves to pressing the United Nations to urgently provide protection for the PMOI members in Camp Ashraf to ensure that the regime fails in its plots to annihilate them. We firmly believe that Ashraf is a symbol of hope for the Iranian people who gain courage in their battle against the regime from the bravery and commitment of the residents.



Lord King of West
Bromwich

Support Maryam Rajavi for democratic change

We, in the British Parliament, support your call for comprehensive sanctions on the clerical dictatorship. We are pressing our government and the European Union to provide political support to the Iranian people and their organised Resistance, led by Mrs. Rajavi, to bring about democratic change.



David Amess MP

We demand removal of blockade on Camp Ashraf

A majority of back-bench MPs in UK signed a statement in support of democratic change in Iran and demanding international protection for the PMOI in Camp Ashraf. The statement, which I co-sponsored, urged the United Nations to assume protection of Ashraf, and for the U.S. to guarantee that protection. We condemn unlawful threats by Iraq to close Ashraf and expel its residents.



Struan Stevenson, MEP
Chair of Friends of a Free
Iran Inter Group at the
European Parliament

International community must intervene to prevent humanitarian catastrophe in Ashraf

It was notable that speaker after speaker at the rally outlined their support for the courageous residents of Camp Ashraf. It is outrageous that the US military has abandoned these unarmed men and women to their fate after promising to protect them. The international community must now intervene without delay before another humanitarian catastrophe occurs. We are closely monitoring all developments at Ashraf and will not tolerate a repeat of the murderous attacks which occurred in July 2009. We will hold to account any Iraqi officials, no matter how senior, who connive with the Iranian regime to intervene violently in Ashraf.

It is a deeply moving experience for me to witness daily the courage of the Iranian people who risk torture and execution by continuing to demonstrate and protest on the streets, one year after the fraudulent re-election of Ahmadinejad. We in the international community stand shoulder to shoulder with you and the residents of Ashraf in your struggle against the evil fascist regime in Tehran. Good will always prevail over evil and the resistance will assuredly be victorious. The regime is teetering on the edge of extinction and united we can give it the final push to oblivion.



Paulo Casaca, former Member of the
European Parliament from Portugal

No one can stop Iranians from achieving their freedom

On June 26, under severe hot sun, a sea of people invaded the stadium of Taverny and painted it in lilac. A massive pro-democracy rally indeed, as Bill Clinton described it. Seven years passed since the day President Chirac decided to give a hand to the Iranian authorities and to order the assault on the headquarters of the nationwide organised opposition, the National Council of Resistance of Iran.

The clerics in Iran and their agents under their endless denominations thought they had finally reached the ultimate solution and the Iranians would see no alternatives but to submit to the theocratic rule. A Canadian public-opinion maker came recently to public denouncing the Iranian intelligence for offering a large sum of money for him to call the main opposition organisation of Iran "a terrorist cult". But, regrettably, the honesty of this opinion maker is not followed by everyone. The massive campaign made in the media, judicial and political establishments against the Iranian opposition and all of those who supported it was made to justify the ruthless persecution of Iranians and stop their resistance. They all underestimated the resilience of the Iranians and their will to live freely and in peace with themselves and with the world, and the Iranians living abroad, as the Iranians from within did before, they came and shouted Azadi, they were accompanied by a host of top-class international politicians, and their gesture saluted by many more. Nothing and no-one can stop the Iranian people from overthrowing the clerical dictatorship and establishing a free and democratic society.

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Raymonde Folco
Member of Canadian Parliament

Call on US and UN to protect Ashraf

Hello to all the people in Ashraf and to all the Iranians fighting for freedom.

I want you to know, all of you that we are standing with you we are standing on your side.

More than the majority of Canadian parliamentarians have signed letters, that we have send to our prime minister asking the United Nations and the Government of the United States to come and help and to send a special force to protect Ashraf. Particularly we are hoping that the next elections in Iran will be a free and a democratic elections where the United Nations will be there to make sure that everything is done in the just way, in a fair way and Iran will come a secular, democratic, just republic. Courage! You have a lot of courage. Keep fighting you'll get there.



From left; Raymonde Folco, Yasmin Ratansi, Alexandra Mendes, Pablo Rodriguez and Robert Oliphant

Yasmin Ratansi
Member of Canadian Parliament

Ashraf is close to our heart

I have been supporter of Madam Rajavi for the six years that I have been in the Parliament. The camp Ashraf issue has been close to our heart and we I was able to get the Canadian parliament majority signatures to a lot of effort and I would like to see that the people of camp Ashraf return to peace and security in Iran and I like to see a democratic free Iran.

Robert Oliphant
Member of Canadian Parliament

Solidarity with Ashraf

This event is for solidarity with people who stand for freedom, for democracy in Iran, and to stand in solidarity with those who are in Camp Ashraf and continue to be vigilant and stand against suppression, stand for human rights and for democratic freedom and I wish all those who fight for freedom, fight for democracy, fight for religious tolerance, and for understanding for compassion to be strengthened today by this event



Paul Forseth
Former member of Canadian Parliament

We are with you

As a Canadian Parliamentarian want to encourage the people in Ashraf and the people of Iran to not give up, the world is watching, and we are with you, and we say this year in Paris and maybe next year in Iran.



David Kilgour
Former Secretary of State

Very concerned about Ashraf

Canadians have utmost respect for the people of Iran. We are able to distinguish the seventy million Iranian people from may be one of the worst governments on the face of the earth. We do understand that and if Iran became a democracy it would be prosperous, it wouldn't be what has to be people living below the poverty line and Iran will be a major country in the world and that is what we all want, rule of law and democracy for Iran with open and free elections. I am very concerned about people in Ashraf because of the fact that on July 1st, the United States observer soldiers are going to move themselves from Ashraf and UNAMI is going to do the same thing because it is unsafe for them. If it is unsafe for those two, certainly it is unsafe for the people in Ashraf. We are all trying to get the United States not to withdraw its observers on July 1st and UNAMI not to withdraw on July 1st. That is what many people are working very hard to do.

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Carlo Ciccioi,
*Member of Italian Parliament
and chair of the Parliamentary
Committee of Parliamentarians
and Citizens for a Free Iran*

Important step toward change

The gathering in Paris organized by the Iranian Resistance this year, is an important step toward change in Iran.

Taverny Stadium filled with 100,000 expatriates attended by delegates from parliaments across the world has a special meaning. The rebellion cry of Neda [Agha Soltan] that led to her death and the death of many of her mates from Tehran University point to the fact that the downfall of the regime is imminent. The Ayatollahs' regime, after 31 years in power, is now at its lowest point. According to reports, freedom of Iran is just around the corner. The free city of Ashraf is the new outpost of Iran whose residents are an example of courage, persistence and commitment to build the new nation.



From left; Hon. Alessandro Pagano, Hon. Carlo Ciccioi, Hon. Elisabetta Zamparutti and Hon. Massimo Romagnoli

**Elisabetta Zamparutti, Member of Italian parliament
Co-chair of the parliamentary committee of
Parliamentarians and Citizens for a Free Iran**

Iranian regime, a threat for international security

The time has come for the West to realize that if Iran has today become a threat for international security the reason for this is that it has for some time now been a threat for the security of its citizens and has severely violated their human and civil rights in an unprecedented way. The clerical regime must be overthrown.

Mauro Marino

*Member of Italian
senate*

The right path to democracy

I am confident that what your movement is trying to achieve is on the right path leading to democracy in Iran.

I personally find it my duty to express my gratitude to you, Mrs. Rajavi, for your parallel activities for struggle and for peace. I find this very much close to my own experience.



Alessandro Pagano
*Vice Chair of Italian Parliament's
Committee on Budget*

For world peace, clerical rule must be overthrown

Defending the truth is a precious value, but, today there are more reasons for it. It is quite obvious that international sanctions are not in fact sufficient as they (mullahs) have a habit of imposing their rule by violence and have no respect for law. We have to do something. West must move fast. Drawing the attention of international public opinion into supporting the Iranian Resistance means peace and freedom for the whole world.



**Gustavo de
Aristegui**

*Member
of Spanish
Parliament's
Foreign
Affairs
Commission*



Solidarity of the majority

I want to express my full solidarity with every single one of the Iranian people that feel in their heart and democracy as a need. I want to tell them the vast majority of the Spanish people support the cause of freedom and democracy in Iran that we totally condemn and reject oppression, repression and the bloodshed of innocent Iranians by this bloodthirsty regime.

Jordi Xuclà

*Member
of Spanish
Parliament
and Council
of Europe*



Future of democracy in Iran

The Iranian resistance and opposition is the future of democracy and the respect for human rights. We will not only speak about the general situation of human rights in Iran, but we will put the focus especially on Ashraf residents and the city and the conditions of life of these people. We will work especially in relevance for the well being of the Ashraf residents.

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Kent Olsson

Member of Swedish Parliament

Petition for a free Iran

I want to congratulate you all, that we in the Swedish Parliament had a majority of all the parliamentarians, 180 of the 349, who signed a petition for a free Iran and also for better conditions for the people who are living in Camp Ashraf now. I think we have the same situation in around 18 other parliaments in Europe. To the people in Ashraf I want to say that we are aware of your situation and what you have done for democracy we are thinking of you and hoping that you get a better situation.



Henrik S. Järrel

Former member of Swedish Parliament

High time to help Ashraf

I think it's very high time to start helping the democratic process even in Iran and to keep those people, who are living in Camp Ashraf. I am one of those, thousands and thousands parliamentarians and ex parliamentarians who work with this goals.



Göran Thingwall

Member of Swedish Parliament

We support people of Iran and Ashraf

I support your task for getting a free Iran, and especially I think you are very brave, you people, who are fighting in Camp Ashraf and being a model for freedom and I hope you finally will succeed and find democracy in Iran. I wish you all luck in the future. Thank you.



Lars Arne Staxäng,

Member of Swedish Parliament

Continue your struggle

We in the Swedish Parliament are very sensitive and clear about human rights principles whether it happens in Iran or in Camp Ashraf in Iraq. We think the regime in Iran has gone far too long, both with its nuclear ambitions and with human rights abuses. We admire all of you in Iran who stand up for the freedom of your country. Continue your struggle for a free Iran we are with you all the way.



Mats Gerdau

Member of Swedish Parliament

We Support your struggle for freedom and democracy

I and a lot of my colleagues in the Swedish Parliament, do support your struggle for freedom and democracy in your country. The Swedish Parliament will always stand beside those who want freedom and democracy and oppose dictatorship and tyranny.



Leif Pettersson

Member of Swedish Parliament

Ashraf, urgency at UN level

I have been very worried over last year's incidents how these defenseless people at Camp Ashraf were brutally beaten. I definitely think both issues of Iran's human rights situation and what happened at Ashraf are something beyond any norms or standards and should therefore be dealt with urgently at UN level. Iran must see the consequences of these brutalities at international level.



We support Iranians fighting for freedom

Two thirds of the Estonian parliament signed a declaration supporting the Iranians who are fighting for freedom, democracy and human rights and much better way of life.

Its so sad that in 21 century that still are regime who are torture and kill their own citizens. That is the reason that I'm here today to tell you that Estonia and huge number of people in the world are supporting your fight for a better life for human rights, for democracy and freedom. I hope in one year I can stand in Tehran and talk with you and you will have freedom.

Silver Meikar
Member of the Estonian Parliament



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Otto Bernhardt
Member of board of
Konrad Adenauer
Foundation



Leo Dautzenberg
Member of board of
Christian Democratic
Party in German
Bundestag



**Hermann Josef
Scharf**
Member of
parliament

Ashraf can be assured of our solidarity

The large gathering in Paris once again demonstrates to the Iranian people that they have many friends in Europe and other parts of the world. The Iranian people's call for freedom cannot be suppressed forever. The dictatorship in Iran is coming to its end.

I want Americans to pay attention to the fact that Ashraf residents have suffered a lot from inhuman treatments during the past years. I ask the Ashraf residents to resist, and to be assured of solidarity by the people and especially the German people and the large gathering in Paris also will show that all Europe is informed of Ashraf problem. We do all that is in our capacity so that this unbearable situation will end as soon as possible.

Largest gathering calling for a free and democratic Iran

I would like to send my greetings to Madam President Maryam Rajavi and participants at the gathering in Paris. I wish Mrs. Rajavi, the focus of this event, and other participants the best of luck. 200 of my colleagues at the Bundestag support the Paris gathering, which is the largest gathering calling for a free and democratic Iran.

My best wishes for these people and before all else the women and men in Ashraf City in Iraq, in circumstances where American forces are leaving Iraq and there are more threats and fears. It is a duty for the United Nations to guarantee the necessary protection for them. The lives of these people must not be threatened.

Sharing the victory with Ashraf

Today we stand at last in front of you with pride and joy for our success. The Federal Office for the Protection of the German Constitution (BfV) has finally removed the NCRI and the PMOI from its annual reports in which they were unjustly included for years. Now we can strengthen cooperation with them openly and focused for a free Iran, and to the effect that the federal government supports the Iranian opposition in Germany and it is committed to work for a free Iran with its allies, particularly in the EU and USA. Mrs. Rajavi, we ask that you also to share this message with our sisters and brothers in Ashraf who are currently once again in a very difficult situation.



From left; Professor Stefani Schultze, Deputy Dean of Neubrandenburg University, Dr. Gabriele Hiller, Member of parliament in Berlin, and Frank Hammer, former member of parliament expressed their full support

Hille Gosejacob

Director of German
Committee for a Free
Iran

Going after the real terrorists in Iran

We Germans are very proud that we had a big victory in Germany recently when PMOI was removed from German interior ministry black list. We have to tell to the German government that PMOI is removed from the black list you have to go for the real terrorists who are in Tehran. We are very happy to be here with you today and we hope that the Americans will not abandon Ashraf.



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Jens Christian Lund
Member of Danish Parliament

People of Ashraf, we protect you

First of all I would like to tell people in Camp Ashraf that we protect them. We support them. And we hope that they would stay in Camp Ashraf until they can leave for a free and democratic Iran. But until then, they must stay in Camp Ashraf and work for democracy in Iran.

I would like also to say something to people in Iran: The people must tell the government that they want them to withdraw and we could have a democratic Iran.



Morten Hoglund
Member of Norwegian Parliament, Foreign Affairs Committee

Making a difference

This is really an important event at a very good time, last year there were elections that proved clearly that the regime in Iran is not for democracy but a true dictatorship, and they showed support for the Iranian Resistance and for freedom in Iran. As we have seen today it is remarkable and important representatives from many countries coming to give their support and there are so many local and international supporters and this is really going to make a difference, and its going to gather a great attention.



Jean Huss
Member of Parliament of Luxembourg and Council of Europe

Ashraf, a shining example

I am here to express my full support for all people in Iran.

I also want to express my full sympathy for the people in Camp Ashraf who are under inhuman pressures and threats. I call upon governments all around the world, on the United States and member states of the United Nations to protect the lives and rights of all those who live in Camp Ashraf, because I believe they are shining examples of the Iranian people's noble fight for democracy and freedom.



Margrét Tryggvadóttir
Member of Parliament of Iceland

The world supports your battle

The majority of our parliament supports your battle. We are for human rights, we are for liberation of woman, and your freedom, freedom of speech and religion. A lot of people all over the world support your battle.

Birgitta Jonsdottir
Member of Parliament of Iceland

Very inspiring gathering

I have been following very closely the revolution in Iran and the protests as a result of the elections we were shocked like the most people that what is going on and still going on.

It is a fine gathering today. It is extremely important for those who want change in Iran and who want to be the voice of democracy. I am very inspired to see so many parliamentarians from all over the world as well as many Iranians here today.



Margrét Tryggvadóttir (Left), Birgitta Jonsdottir (right), members of Parliament of Iceland



Marian Harkin, Irish Member of the European Parliament



Message of hope and strength

It was such an inspiring afternoon, to hear all of the speakers and of course Madam Rajavi at the end, and she really inspired me.

We are trying to send a message to the people of Iran, a message of hope and strength to the people of Iran from the rest of the world.

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Prof. Henk De Haan

Former chair of the Dutch Parliament Foreign Affairs Committee

We demand removal of blockade on Ashraf

I have three points to raise:

- As the US forces leaving Camp Ashraf, it is vitally important that the UN would fill their place. We must insist on hoisting the UN flag over Camp Ashraf and food and medical attention must be provided to its residents;

- My colleagues in the Dutch Parliament and Senat have endorsed the resolution proposed by Dutch Friends of a Free Iran that I chair. The resolution underlines the important role of the UN in guaranteeing security for our friends in Ashraf;

- As I have repeatedly raised in the past, dialogue with the clerical regime in any form must be stopped. I support decisive measures against the terror regime such as economic and cultural sanctions.

Dr. Robert Roosenboom



Freedom will come soon

I will give my utmost help to make the message known for the people who are oppressed in your country. And of course as a religious person I am very much concerned about the state of many Christians in your country. This is the seventh time that I am attending your meetings, it is once every year in June, supporting, as far as I can and as best as I can, your movement, and also in the parliament in region, I hope that freedom will come soon to your people.



Sari Essayah

Member of the European Parliament from Finland

Our heart and our mind is with Ashraf

Me and many of my colleagues both in Finland and the European parliament are deeply worried about what is going to happen in Camp Ashraf and what is actually happening there. Our heart and our mind and our support and our thoughts are with you in Ashraf and we just want to call on the international community to pay attention to what is actually happening there.



Kimmo Sasi

Member of Finnish Parliament, former minister

Chairman of Finnish Parliamentarians' Group for Human Rights in Iran

US forces must protect Ashraf

We know that people in Camp Ashraf City are protected persons under international law. I think also this is the responsibility of the US forces to continue their protection of Ashraf until the situation is improved.

Human rights and rule of law are very essential in Finland. I believe this is the main reason for our initiative to gather signatures of a majority of the MPs in Finnish Parliament in support of the Iranian opposition which is fighting with this very brutal regime that does not respect any kind of basic human rights.



Egidijus Vareikis

Member of the Lithuanian Parliament, Foreign Affairs Committee

Freedom will come soon

It has been for ten years that I am a member of the European and Foreign Affairs Committee. I am also a member of the Council of Europe. In the Council of Europe as you know, a lot of people already know what is going on in Iran and that's why they're interested in that and all supporting you. In Lithuania, we are freedom lovers and we understand you. This is the beginning of your road to freedom.

Vytautas Landsbergis

MEP and Former President of Lithuania



We are on the right way

I have been a member of the European parliament for the past 10 years. I am working for the Foreign Affairs Committee.

With rallies, we are at the beginning of real way to freedom. We are thinking of a revolution. I saw lots of signs of revolution also here.

I think we are on the right way. We are freedom lovers and we understand you.

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No one can stop Iranians from achieving their freedom

I am one of many attorneys and even more, an army of people of conscience that are concerned with the residents of Camp Ashraf.

We are concerned out of the sense of morality, obligation and humanity. These are individuals who have strived for nothing more than freedom and now facing extreme penalty. They have been deprived not only of their place of residents, but also deportation. Deportation to a country which awaits them with the hangmen's noose and firing squad.

We do not have to be an international lawyer to know that this violates every basic item of the humanitarian law.

We are here today in solidarity to make sure, in advance, that this terrible calamity does not occur.



Malcolm Fowler,
Law Society International Human Rights Committee member

“You are not alone”

I would like to tell you that my professional body, the Law Society, back on the 5th of August last year intervened about the atrocities, the outrage in Camp Ashraf and it had a very important impact for the good. I told the Law Society's governing body, its council of 100 people that I was coming here today to support in every way I could the struggle concerning Camp Ashraf and the struggle towards a free Iran and I come here with their blessing and greetings to you all. A colleague on the council, after I was finished speaking and I sat down shook me warmly by the hand. I want you to know that hand was extended across the English Channel here to Paris and onwards to Camp Ashraf and then onwards still further into Iran. We are with you. You are not alone. You are supported by all right-thinking people and all right-thinking lawyers.



Sheikh Teysir al-Tamimi,
Palestinian Chief Justice

No one can stop Iranians from achieving their freedom

Greetings to the residents of Ashraf.

We are gathered in Paris in solidarity with you. Your cause is just and you should hold on to it as the world is with you. This gathering that is attended by parliamentarians from across the world is planned to force the removal of the siege imposed on you and provide you with international protection. God willing, you will triumph and overcome injustice.

I should also like to assure the people of Iran that you will achieve freedom and everything you wish for. You have made huge sacrifices for your goals and you will succeed in establishing freedom and independence in your country that is one of the most important Islamic countries. Victory is yours.

Mullahs have no idea how to deal with unrest

Elizabeth Sidney, women's rights activist

I want to thank the NCRI for putting up this splendid occasion. It was good to see this support for the change badly needed in Iran. The Iranian mullahs appear to have no idea how to deal with social unrest except to execute people and the death toll is just dreadful. I am particularly concerned about the welfare of women. It seems to me that it is a mixture of misogyny, sadism and lunacy. It is absolutely lunatic to treat half of your population the way they do. So, I am not surprised that you have got enormous support today and it is splendid to be with you.



International community supports Ashraf

Chritian Aziz, journalist

The meeting today has demonstrated that the international community supports you all in Ashraf and supports those in Iran who want to see freedom and democracy. The courage and leadership of women in Ashraf hopefully will inspire a new Iran in which women will be given a place in their society, and to build a new society and a strong Iran.

Ashraf is very much a symbol of those new freedoms and it is absolutely vital that the members of the camp are protected and their courage is valued. It is up to the international community to do that.

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Dear Residents of Ashraf,

Following the deadly attacks last year against Ashraf, I supported the stand, of among others the Archbishop of Canterbury, in condemning the attack on Iranian dissident refugees in Camp Ashraf.

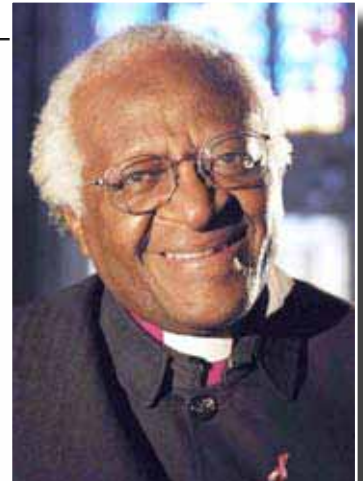
I extend my support to the majority resolution 704 in the US House of Representative which calls upon President Obama "to take all necessary and appropriate steps to support the commitments of the United States under international law and treaty obligations to ensure the physical security and protection of Camp Ashraf residents against inhumane treatment and involuntary deportation by Iraqi security forces." The security of Ashraf residents needs to be guaranteed by the US forces in Iraq.

Based on international law and Geneva Conventions the residents of Ashraf are civilian "protected persons". Therefore, the restrictions and unlawful blockade imposed on them by the government of Iraq must be lifted immediately. As the UN Secretary-General stated in his report of May 19, 2010, to the UNSC, the residents should have "unhindered access to goods and services of a humanitarian nature", and they must be "protected from arbitrary mass displacement or forced repatriation against their will in violation of the universally accepted principle of non-refoulement."

I also wish success for the large rally of the Iranian democratic opposition in exile this month in Paris which is to support the rights of the Ashraf residents and to support the movement of the Iranian people for democracy and freedom that has been going on unabated since last year despite a severe crackdown and issuing death sentences for the relatives of Ashraf residents and others inside Iran.

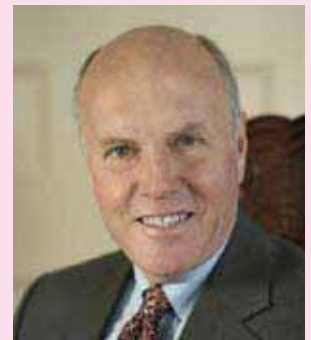
God bless you

Archbishop Emeritus Desmond M. Tutu



Special greetings from Archbishop Tutu

I have spoken to the people of Iran and the people of Ashraf in the past. I am just very moved to be here today outside of Paris for a wonderful rally for the democracy and freedom of the people of Iran and in support of the people in Ashraf. I also represent the Archbishop retired of Cape Town, Desmond Tutu, who won the Nobel peace price in 1984. He joined me in sending special greetings to all of you. He is a passionate follower of the people's struggle in Iran and of Ashraf, and he is a great champion for human rights. We hope that a year from now, we will get together, maybe not here, maybe in some other places, where we will celebrate the freedom of the people of Ashraf and be one step closer to the freedom of the people of Iran. May god bless you.



The Very Reverend Dr. David B. Lowry Director of the Center of Peace and Reconciliation at the Desmond Tutu Center

Thousands of Iranian Government Opponents Hold Rally Outside Paris

The New York Times

TAVERNY, France — At least 30,000 opponents to the Iranian government gathered on Saturday in a stadium in this quiet town outside Paris to support the National Council of Resistance to Iran in a large rally coming a year after disputed elections in Iran.

At the rally, Alejo Vidal-Quadras Roca, a vice president of the European Parliament, delivered a declaration of support to the council signed, he said, by a majority of European legislators.

The council has also provided intelligence on the Iranian nuclear program from sympathizers inside the country, some of which has proved to be both accurate and important. Mr. [John] Bolton appealed to Washington to remove the council from its terrorism list, which some suggest was done as a gesture to Iran's former president, Mohammad Khatami, seen by Washington as a reformer.

[Mrs. Maryam Rajavi] called for mobilization of resistance inside and outside of Iran, saying: "No to turbaned fascism, no to stoning, to executions and amputations, no to the obligatory veil, to obligatory religion, to imposed government." Supporters shouted, "Azadi," or liberty. She called on governments to stop buying oil and gas from Iran, welcomed sanctions resolutions passed by the United States Congress and said that Iranian leaders should be tried for crimes against the Iranian people.

Mr. Aznar said: "I support your fight for liberty and democracy. The Iranian people have suffered enough. They demand and deserve a better government, which respects the dignity of people and assures fundamental liberties."

Mr. Bolton said that "the Iranian regime has become a military dictatorship, fascist and repressive. But the repression that followed the fraudulent elections of 2009 has shown to what point the regime is criminal and the opposition powerful.

100,000 Iranian exiles demonstrate against Tehran leadership

Deutsche Welle (Germany) - June 26, 2010

PARIS: Tens of thousands of Iranians exile from across the world demonstrated near the French capital for democratic change in their homeland.



According to the umbrella organization of exiled Iranians, the French-based National Council of Resistance of Iran, about 100,000 people gathered for the rally in Taverny. The President-elect of the Council, Maryam Rajavi, called for building a new society in their country based on freedom, equality, and human rights. The guest speakers were former Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar and former U.S. representative to the United Nations, John Bolton.

Diplomatic coup for Iranian opposition at Paris rally

TAVERNY, June 26, 2010

The People's Mujahedeen of Iran drew tens of thousands of opponents to Iran's clerical regime to its rally outside of Paris on Saturday, including prominent Western political heavyweights.

The presence of former US ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton and former Spanish prime minister Jose Maria Aznar represented a major diplomatic success for the People's Mujahedeen of Iran (PMOI), which the United States still considers a terrorist organisation.

The PMOI advocates the overthrow of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and is a major organisation of the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI), the political umbrella of exiled Iranian opposition groups.

NCRI president Maryam Radjavi called for democracy in Iran and an end to Islamic rule.

"The Iranian people will continue to resist until the dictatorship is overthrown," she told the crowd at the event in a northern suburb of Paris. Bolton, Washington's UN ambassador from 2005 to 2006, called for the PMOI to be removed from the US terror watchlist, and criticised the crackdown that followed last year's contested elections in Iran. "Iran is more than ready for democracy," he said.



Anti-Iranian regime rally draws thousands to Paris

June 26, 2010 - A rally organised by an Iranian exile group on the outskirts of Paris has drawn thousands of supporters from across Europe.



The National Council of Resistance of Iran says this was the biggest ever meeting of Iranians outside Iran, but there has been no independent estimate of numbers.

Leader Maryam Rajavi called for the "creation of a new society, based on freedom and democracy".

"We think that sanctions are good but they are not enough. The policy in Iran should rely on bringing about change by the Iranian people, and resistance. This is the message we would like to send to the Iranian community." said Shahin Gobadi of the NCRI.

Prominent political personalities included the Spanish former Prime Minister, Jose Maria Aznar, who said sanctions against Tehran were not enough: "The international community lost a very important opportunity a year ago when they did not give strong support to the those fighting on the streets in different cities. And now we continue, we approve sanctions and I consider this is not enough."

Campaigners also paid their respects to those who died in post-election violence in Iran last year.



Thousands of demonstrators rally outside Paris to back Iranian exile group

TAVERNY, France (Associated Press) - June 26, 2010 - Thousands of supporters of an Iranian exile group are rallying north of Paris in protest of the Iranian regime.

The event was organized by the National Council of Resistance of Iran. Leader Maryam Rajavi urged the “creation of a new society, based on freedom, equality, democracy, respect for human rights and separation of religion and state.”

The event Saturday in the suburb of Taverny drew former Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar and John Bolton, who served as Washington’s ambassador to the U.N.

The France-based umbrella group includes the People’s Mujahedeen Organization of Iran, which was removed from the European Union’s list of banned terrorist groups last year. The group is also lobbying the U.S. to stop classifying it as a terrorist group.



Iranians applaud Maryam Rajavi, National Council of Resistance of Iran at a rally in Taverny, a northern suburb of Paris, Saturday, June 26, 2010. The demonstrators are pressing for regime change in Iran

Thousands Protest Iranian Regime



CBS, June 26, 2010 - Several tens of thousands of mainly Iranian opposition supporters turned out to protest against the country’s current government and call for more democracy and freedom of speech.

John Bolton, former American Ambassador to the U.N. told Reuters that more was required to stop Iran obtaining nuclear weapons.

“I don’t think sanctions will prevent this regime from obtaining nuclear weapons. I think sanctions can help contribute to a day when the regime falls, we need much more than sanctions,” He said after his speech.

What was clear was that the event had drawn ordinary supporters from all over Europe.

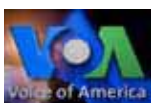
Thousands of Iranian opponents voice support for democratic change in Iran



Alhurra TV, June 27, 2010 – Thousands of Iranian dissidents expressed support for democratic change in Iran. The opponents participated in a large protest in Taverny 20 km away from the French capital

Paris. Maryam Rajavi, the President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, which has the People’s Mojahedin Organization of Iran, as one of its most important members, was also present at the event. Participants sported lavender clothes and carried pictures of dozens of people who had lost their lives in Iran.

Thousands of NCRI supporters protest against the Iranian regime



Voice of America TV, June 27, 2010 - Thousands of supporters of the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI) staged a gathering near Paris to protest the Iranian regime.

Shahin Ghobadi, an NCRI official, said, “This is the largest gathering of Iranians outside Iran and its message to the international community is that the solution to the Iranian issue is democratic change by the Iranian people and the resistance movement. It is time for the international community to adopt a much more firm policy towards the regime.”

Jyllands-Posten, Danish daily, July 3, 2010:

100,000 Iranian exiles protest against clerical regime in Paris



Thousands of Iranian opposition supporters gather in Paris



Al-Arabyia TV (Saudi Arabia), June 26, 2010 – Tens of thousands of Iranian opposition supporters gathered in

Paris today to protest the current Iranian regime and call for respect for human rights and freedom of speech. Speakers said sanctions against Iran were insufficient.

Exiled Iranian resistance in Paris against the Mullahs

Frankfurter Rundschau

Frankfurter Rundschau (German daily) June 28, 2010: Taverny - It is a gathering that would not be possible in Tehran but has been made possible in Taverny: Tens of thousands of dissidents of the Iranian regime flooded to this small town last weekend. They have come from all over the world to gather in the northwestern suburb of Paris to express their rage toward the mullahs.

The chants of "Azadi, Azadi" (freedom) fill the streets. Buses move at a snail's pace, parting the large crowds. Young people who over the past year participated in an inconclusive uprising now let out their sentiment.

Amir, a 26 year old pizza maker from Britain, wants to show the world that, "We are the alternative to the mullahs." Sahar Sanai, 24 and a graduate of education from Frankfurt, has come "to remind everyone that there is a huge exiled community yearning for a free Iran."

Shahin, a 22 year old student, who has come to Taverny from Paris by train, asks somewhat frustrated, "Why are we, an organization that seeks a secular and democratic government, not supported more by the West?"

He is referring to the organizers of the gathering: The People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran and its political wing the National Council of Resistance of Iran...

The indisputable leader of the NCRI is Maryam Rajavi. Her face, which resembles Madonna, shines on balloons, placards and pins. Her supporters have left nothing to chance. The massive Taverny gathering moves to its climax quickly, bringing Rajavi onto the scene.

Doves are released into the sky. And, sounds of drums, big and small, start to reverberate. Thousands chant, "Bia, Bia," ["come on, come on"], sarcastically inviting and challenging the mullahs to take on the power of the audience. Eventually, Rajavi appears as she is welcomed by loud cheers and sounds of horns. She promises democratic change in Iran and the downfall of turbaned fascists. She also honors the memory of martyrs who have lost their lives in the struggle for freedom.

Amir believes that there is no other way but that "struggle and organization be part of the resistance against the mullahs."...

With a twinkle in his eyes, Amir heads toward the exit, saying, "Everyone witnessed that the most influential exiled opposition group is the NCRI."

"There can be nothing done without us," he adds.

Iranian exiles demand tougher sanctions on Tehran



REUTERS

National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI) leader Maryam Rajavi waves during a rally near Paris June 26, 2010. The Iranian exile group, backed by international politicians, said on Saturday that much stiffer sanctions would have to be imposed on Tehran if world powers hoped to curtail Iran's nuclear programme.

PARIS (Reuters) – Thousands supporters of the French-based National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI) filled a makeshift stadium just north of Paris to denounce Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and demand more pressure be brought to bear on Tehran.

John Bolton, a former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, and former Spanish Prime Ministers Jose Maria Aznar, joined more than 100 lawmakers from across Europe, the Middle East and North America to voice their opposition to Ahmadinejad.

"The international community lost a very important opportunity a year ago when they did not give strong support to the freedom fighters in the Iranian streets," Aznar said, referring to protests that followed Ahmadinejad's 2009 election.

The NCRI has followers across Europe and the United States and was the first group to expose Iran's covert nuclear program in 2002. It claims to have huge backing within Iran although analysts say its support is very hard to gauge. NCRI leader Maryam Rajavi told the rally that to change ideas in Tehran, the world had to get rid of the current rulers. "We demand that all restrictions that have been imposed on the Iranian Resistance in Europe and the United States be lifted," she said.

Maryam Rajavi at huge PMOI gathering in Paris:

No to compulsory religion and imposed rule in Iran



Al-Watan (Kuwaiti daily) – June 26 - Thousands of opponents of the Iranian regime gathered in Taverny north of Paris on Saturday afternoon calling for true democratic change in Iran. Maryam Rajavi, the

President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, said, "No to turbaned fascism, no to stoning, to executions and amputations, no to the obligatory veil, to obligatory religion, to imposed government." Rajavi also said, "Sanctions are necessary but not enough. The Iranian people demand regime change and want the officials of this regime to be tried in an international tribunal."

Gathering and diplomatic success for the PMOI

Tribune de Geneve, June 26, 2010 – On Saturday, the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran brought together tens of thousands of Iranian regime dissidents near Paris, and scored a diplomatic victory with the presence of figures such as the former US ambassador to the UN, John Bolton.

Maryam Rajavi, said, "The Iranian people will continue its resistance until the downfall of dictatorship. They will continue resistance much like the people of France and other European countries against Hitler. The only solution to the Iranian crisis is the third option: Not war, not appeasement, but democratic change by the people and the Iranian Resistance."

She was speaking to a sea of supporters holding lavender umbrellas and chanting "Azadi, Azadi," or Freedom! Freedom! Dozens of parliamentarians from all over Europe participated in the event. Former Spanish Prime Minister, Jose Maria Aznar, said, "I support your struggle for freedom and democracy."

The presence of John Bolton, which met loud cheers from the audience, at a time when the PMOI remains on the US terror list engendered a deeper meaning. The former diplomat called on his government to remove the PMOI from the terror list, saying, "The Iranian regime has become a suppressive and fascist military dictatorship."

50,000 opponents of Ahmadinejad in Paris



Al-Ahram (Egyptian daily) June 26, 2010 – The exiled Iranian opposition yesterday held a large gathering of more than 50,000 people in Taverny near Paris in solidarity with people inside Iran and in support of Iranian refugees in Camp Ashraf in Iraq. The gathering was described as the largest of its kind, and was backed by the In Search of Justice Committee, which is comprised of 2,000 European parliamentarians and is chaired by Alejo Vidal Quadras, the European Parliament's Vice President.

The largest exiled Iranian gathering in the past 30 years in Paris



Al-Dastour (Jordanian daily) June 26, 2010 - Paris witnessed the largest gathering of exiled Iranians in the past 30 years. The participants

emphasized support of the Iranian Resistance and democratic change in their country as well as solidarity with the residents of Camp Ashraf north of Iraq.

A large number of youths who have left the country after the protests attended the gathering. According to Shahin Ghobadi, these youths who were wanted by the security agencies in Iran after the December 27 protests of Ashura, have been forced to flee the country. Ghobadi added that delegations from countries whose parliaments have supported the Iranian Resistance's platform for democratic change also attended the gathering.

With regards to Camp Ashraf in Iraq, Ghobadi said that participants expressed solidarity with the residents of Ashraf, where 3,400 members of PMOI are "under continuous pressures by the Iranian regime and the Iraqi government which does the bidding of the Iranian regime in this regard. Many of the residents' relatives in Iran were detained during the recent protests and some of them have been sentenced to execution by the regime's courts."

A nightmare for Tehran

FRANCE3 TV, June 26, 2010

A nightmare for Tehran. These thousands of people show that repression has not weakened the Iranian Resistance's determination. Their leader Maryam Rajavi pays tribute with a bunch of flowers to tens of thousands of Mojahedin murdered thirty years ago by the Khomeini regime. Then came exile and struggle. Again and again.

Dr. Saleh Rajavi, NCRI's representative in France: The Iranian Resistance must be officially recognized and politically helped by the European countries. Especially today, since all the things the Iranian Resistance said has been proven by the Iranian people's uprising.

A long struggle against the regime in Tehran but also against the Western powers. The People's Mojahedin of Iran has in fact been removed last year from the European list of terrorist organizations. Now, 3,500 Parliamentarians from Europe and North America support them, and many personalities and human rights associations as well.

Jose Maria Aznar, former Spanish Prime Minister: I defend freedom, I defend democracy, in the same way that I want democracy to Spain or freedom for Spain, I also want democracy for the peoples of the world.

Maryam Rajavi requested again more firmness against the Iranian regime and more support for her organization that advocates democratic change by the Iranians themselves.

Maryam Rajavi, president-elect of the Iranian Resistance: I'm sure now Khamenei is very worried, he is afraid, and Ahmadinejad, too. The Iranian people and insurged people are very happy with this rally.

After thirty years of ups and downs, thirty years of struggle, the Iran's Mojahedin are still dreaming of returning to their country

Huge gathering of PMOI supporters

March 14th website (Lebanon) – June 26, 2010 - Dozens of European parliamentarians from various countries attended a gathering of thousands of Iranian exiles in Paris. The gathering received more significance by the presence of John Bolton, former US ambassador to the UN, and Jose Maria Aznar, former Spanish prime minister. Bolton called on the US to remove the PMOI from the list of terrorist organizations following EU's example in 2009.

MULLAHS REACT TO PARIS GATHERING

Following the gathering of 100,000 Iranians in Paris on June 26 in support of the Iranian Resistance and in solidarity with nationwide uprising and Camp Ashraf residents, the clerical regime's officials and media reacted by threats in various ways to compensate for the damage. The following are some examples:

Regime agents call for putting PMOI leaders on trial

The Iranian regime's agents on June 28 gathered in front of the French embassy in Tehran.

According to the state-run Mehr news agency, the clerical regime's agents denounced "western governments' support for the terrorist grouplet Monafeqin," using their derogatory term to refer to the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI/MEK). In their statement, the agents of the world's foremost state sponsor of terrorism, asked, "Would giving freedom to such a terrorist and frightening organization not pose a serious threat to humankind?"

They also issued a thinly veiled threat, saying, "Have you thought about the consequences of such support [to the PMOI]?"

PMOI extradition and trial on mullahs' agenda

A member of the Iranian regime's Majlis (Parliament) has called for the extradition and trial of the PMOI.

Kosari, who is the deputy chairman of the National Security and Foreign Policy Committee in Majlis, asked, "What is the

meaning of the West's silence in the face of the PMOI's crimes? These crimes have trumped those committed by Hitler."

According to Alborz News, Kosari stressed on Monday that the diplomatic apparatus of the regime must pursue the extradition of PMOI members, saying, "The members of this grouplet must be returned to Iran in order to be held accountable for their actions in accordance with the law."

Kosari also referred to the regime's attempts to annihilate Camp Ashraf, 3,400 PMOI members reside in Iraq, adding, "A number of families have come to us asking to visit Camp Ashraf to ask the members to come back to Iran. The national security committee will follow up on this issue with our diplomatic organs."

"Extradition of the PMOI must be voiced in all international meetings"

The Chairman of the Defense Committee of Majlis said on June 28 that the regime must use every opportunity and international meeting to request the extradition of members of the PMOI, according to the state-run Mehr news agency.

He emphasized the importance of intensifying efforts to extradite and put on trial PMOI members, saying,

"The Islamic establishment has always pursued the extradition of the PMOI and has made various efforts in this regard." He added, "The US and the West have always used human rights as leverage against other nations."

"Iran must in all circumstances, including at international human rights conferences, use every opportunity to request the extradition of the terrorist grouplet PMOI," he concluded

The PMOI must be extradited, says former IRGC commander

Former commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) joined a host of other regime officials to call for the extradition of the PMOI members to be put on trial.

According to the state-run Mehr news agency on June 28, Hossein Alai said, "Just as the United States put the war on al Qaeda on its agenda, the Islamic Republic of Iran must also pursue the extradition of the PMOI to the country more seriously than in the past, to the extent that all ministries, organizations, institutions and organs must be involved in this process in accordance with their respective authorities."

PMOI has engaged in soft war with regime, Supreme Leader representative says

The representative of the clerical regime's Supreme Leader at the Shahid Foundation said in a meeting attended by the mullahs' President, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, that PMOI "is now engaged in a soft war with the same goals as before, but much more dangerous and sophisticated, to attack the foundations of the ruling establishment."

Rahimian added that "Soft warfare is much more threatening than a war with weapons, and the nature of the PMOI should be exposed... In soft warfare, the priority is knowledge and information among the people. This is a war which is waged in the name of Islam against the Imam [Khomeini] and Islam itself."





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Members of Jordanian, Italian, and Palestinian delegation



Members of delegates from Canada, Iceland and Estonia join together



Dignitaries from Palestine, Iraq and Jordan with NCRI representative in France



Delegates from Belgium, UK, Jordan, Luxembourg, Italy, the Netherlands and the US



Delegates from Germany, European Parliament and Canada

