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*107th Mayor of  
New York City*

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*Former US  
Ambassador to UN,  
Assistance Secretary  
of State*

The only solution to problem posed by regime in Tehran is to overthrow the regime... The US and others should support the opposition



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*President-elect of the  
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US Court of Appeals ruling:

### **Decision by US Secretary of State to maintain the PMOI on FTO list violated due process and lacked sufficient evidence**

The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia issued its judgment on July 16, describing the decision in refusing to remove the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI) from the list of Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTO), as lacking sufficient evidence, violating the due process and unlawful. It remanded the case to the Secretary of State and instructed her to review her decision according to the procedures specified by the court.

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# Thousands demonstrate against Ahmadinejad in New York

Thousands of Iranian-Americans rallied in New York on September 23 to protest the presence of the Iranian regime's President at the UN. The demonstration across from the UN was addressed by **Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, President-elect of the Iranian Resistance**, via a video feed from her residence near Paris.

Among other prominent speakers at the rally were **Rudolph Giuliani, former mayor of New York City, John Bolton, former US ambassador to the UN**, dignitaries from the British and Canadian parliaments, distinguished political personalities and religious leaders from the US, representatives of the Iranian-American communities, university professors, renowned Iranian athletes and relatives of Camp Ashraf residents. The protest marked the most significant rally against the mullahs' President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in recent years. Iranian-Americans participating in the protest voiced anger over the presence of Ahmadinejad at the UN, saying that he is not the representative of the Iranian people and that the seat of Iran should be turned over to the Iranian people and Resistance instead.

In her remarks, Mrs. Rajavi praised the participants, saying they echo the voice of protestors in Iran and 3,400 dissidents residing in Camp Ashraf, Iraq.

Protestors chanted "No to Ahmadinejad; Yes to Rajavi," and "Ahmadinejad, out of the UN" as they waved posters of Mrs. Rajavi and placards denouncing Ahmadinejad's visit.

Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani gave a rousing speech, occasionally interrupted by loud cheers from Iranian-Americans.

"All of you are here today to cry out for the world to stand with you and your brothers and sisters who are oppressed by the brutal regime in Iran," Giuliani said.

He also called for the revocation of the PMOI's designation in the United States, telling the demonstrators, "It is time here in America to right a wrong."

John Bolton, former US ambassador to the UN and former Deputy Secretary of State, also spoke at the event, criticizing the 1997 decision to blacklist the PMOI



*Representatives of families of Ashraf residents*



*Representatives of Iranian-American communities presenting their declaration*

in the US. He decried the mullahs' regime as illegitimate and despotic and said the only long term solution is to overthrow the regime.

Other speakers at the rally included David Amess, Conservative Member of the British Parliament; David Kilgour, former Canadian MP, Co-Chair of the Canadian Friends of a Democratic Iran and a nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize; Raymonde Folco, Canadian MP; Professor Raymond Tanter, Chairman of the Iran Policy Committee and a former member of the US National Security Council; and The Very Rev. Dr. David Lowry, Director of the Center of Peace and Reconciliation at the Desmond Tutu Center.

A number of other political and religious figures as well as leaders of the Iranian-American communities from various states, including renowned former Iranian wrestling champion Moslem Eskandar Filabi, also spoke at the gathering.

# “People of Iran are willing to fight for freedom, the US should strongly stand with them”

Rudolph Giuliani, 107th Mayor of New York

The following are excerpts from Rudy Giuliani's speech at the rally:

For too long the world has acquiesced in a regime in Iran that through mass murder, violence and intimidation has denied basic rights of your brothers and sisters and friends and relatives and has been a consistent supporter of terrorism and of terrorist organizations beyond its borders.

If the United Nations, wants to reclaim its lofty goal of protecting human rights; which is a goal that has alluded it for many years, then it must stand with you against the regime in Iran, against the brutalization that goes on in Iran, and against the supporting of terrorism.

It is time here in America to right a wrong that has been done to you and your cause out of a misguided notion that the violent and tyrannical regime of Iran could be mollified. It is about time that we change the listing of the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI/MEK) as a terrorist organization.



**Prof. Raymond Tanter**  
Chairman of Iran Policy Committee,  
former member of the US National Security Council

A core of the Iranian opposition is in Camp Ashraf. Tehran infiltrates intelligence agents who stand at the gates and encourage Baghdad to withhold medical supplies from the Ashraf residents. This will not stand... To avoid problematic military strikes and prevent a nuclear armed Iran, the alternative solution that really has not been tried is to lift the unwarranted terror tag against the People's Mojahedin of Iran.

I've studied terrorism for much longer that I'd like to admit. For over 35 years. I have investigated terrorism, and I've seen firsthand, in my city, the devastation that terrorism can bring about. This is not a terrorist organization. This is an organization dedicated to achieving freedom and dignity for its people.

It is time for the rest of our Congress to join 83 members - Democrats and Republicans - who have supported House Resolution 1431 which calls for the lifting of this unjust, unfair and inaccurate designation. It has been lifted by the British government; it has been lifted by the European Union; it should be lifted by

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the United States Congress and President Obama should support it as a defender of freedom.

You and your cause are truly the best hope for Iran. Your goals are our goals, they are the goals of all decent people; You want to guarantee equal rights for men and women; you want to see freedom of religion and speech and press; freedom of assembly in Iran, You want an Iran that does not threaten the existence of other nations; and you want an Iran that is under no circumstances a nuclear power.

It is your members and associates who have consistently drawn open the secret curtain that Iran tries to draw on its plans to develop nuclear weapons. It is your members who have risked their lives and lost their lives revealing the plans and steps of Ahmadinejad and the regime to acquire nuclear weapons.

Without your brave investigations and revelations, America and the world would still be laboring under the inaccurate information that was contained in the National Intelligence Estimate of 2007 that said Iran had appeared to abandon its plans to build nuclear weapons. Your



members, your associates, revealed that to be incorrect, inaccurate, and dangerously wrong.

We must confront tyrants, oppressors, bullies and terrorists as early as possible.

Acquiescence only leads to increasing loss of human life and human liberty. For too long the world has stood still as the people of Iran, particularly those of you

desiring freedom, have been oppressed, imprisoned and slaughtered by a regime that has no right to exist.

It's time to make common cause with you in your noble quest. Your people, the people of Iran, are willing to fight for freedom; you are willing to speak out against horrible atrocities to human dignity. And when they do, this country, America, should strongly stand with them, and speak out for them.

I hope and I pray that you and I will go to Iran together; I hope we can have a celebration of freedom for the people of Iran because a celebration of freedom for Iran will be the celebration of freedom for all of us.

But that day is not going to come about by begging Ahmadinejad to negotiate. It is not going to come about from weakness. Bullies thrive from weakness. Tyrants are encouraged by weakness. They know only one thing: Strength. They must be confronted with America's strength, not America's weakness. America, the world, all of us must make it plain that under no set of circumstances will Ahmadinejad be allowed to have nuclear weapons.

## “The only solution to problem posed by regime in Tehran is to overthrow the regime”



**John Bolton**  
*former US Ambassador to the United Nations and Assistant Secretary of State*

Iran today is essentially a military dictatorship with theological overtones and I think they revealed their fundamental mentality very clearly in the wake of last year's fraudulent presidential election when efforts at peaceful protest were turned into an occasion for brutality and even murder by a government that is

determined to use force to keep itself in power.

The question that confronts the United States and other democracies around the world is what should our policy be with respect to the regime of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad? The government in Tehran today is the world's central banker of international terrorism.

It seems to me completely unambiguous that the only long term solution to the problem posed by the regime in Tehran is to overthrow the regime, and sooner rather than later.

This policy of the United States is certainly in the best interest of our country, because of the threat posed by Ahmadinejad and his regime and their pursuit of nuclear weapons and support for international terrorism. But it is also very much in the best interest of the people of Iran and all the countries in the neighborhood. The fact is that the overwhelming majority of the Iranian people would change the regime if they were able to.

... The evidence is overwhelming that during the Clinton administration the MEK [People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran] was put on the terrorist list because it was thought to be a way to open dialogue between the United States and Iran. That is an illegitimate basis to make a decision about any organization; and we have seen in recent years that opinion within the US government has tended towards delisting the MEK, but at the end of the Bush administration Secretary [of State Condoleezza] Rice decided not to do that for essentially the same reason that the Clinton administration put the group on the list to begin with, to open channels of communication with Iran... No good American believes that people should be discriminated against, particularly not to open a channel of communication with Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

We have seen in this country Iranian-Americans who have made enormous contributions to our society, demonstrating their continued opposition, that they are concerned for the people in camp Ashraf. Family members of Iranian-Americans are very much at risk from the efforts by the government in Tehran and its allies inside Iraq. We are entering an extraordinarily dangerous period in the region, whether there can be a stable government in Iraq, whether we can succeed against Taliban and Al-Qaida in Afghanistan, whether there can be peace between Israel and the nations of the Middle East. All of this has made enormously more difficult by the government in Tehran, and that is why, for the good of the people of Iran and all the people of the Middle East, whatever their faith or nationality, for the good of the United States in particular, and for international peace and security as whole, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and his regime need to be overthrown.

**The Very Rev. Dr. David Lowry**  
*Director of Center of Peace and Reconciliation at Desmond Tutu Center*



President Obama and Secretary of State Clinton!

Remove the PMOI from the terrorist watch list, and allow the people of Ashraf to live in peace and freedom. It is their right.

Members of the United States House of Representatives, religious leaders, and Senators in addition to 18 Nobel laureates, including my dear friend and colleague The Most Reverend Desmond Tutu, have subscribed their support for the human, civil and religious rights of the people of Iran and for the resolution of the situation at Camp Ashraf.

**Hon. David Kilgour**

*Co-chair of Canadian Friends of a Democratic Iran*



Iranian dissidents in Camp Ashraf who seek democratic change in Iran must be protected and the UN must have a lasting presence there to prevent further attack on them. The PMOI/MEK must be removed from terrorist lists in the U.S. and Canada. In short, Ahmedinejad should be indicted by the International Criminal Court for his crimes against humanity.

**Hon. Raymonde Folco**  
*Member of Canadian Parliament*



The men and women in Ashraf, who are protected by international laws, have been under severe pressures and siege for the past 20 months. Terminally ill patients have been denied access to adequate medical care and to their own families. Mullahs' intelligence agents have engaged in the psychological torture of the residents. To the men and women of Ashraf, let it be known that we stand by you, we respect your sacrifices and we support you.

# “Set up a special tribunal to try leaders of the regime for crimes against humanity”

Maryam Rajavi, *President-elect of the Iranian Resistance*

We must at the outset tell the mullahs that by sending Khamenei's loathed puppet to the UN, you cannot put a lid on the demands of the Iranian people for the overthrow of the ruling theocracy. The regime's Supreme Leader, Ali Khamenei, has failed to contain the fatal schism at the top of the regime and his position within the regime and society has been undermined even further.

We also want to say a few words to those who have allowed this murderous henchman to address the General Assembly. We tell you that this unjustifiable decision is an undeniable testament to your disregard for the violations of human rights in Iran. We say, now that you are closing your eyes to the pain and suffering of the Iranian people, at least avoid tarnishing the dignity and honor of the United Nations.

I would also like to address the United States, especially decision makers at the State Department.

We ask them that after three decades of pursuing a conciliatory policy towards Tehran, what have you accomplished? What have you gained from dozens of rounds of overt and covert talks with the regime in the past 30 years under six US presidents? What was the result of the policy of conciliation with Khamenei and Ahmadinejad over the past two years, other than emboldening

the regime?

Three-and-a-half months after the adoption of the most recent UN Security Council sanctions resolution, the mullahs are still pressing ahead with their extensive efforts to obtain nuclear weapons. The latest report by the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Iranian Resistance's revelations last month have left no excuses for more delays and conciliation.

The only solution for the Iranian crisis is democratic change by the Iranian people and their organized Resistance. Thus, sanctions can only be effective when coupled with removing the barriers placed on the path of change in Iran.

But the most significant obstacle to change and the greatest gift to the religious fascism ruling Iran has been the terrorist label placed on the main Iranian opposition group, the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI).

Now, the US Federal Court of Appeals has provided a great opportunity to rectify this error. The Court's judgment indicates that the State Department has violated US laws by denying the PMOI the right to due process. The judgment casts doubt on the evidence relied upon by the State



Department to designate the PMOI.

For this reason, the removal of the terror label against the PMOI would not only benefit the Iranian people, but it would also favor law and justice in the US and serve as a cause for peace and security across the world. This is a great opportunity for the United States to stand with the Iranian people.

Ashraf has been under siege for the past 20 months. But more than ever before, it is teaching perseverance to those who have risen up against the regime. As Masoud said, it is the Iranian nation's great asset in its struggle for liberty against the regime of Velayat-e Faqih (absolute clerical rule).

In the name of the Iranian people and Resistance, I hereby declare to the UN General Assembly, the Security Council and all UN member states to:

1. **Condemn the Iranian regime for crimes such as stoning, torture of prisoners and execution under the pretext of Mohareb (Enemy of God) and as the worst violator of human rights in the world today. Set up a special tribunal to bring to trial the leaders of this regime for crimes against humanity, including the execution of 30,000 political prisoners;**
2. **Expel the representatives of the clerical regime from the United Nations. Iran's seat at the UN belongs to the Iranian Resistance, which, in the current circumstances, represents the Iranian people; and**
3. **Assume your responsibilities in protecting the PMOI in Camp Ashraf. By stationing US forces and posting a UN monitoring team in Ashraf, prevent the continuing siege, suppression, further conspiracy and psychological warfare against its residents.**

## Remove unjust siege on Ashraf

Hon. David Amess, *Conservative Member of British Parliament*

The UN should not host a tyrant whose regime has tried to silence seventy million innocent Iranians by brute force. It is time to support the Iranian people's aspiration for change we have seen those aspirations in the cries of millions raging like wild fire through the dark streets and alleys of Iranian cities. The democratic change is within reach and the answer lies in the Iran's organised opposition especially in Camp Ashraf.

I am very upset to see the civilian population of Ashraf have been besieged by the Iranian regime's proxies for over 20 long arduous months in violation of almost every single international law.

Let us commend the residents of Ashraf for standing against Ahmadinejad and his cohorts for all those years. They displayed gallantry, wisdom and fortitude; Let us demand that the unjust siege on Ashraf be lifted immediately to allow the free flow of the basic necessities for the residents in accordance with international laws and human rights standards. We also demand an end to the psychological torture of the residents.



### The New York Times



#### The Weather Was Perfect for Outrage

September 23, 2010 - Dissent began early — about 9 a.m. — on what qualified as the biggest demonstration day of the week. That was because the preferred protest was against the Iranian president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, and on this day he would address the General Assembly.

Down the midway of this carnival of dissent, the big event of the day was percolating, the main anti-Ahmadinejad protest put together by supporters of the National Council of Resistance of Iran. It drew thousands and involved a large stage, gigantic TV screens and impassioned speakers.

*Thousands of protesters gathered outside the U.N. in what has become an annual ritual during the Iranian president's visit. Former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and John Bolton, U.S. ambassador to the U.N. under President George W. Bush, spoke at the protest.*

*The Wall Street Journal*

### Protesters at U.N. call Ahmadinejad a 'murderer'

New York (CNN) - September 23, 2010 - They journeyed to New York from faraway places, they said, to give voice to those who are silenced in their homeland. "Azadi! Azadi!" they roared in Farsi. Freedom. "Hazer! Hazer!" they chanted. Ready.

"We are ready for change," Moslem Filabi, a former Iranian wrestling champion, told the protesters gathered across the street from the United Nations at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza.

The protest organizers, a coalition of Iranian-American groups who have gathered each time Ahmadinejad has visited the United Nations, are broadcasting the protest over satellite television and on the internet, allowing people in Iran to see the opposition to the Iranian regime.

Some demonstrators wore hats embroidered with the slogan, "Viva Rajavi" and carried pictures of Maryam Rajavi, leader of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, who lives in exile.

Purple flags and balloons supporting Rajavi's opposition floated overhead as she addressed the rally via satellite from Paris, France.

"I urge the U.N. to condemn the Iranian regime and their crimes, the worst humanitarian crimes," she said. "Those of you here are the brave ones representing Iran. Ahmadinejad is the enemy of Iran."

The crowd responded: "Rajavi, yes. Ahmadinejad no."

Other demonstrators wore bloodied prison uniforms and nooses around their necks, symbols of the repression under the Islamic regime, they said. One woman sat surrounded by stones, used in Iran as a method of execution.

Former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani also addressed the crowd. "You and your cause," he said, "are the best hope for Iran."



### Giuliani speaks at Iranian protest outside UN

**AP** Associated Press



*Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani addressing anti-Ahmadinejad rally - AP photo*

NEW YORK - September 23, 2010 - Former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani told cheering Iranian-Americans outside the United Nations on Thursday that they have the support of "all democratic people."

The protest was organized by the National Council of Resistance of Iran. 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. It remains on the U.S. list, though the group is trying to persuade the American government to stop classifying it as a terrorist organization.

Giuliani told the crowd he shared their goals in promoting democracy, freedom of religion and freedom of the press.

The protesters voiced support for Maryam Rajavi, head of the National Council of Resistance of Iran — and some carried posters with her picture.

# US Court of Appeals rules in favor of PMOI's delisting

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In its judgment, the court said:

***“We recognize that a strict and immediate application of the principles of law which we have set forth herein could be taken to require a revocation of the designation before us [,but]... We also recognize the realities of the foreign policy and national security concerns asserted by the Secretary in support of the designation. We thus... remand with instructions to the Secretary to provide the PMOI the opportunity to review and rebut the unclassified portions of the record on which she relied.”***

## Maryam Rajavi: Terror lable contributed greatly in preserving the regime

Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, President-elect of the Iranian Resistance, said in this regard, while upholding justice and abiding the law made it necessary that this oppressive and unjust designation should have been completely annulled as was decided by judges in the United Kingdom and the European Union, nevertheless, this very judgment and the remand to the Secretary of State demonstrates that the terrorist label against the PMOI, and the insistence to continue it, has been merely a political decision in the framework of appeasing the bloodthirsty mullahs and based on the illusion of changing the behavior of the medieval regime ruling Iran.

The legal and logical conclusion of this judgment requires the Secretary of State to revoke the terrorist designation of the PMOI and remove all its adverse consequences without any delay. This designation has been from the very start an abuse of power and an attempt to assist the Iranian regime's machinery of execution and torture. From this point on, maintaining the PMOI on the list would be a brazen defiance of law and the judgment of the court of appeals.

The Iranian Resistance's President-elect added that in the past decades, the terrorist label on the PMOI has been the most important impediment to change in Iran and contributed greatly in preserving the religious dictatorship. Despite these obstructions, however, Iran is on the verge of change, which will be realized by the Iranian people and their organized resistance, Mrs. Rajavi said.

During the court proceedings, several members of the House of Representatives, 260 lawmakers from Europe, 100 members of the British Parliament, a number of US military officers who had previously served in Camp Ashraf and 15 Iranian-American communities submitted well-documented amicus briefs to the court, demanding the removal of the PMOI from the FTO list.

## Court tells State Dept. to reconsider terrorist label for Iran opposition group

**The Washington Post** July 17, 2010 - A federal appeals court Friday ordered the State Department to review its decision to label an Iranian opposition group as a foreign terrorist organization, strongly suggesting the designation should be revoked. The ruling by the three-judge panel hands yet another foreign policy hot potato to the Obama administration.

The People's Mujaheddin Organization of Iran, also known as Mujaheddin-e Khalq (MEK), has for years fought its designation as a foreign terrorist organization, contending that it was only labeled as such by the Clinton administration in 1997 to curry favor with the Iranian government, which views the group as a threat. The 22-page ruling said the group's due process protections were violated because the State Department did not give it a chance to rebut unclassified information used to justify the designation.

The designation was reaffirmed at the end of the George W. Bush administration, even though the top State Department counterterrorism official at the time, Dell L. Dailey, had pushed to remove the group from the U.S. list of foreign terrorist groups.

## Appeals court sides with Iranian dissident group

**AP Associated Press** July 16 - A federal appeals court on Friday ordered the State Department to reconsider its decision to keep the People's Mujahedeen Organization of Iran on its list of foreign terrorist organizations.

The court said the U.S. government must give the group a chance to respond to claims that it continues to engage in terrorist activity or at least retains the capability and intent to do so.

## US erred in counting Iran dissidents as terrorists

**AFP** July 16 — Maryam Rajavi, head of the Iranian resistance group, said the decision “demonstrates that the terrorist label against the PMOI, and the insistence to continue it, has been merely a political decision in the framework of appeasing the bloodthirsty mullahs and based on the illusion of changing the behavior of the medieval regime ruling Iran.”

## US government told to review terror list decision

**REUTERS** July 16 - The State Department must review its designation of the People's Mujahedin Organization of Iran, or PMOI, as a foreign terrorist organization, a U.S. appeals court ruled on Friday.

In a 22-page decision, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia said the State Department failed to give the group a fair chance to overturn the listing.

The government was obligated under a 1996 antiterrorism law and 2004 revisions to give PMOI the chance to rebut unclassified information, the appeals court said.

“This did not happen here. The PMOI was notified of the Secretary's decision and permitted access to the unclassified portion of the record only after the decision was final,” it said.

## International lawyers and NGOs call for cessation of executions, demand punishment of perpetrators of massacre of 30,000 political prisoners in Iran and protection of Ashraf by UN and U.S.



Upon the invitation of the World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT), the Fondation France-Libertés (Danielle Mitterrand), Movement Against Racism and for Friendship between Peoples (MRAP), eminent jurists and lawyers and defenders of human rights in various countries, held a conference at UN headquarters in Geneva on September 24.

Chaired by Sid Ahmed Ghozali, former Algerian Prime Minister, the participants in the conference requested the urgent intervention of the Secretary General of the UN Security Council and the High Commissioner for Human Rights to halt executions political prisoners in Iran on charges of Mohareb or enemy of God and the intolerable pressure on the residents of Camp Ashraf, a member of the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI). During the conference the following personalities presented reports on their investigations and legal opinions:

**Mr. Juan Garcés**, lawyer for the families who filed a complaint against General Pinochet, and former adviser to Chilean President Salvador Allende (Spain); **Prof. Eric David**, professor of international law and international humanitarian law expert (Belgium); **Sid Ahmed Ghozali**, former Prime Minister of Algeria; **Abolghassem Rezai**, deputy secretary of the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI), representing families of victims of the Iranian regime; **Ayatollah Jalal Ganje'i**, Chairman of the NCRI's Committee on Freedom of Religions and Denominations; **Mr. Parviz Khazi**, NCRI representative in Nordic countries; **Mr. Tonne Kelam**, Estonian MEP, Member of the European Parliament delegation that visited Ashraf; Jean-Charles Rielle, Swiss Federal MP; and a delegation of Ashraf

residents' families whose relatives inside Iran have been arrested by the regime and sentenced to death.

During the conference, participants noted that with the rise of repression, arrests and torture in Iran, many of the victims condemned to death are members and supporters of PMOI and

relatives of the residents of Ashraf. Hundreds of members of families of PMOI members residing in Ashraf have been arrested in recent months and 11 of them have been sentenced to death as Mohareb had previously visited their relatives in Ashraf.

On the other hand, in recent months, with the departure of U.S. forces from Ashraf that led to the departure of the UN observer team from the camp, the pressures and suppressive measures by Iraqi forces against 3,400 Ashraf residents, at the request of the clerical regime, have also increased. Moreover, the political crisis in Iraq and delay in formation of a new lawful government have created a dangerous situation which benefits the regime in Tehran.

The speakers stressed that the residents of Ashraf, being "Protected Persons" under the Fourth Geneva Convention, should receive the protection of UN and U.S. forces. For the past 20 months they have been

subjected to a blockade by the Iraqi armed forces. In the past eight months, the Iranian regime has been sending groups of its agents to the entrance of Camp Ashraf, where they have installed 40 powerful loudspeakers that broadcast round the clock threats and vile propaganda, torturing the residents psychologically. These actions violate the basic rights of the camp residents.

### The conference made the following calls:

- **The Secretary General of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to intervene and to save lives of those on death row;**
- **The UN Security Council to establish a special tribunal to prosecute the masterminds and perpetrators of the 1988 massacre of 30,000 political prisoners for crimes against humanity and genocide;**
- **The UNAMI monitoring team to be deployed in Ashraf and the U.S. forces to ensure protection of the UNAMI team and Ashraf residents;**
- **The UN and US should reiterate the status of Ashraf residents as protected persons under the Fourth Geneva Convention and take immediate measures to end the blockade on Ashraf and psychological torture of its residents;**
- **The Iraqi government must recognize the status of Ashraf residents as "Protected Persons" under the Fourth Geneva Convention and respect their rights within this context.**