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International Conference in Paris

Prominent politicians urge UN, US, and EU for immediate action for protection and well-being of Ashraf and Liberty residents and their resettlement outside of Iraq



From left, front row: Klaus Bresser, Mrs. Bresser, Günter Verheugen, Rudy Giuliani, Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, Mrs. Malan, Jacques Desallangre, Patrick Kennedy, John Bolton, and Michael Mukasey. Back row: Glenn Carle, Leo McCloskey, David Amess, Gerhart Baum, Mrs. Baum, Lucio Malan, Tom Ridge, Wesley Martin.

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♦ **Patrick Kennedy , Member of US Congress (1995-2011):**

All of our thoughts are with people in Camp Liberty who are being treated as prisoners and not refugees.

♦ **Tom Ridge , First US Homeland Security:**

We will continue to stand with the MEK, with freedom-loving people of Ashraf and Liberty... I want to stand on the right side of the history and I do not worry about anything else.

♦ **Michael Mukasey, US Attorney General (2007-2009):**

Right prevails in my country and I hope it will not be long before right will prevail in your country.



International Conference in Paris

In an international conference held in Paris on March 24, 2012 attended by thousands of Iranians, speakers from the United States and Europe stressed on the need for a firm policy vis-à-vis the Iranian regime and for protecting the rights of Ashraf and Liberty residents and for the delisting of the PMOI (MEK) in US.

Speakers of the conference sponsored by the French Committee for a Democratic Iran (CFID) included: Maryam Rajavi, the President-elect of the Iranian resistance, Rudy Giuliani, mayor of New York (1994-2001) and US Presidential Candidate (2008), Michael Mukasey, US Attorney General (2007-2009), Secretary Tom Ridge, the first US Homeland Security Secretary (2003-2005) and former Governor of Pennsylvania; John Bolton, US Ambassador to the United Nations (2005-2006); Patrick Kennedy, member of the US Congress (1991-2011); Glenn Carle, former Deputy National Intelligence for Transnational Threats; Col. Wesley Martin, former Commander of the MNF-I anti-terrorism unit and commander of Forward Operation Base in Ashraf; Lt. Col Leo McCloskey, Commander of Forward Operation Base in Ashraf until 2008; Günter Verheugen, Commissioner of Europe (1999-2009) and former minister of State in the Department of Foreign Affairs of Germany; Gerhart Baum, former German Federal Minister of the Interior; Klaus Bresser, former Chief Editor of the German Channel 2 TV (ZDF); Jacques Desallangre, Member of French National Assembly; David Amess, Member of British Parliament; Lucio Malan, member of Italian Senate and NATO Parliamentary Assembly; Geoffrey Robertson, Q.C., LL.B., B.C.L., First President of UN Special Court on War Crimes for Sierra Leon and member of the UN Justice Council. Philippe Douste-Blazy, Special Adviser and Deputy to the UN Secretary General and French Foreign Minister from 2005 to 2007, also voiced his support for the goals of this conference via a video message.



David Amess

Member of British Parliament

Today's conference is aimed to put pressure on the international community and in particular on the United Nations, the United States of America, and the European Union to ensure urgent protection of the residents of Camp Ashraf and Camp Liberty in order to prevent a humanitarian tragedy. This conference also takes place at a time

when the pro-Iranian lobby in the United States of America is trying to smear brave US politicians who have been defending our course. We are very honored to have a number of these officials with us today on our panel.

The beginning of the Persian New Year was tragic. The unnecessary loss of a good man, a dedicated man to the cause of freedom and justice. Doctors said Bardia Amir-Mostofian died of fatigue and more than 48 hours of harassment and duress. Mr. Kobler and the UNAMI must be held to account. We knew that we couldn't trust the Iraqis to live up to their promises, but the assurances of the UN and the US that they were underlying premises for accepting the unjustified and unnecessary relocation by Mrs. Rajavi and the residents of Ashraf have to be called to question.

I'm delighted to see our American friends here after the attempt by the US government to discredit them. Shocking as it might seem, they try to discredit the very foundation of American democracy. So, it is so nice to see the defenders of those principles have come here today and are telling the American government that they will not be intimidated.

I hereby want to declare my support and my colleagues' support for the brave colleagues in the United States of America who are persisting in their demand that the PMOI is delisted and Ashraf residents are supported.



Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, accompanied by Mr. Rudy Giuliani pay respect to Mr. Bardia Amir-Mostofian, a Camp Ashraf resident who died of a cardiac arrest due to fatigue and pressures inflicted by Iraqi forces. He died shortly after arriving in Camp Liberty on his birthday and a few hours before the beginning of Iranian New Year.

Maryam Rajavi

President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran

On the fifth day of Nowrouz and the start of spring, I again congratulate all of you, my compatriots inside and outside Iran on the occasion of the New Year.

I feel privileged to be meeting you, our dear friends from the United States and different European countries who have come here on this day.

The conference is being held on the eve of the anniversary of the deadly raid by Iraqi forces on the defenseless residents of Camp Ashraf on April 8, 2011. It was a crime against humanity based on the plans and orders of the regime's supreme leader and in coordination with the terrorist Qods Force designed to eliminate all the residents of Ashraf.

The April 8, 2011 attack was in reality the most important response Khamenei gave to the Iranian people's uprisings, which two months earlier had shaken the regime to its foundation. As such, the attack demonstrated the Iranian regime's urgent need to destroy the resistance movement. At the same time, it showed that the Iraqi government was doing the bidding of Tehran....

The ruling theocracy has reached a dead end. On the one hand, inside the country, the regime is faced with a major schism at the highest echelons of ruling clique, the prospect of eruption of uprisings in Iranian cities loom in addition to the deep economic bankruptcy.

And on the other hand, outside Iran, the trend toward the fall of the Syrian dictatorship has made the mullahs irreparably vulnerable.

To escape this mortal reality, the mullahs have resorted to ever greater terrorism and warmongering. The unprecedented rise in executions, 670 in the past year, accelerating the efforts to obtain nuclear weapons and directly taking part in the killing of the people of Syria are part and parcel of this policy.

But at the very core of this policy is the effort to eliminate the organized resistance movement and to attack Ashraf, which hold the key to change in Iran.

Indeed, the mullahs, in order to escape their inevitable overthrow, have resorted to war against the people of Iran, the region and the international community.

To confront this evil warmongering which threatens regional and global security, a decisive policy is needed. The West's policies to deal with this regime, however, have all failed. We see that in the face of the regime's nuclear danger, the US government is on the one hand exaggerating the impact of international sanctions and on the other is promoting the baseless assessment as though the mullahs have not yet made a decision to build a nuclear bomb.

Kowtowing to the religious fascism ruling Iran is the flip side of the bankruptcy of the policy of appeasement. The other side is harsh and venomous attacks on those who advocate change in Iran.

Today, everyone can see that a powerful tendency among senior politicians, officials and

military commander from different US administrations in the past 20 years, has taken shape and views the establishment of democracy in Iran as the effective solution to the Iranian problem.

Since years ago, the same tendency has enjoyed enormous credibility and important stature in the US House of Representatives and Senate.

Majorities in 30 national parliaments in Europe have also voiced support for these objectives in recent years.

Clearly, the recent attacks by a few anonymous US officials against this dignitaries who promote democracy in Iran, is in truth prompted by the bankruptcy of the policy of appeasement and conciliation.

These attacks are of course unjust and unfair and quite unethical and immoral. But beyond that, when you open the curtains, you recognize that these policies are in a showdown against one other.

On the one side there is a policy which wants the mullahs' regime in power. As a result, in the face of the threats posed by religious fascism and its terrorism and efforts to get the bomb, the proponents of this policy attempt to hide their utter weakness through empty posturing and words. The proponents of this policy are so desperate that they might ultimately allow the ruling mullahs to obtain nuclear weapons.

On the other side, there is a tendency which wants to see the mullahs overthrown. This front is comprised of renowned US personalities who have embarked on an honest and responsible campaign to change an outdated policy. For this reason, those shortsighted appeasers are attacking them.

The Iranian people's Resistance is at the core of the showdown between these two policies.

These personalities who truly embody defense of democracy have repeatedly criticized the US government for reneging on its commitments to protect the residents of Camp Ashraf.

These personalities have also spoken loudly and clearly about the realities in Camp Liberty. They have asked why humanitarian and human rights standards are non-existent at Camp Liberty.

For this reason, anonymous US officials who are trying to cover up the situation at Camp Liberty are upset about remarks by these luminaries. They complain why Mayor Giuliani has spoken against building prisons in Camp Liberty. Is stating an obvious fact really a crime?, Or hiding it?

Indeed, if the conditions of the Camp are acceptable, why did you not allow 21 of these luminaries, who said they were ready to visit Liberty, to actually go



It is necessary that

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- 3. Obstacles in the path of building the infrastructure are immediately removed so that the residents could with their own expense build the most urgent facilities such as a location for patients and creating pavements for those who have difficulty walking.*
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The bigger sin these luminaries have committed is that they have protested against injustice and the flouting of law concerning the Iranian Resistance, namely the designation of the PMOI. They have stated the obvious fact that the PMOI's

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Rudy Giuliani

Mayor of New York (1994-2001)

I want to assure you, speaking for myself and so many of my colleagues, that anonymous, cowardly sources in the State Department or elsewhere who unknowingly are doing the bidding of the mullahs don't frighten me, won't stop me, won't stop any of us, ever.

It would seem to me that the resources of my government could be better used to try to figure out who these anonymous leakers are in the State Department who seem to be doing the bidding of the Iranian regime, rather than fighting for freedom and democracy and decency in Iran. But if anything, this will just make us more determined...

We believe we are right. We are aware of the pressures. And I'm going to tell you what I believe and I'm also going to tell you how I think this can be easily resolved in sort of a common sense, sensible way.

First of all, I believe that Camp Liberty is an inhumane and indecent place. I don't believe it's a detention facility at all. I think it's a prison ...

I believe that there is no facility in Camp Liberty for processing these people the way you would process people if, in fact, in good faith, America and the UN were living up to their promises.

I believe all these things in my heart. I've seen proof of it. I've seen indications of it. I've seen evidence of it. But I guess I could be wrong. Here's the way to find out. If the anonymous sources in the State Department are so convinced of the validity of what they're saying, and I say this with greatest respect also for the Secretary of State, Mrs. Clinton, for whom I have a great deal of respect, then send me there. Let me go there. Let me see it with my own eyes...

Let's see how much space do they have. Let's see how decent or indecent these facilities are. Let's see if there are provisions being made to relocate people or there are not. In other words, let's see if my country that I love, the United States of America, is living up to the promise that it made to the people of Ashraf to protect them and to treat them decently or it's breaking that promise. Are we being misled or is the State Department breaking its promise to the people of Ashraf? Let's get an answer to it once and for all.



Patrick Kennedy

Member of US House of Representatives (1995-2011)

Madame Rajavi, you have heard how U.S. officials are being investigated because of their outspoken advocacy on behalf of the people of Camp Ashraf. I think the investigation should really be on U.N...

The real investigation needs to be on how it is that the United States, which is committed to the protection of the people of Camp Ashraf, could allow this continued harassment, this continued bullying, this continued assault on the people of Camp Ashraf as now being demonstrated by the way they're being treated in Camp Liberty. That's where the real investigation begins.

I think it's perhaps good to recall in spite of what the critics say, rather than listening to their words let's listen to their actions. Remember when the Iraqi regime of Nouri al-Maliki said to Secretary Gates just before the attack in July of 2009 that the people were safe, and then what happened? The Iraqi military attacked. Remember when the Iraqi regime met with other U.S. officials and Secretary Gates just prior to the attack on April 8th of 2011. They said, "Don't worry, the people will be safe." Only to be followed by an attack and a massacre of the people of Camp Ashraf.

We also need to make sure that we don't hear more words from the United States about how they would like to see a nuclear-free Iran. If they really believe what they're saying, then why don't they delist the PMOI MEK and allow the main opposition group, which is committed to a nuclear-free Iran, to be able to organize and overthrow the mullahs in Iran?

The easiest way for the State Department to do what it says it wants to do is to delist because at the end of the day you will never have the rest of the world be able to open the arms of refugees if they're still being called terrorists. Now in the United States we had the McCarthy era and that was a time in American history where if you called someone a communist then that was the way to alienate them and marginalize them. Today, the equivalent of the McCarthy era is calling people terrorists when there is no justification that they present for them being maintained on the terrorist list.



Tom Ridge

First Homeland Security Secretary

I'm not going to question the motivation of those who decided to challenge the 60, 70, 80 people who have spoken out in unison collectively, Republicans and Democrats, throughout the United States. I won't question your motivation. I'm not going to ask why. I'm just going to tell you this. You will not silence us. It can't be done. If whoever is responsible has a moment of quiet reflection, I suggest that they just take a look at the Constitution of the United States, the Bill of Rights, and particularly take a look at that first amendment. It's called freedom of speech, the same freedom of speech that the men and women of MEK aspire to under the leadership of Mrs. Rajavi, the same freedom of speech that democratic opposition throughout Iran aspire to. So at the end of the day you may have disappointed, you may have angered and you may have saddened, but at the end of the day we will continue to stand on the right side of history with the people of MEK, the freedom-loving people of MEK at Liberty and Ashraf until they are resettled.

The international obligation, in my judgment, starts with the United Nations, well-intentioned but to date relatively woefully, sorrowfully, ineffective... For whatever reason, we let Maliki convince the U.N. that they even had to leave Camp Ashraf is beyond belief in my judgment. Perfectly situated to engage them, do the interviews, and move people out in that process. But whatever reason—and again Mrs. Rajavi, your leadership as challenging as it is, in many conversations with us, we feel partly responsible for that because we said you have to show good faith. We want to assume good faith on the part of the U.N. We want to assume that they want to do the right thing by these men and women so make that first move of 400. A disaster from the time they got on the bus and it took them 24 hours to get there, to the time they arrived and no material change in the conditions. And then they ask, "Let's move another 400," and you did, and another 400 and you did. At some point in time the indifference, the fecklessness of the United Nations has to be brought to the attention of the broader global community.



Michael Muaksey

US Attorney General (2007-2009)

We have statements from anonymous sources that those of us who are here voicing our views are behaving illegally under U.S. law. Look at the timing. The MEK tells the State Department and the Justice Department, "You know, you've been dragging your feet long enough with this designation. We're going to go into court." They gave them not only advanced notice that they're going to do it, they gave them an advanced copy of the papers they were going to file. And they disclosed the names of the people.

Mayor Giuliani, Tom Ridge, others, many others, who would have also filed paper in court as friends of the court, telling them on the basis of our experience and our knowledge—many people on that brief directly involved in national security affairs—that there is no basis, no reason for that designation. They were told that in advance. And a couple days later subpoenas get served on the speaker agencies that send those people out to express their views. I stopped believing in coincidences like that when I stopped believing in the Tooth Fairy, and that was a long time ago.

But how is it going to come out? Well, look at the behavior. The people who release information to the press are afraid to give their names. The State Department hears that papers are going to be filed on behalf of MEK, that papers are going to be filed by people who have spoken out in behalf of delisting, scurry to the Treasury Department, get them to serve subpoenas. What are they afraid of? The people here aren't afraid. We all use our names. The people who are not here, and who have been here before and who will be here again if necessary, Howard Dean, Ed Rendell, they used their names. They don't get up as anonymous informants to speak at these meetings. They get up, they give their names and they express their views. So who's going to prevail?

I haven't got any doubt about how this is going to come out. And the way this is going to come out is that eventually right will prevail in my country. And when right prevails in my country it is my sincere hope that it won't be long before right prevails in your country and you restore Iran to the glorious civilization that it was and will be.



John Bolton

US Ambassador to UN (2005-2006)

There's simply no argument here but that American policy should be to actively encourage regime change in a host of different ways. But perhaps the most important way in which the United States can encourage regime change is to get out of the way of legitimate Iranian opposition. That would be nice for a start.

Sadly when Secretary Rice made the decision at the end of the Bush administration to keep the PMOI on the list, she made that decision by the unambiguous statements of her closest advisors, not because of the evidence that was presented to her, which is required to be the basis for the statutory determination, but again in the hope that the incoming administration would be able to have negotiations with the ayatollahs...

There is nobody who can argue that there is any basis in the foreign terrorist statute to justify the politicization we've seen over the years.

I've been clear on this before; I'll be clear on it again. Let's get the facts out. Let's let the facts fall where they may. There's no factual basis for this designation. It should be lifted.

Since Louis Freeh is not here, I'll steal one of the excellent points he made. You know, in Washington if people wanted to leak information about the justification, such as it is, for keeping the PMOI on the list, they would do it. The information would be out in the public record. But there have been no such leaks. That tells you something. Nor have there been calls from the top of the State Department warning people who might have spoken out on this issue to stop speaking out. Now, I'm realistic enough not to believe that the Obama administration or the Clinton State Department would call me to give me a head's up. But it's entirely likely that they would have called others on their side of the political spectrum who have spoken to this question. And as far as I'm aware there has not been a single such call to warn their friends away from this. And that's because I think they know that the evidence isn't there. So let's get on with this and let's have a decision. Could well be that we're going to have to see the decision ordered by the court. That's a shame because it shouldn't take a court to get the State Department to do the right thing. But that's the way it is in Washington.



Gunter Verhugen

Vice President of the European Commission (1999-2009)

As a European I can only say I feel ashamed. I feel deeply ashamed. EU member states, the governments of the member states and institutions avoid carefully clear statements, and they avoid carefully clear commitments. They're dragging their feet. It is true what they are saying. They do not run Iraq. But they can say, "If you, the government of Iraq, if you do not stop to violate permanently the human rights of the people of Camp Ashraf, we will immediately stop to support you." Not a single Euro from Europe's taxpayers' money should go to such a regime.

I wonder, I really wonder why you leaders are so lenient. Europe is proud of being the birthplace of the whole idea of human rights. This idea of human rights spread from Europe to other parts of the world, beginning with the United States. That's the reason why I believe that we have a much stronger obligation to defend human rights because it is our own heritage. So based on that, let us tell the European leaders again, the PMOI is not a terrorist organization. They are the democratic alternative, the only existing democratic alternative to the regime in Iran. The mullahs are going after the PMOI because for them a tolerant and democratic Islam is the most dangerous threat. That's the reason why they want to get rid of you.

The relocation from Camp Ashraf is not a comfortable resettlement. It is a forced removal. Camp Liberty is not the kind of waiting room where you stay for a short while before you continue your travel to your final destination. We have already heard it several times. It has all the elements of a prison. Conditions in Camp Liberty do not meet international standards. And the people there have no other place, no other places to go. Their freedom, their security and their dignity is taken away from them. And the future is totally uncertain and I wonder whether they do have a future at all. Because so far, we have only a few commitments from the international community to accept people from Camp Ashraf in their countries.



Gerhart Baum

Former German Federal Minister of Interior

We are obligated to be allies with those who fight for freedom...

Mrs. Rajavi correctly referred to the continued series of executions. Iran is at the top of countries where execution orders are carried out. And these orders are carried out against the political prisoners too and they are executed under the pretext of being smugglers. This is very bad. And it is also ugly that the new regime in Iraq under the rule of al-Maliki has become a tool in the hands of the mullahs. Specifically in regards to Ashraf, they are cooperating with the mullahs. They want to be liked by the mullahs. Because they know very well that the people at Camp Ashraf are the democratic opponents of the mullahs and that is why they are persecuted.

You all know the denigrations, controls, and lack of access to assistance at the so-called Camp Liberty. What a ridiculous name for this camp? Liberty!

Camp Liberty is not camp freedom. That is a camp for trampling human dignity.

We must patiently work with the German government for admission of Camp Ashraf individuals into Germany; and even work with the European governments. They should be given the right to be accepted in democratic countries.



Klaus Bresser

Former editor of the German Channel 2 TV

You are fighting for a different Iran, a free Iran and a better Iran and I think you deserve all the support. It is now almost a year since that day that Ashraf was attacked by the Iraqi army. Thirty six people were killed only in that attack and 350 people were injured. Since a long time before that, the international community was warned about the imminent killing, but they did not take the warnings seriously. As a journalist I say that this happened, among other reasons, because the public opinion was not sufficiently aware and Camp Ashraf was not at the center of attentions. This is no longer permitted to remain that way and it will not remain that way.

The conditions at Camp Liberty are not as they were promised to the Iranian dissidents.

What can we, the journalists, do in such conditions? We must more than ever and as effectively as possible report on the future of the Iranians in Iraq. We must once again demand that the camp's doors be opened for visits. Let the world opinion see for itself and judge accordingly. He who keeps the doors closed and controls the residents with weapons, has something to hide.



Lucio Malan

Member of Italian Senate

The Iranian regime has tried to discredit the Resistance movement, and those who support it, in order to destroy the support that NCRI has in Italy. But they didn't succeed. Because no matter how smartly their lies are fabricated we are able to tell the truth from lies, especially when these lies come from professional liars.

All that was quite expected. What was unexpected was to see Western government officials to somehow join Tehran rulers in their evil campaign. This is unfortunately happening in the U.S. right now at the cost of discrediting some of the most trusted and trustworthy former officials of the nation who are brave men known for speaking out the truth and opposing injustice. They are following the path of the great heroes of American history. I deeply admire them. And I want to tell them on behalf of my Italian colleagues that we join our hands with yours and we join our voices to yours for the protection of the Camp Ashraf and Camp Liberty residents...

The time has come for international community to correct its mistakes by recognizing the NCRI as a democratic alternative to the clerical regime and by actively defending the lives and rights of the residents of Ashraf and Liberty against the aggressions of the Iranian regime and its Iraqi lackey.

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continued designation lacks legitimacy and is legally and ethically unjustified.

As you may be aware, to date, three groups of Ashraf residents have been transferred to the new camp.

This transfer has regrettably been turned into forced relocation coupled with enormous harassment and pressure. Four days ago, following the arrival of the third group of Ashraf residents in Liberty, Engineer Bardia Amir-Mostowfian, died of cardiac arrest due to fatigue and stress inflicted by lengthy inspections and searches.

Thus, we again say to his fellow Ashrafis

and those in Liberty as well as to his honorable family, a number of whom are present here today, that Bardia is alive and present and his struggle and ideal, the freedom of the Iranian people, will certainly triumph. Hail to Bardia, who stood to the last breath for the freedom of his people and his nation.

Contrary to the repeated insistence by UNHCR, the residents at Liberty have no freedom of movement. Similarly, they are denied visits by their families and lawyers.

But the most important problem is the unjustified presence of armed forces in the private sections of the Camp, and has become a major source of insecurity for the residents. Just two days ago, armed police

suddenly and without any reason entered the residential quarters of the women in the camp, causing great anxiety and tension. This is an example of dangers which the unjustified and threatening presence of armed forces in the interior perimeter of the camp creates.

Why has the UN not forced the Iraqi government to respect the privacy of camp residents?

I declare here it would be totally unacceptable and intolerable for this situation to continue. I warn that the presence of armed forces inside the camp contributes greatly to a humanitarian catastrophe.

As regards the living conditions at the camp, I must also emphasize that contrary to all





Jacques Desallangre

Member of French National Assembly

For all those who want to confront this international threat posed by the Iranian regime, it is a definite necessity to stand alongside the Ashrafi, because Ashraf is not a problem, Ashraf is a solution. And when I speak of the representatives of these Resistance women and men, I specifically think of the special role of Mrs. Maryam Rajavi. These women and men of the Resistance and these fighters have paved a long path. They have worked hard, in an admiring fashion, to find a solution for Camp Ashraf issue. The third group of 400 Ashraf residents went to Liberty to show that these refugees are not only determined in their fight against the mullahs' regime, but they also are well aware of their commitments, even at the price of relocation to not a refugees camp, but to a concentration camp. But on the other side, the Iraqi government, and unfortunately even the United Nations have not fulfilled their commitments for providing the minimum guarantees for the security and protection of the residents. Some of them made the decision and others gave in and passively accepted the decision or tolerated it so that in practice they engaged in a forceful relocation.



Glenn Carle

Former Deputy National Intelligence for Transnational Threats

Whatever the truth or lies one has heard or learned or come to wonder about, whatever the MOIS has been whispering in the ears of anyone they can get to listen to them, it is clear that the United States and Iran are involved in a regional great game for influence in the Middle East, that the United States seeks stability in the region and that the Iranian regime is a destabilizing power there whose values as you all know are inimical to those of the United States and of the West.

These larger truths considered, the MOIS's disinformation efforts against the MEK and its efforts to muddy perceptions about Iranian actions in the entire region or of the inimical nature of the mullahs' regime need not, should not distract the United States from its national interests vis-a-vis Iran. And here, the U.S. national interest and the goals of the MEK coincide. The United States should remove the MEK from the foreign terrorist organization list. And the people now in Camps Ashraf and Liberty are suffering and ill-treated pawns in this great game, both from humanitarian and United States' policy objectives. The individuals in the camps should be removed or I should say liberated beyond the hostile influence of the Mullahs. The camps blight the conscience and hinder what should be U.S. policy objectives as well as those of the MEK.



Geoffrey Robertson, Q.C.

First President of UN Special Court on War Crimes for Sierra Leon and member of the UN Justice Council

The UN has a responsibility to protect. This is the legal principle. When lives are at stake in a country which can't save them, and Mr. al-Maliki will not save them, then there is a responsibility to protect. That responsibility is overlooked in Camp Liberty, a transit camp which features as captains, the very same people who are responsible, the same troops who were responsible for the killings in 2009 and 2011. The very same insult. Isn't it interesting, that the insults being flung at the people in Camp Liberty today are Mohareb, are the hypocrites, too, they're called hypocrites, that word that was used by the ayatollah to condemn them to death as hypocrites. There, that's the language of humiliation, the language of persecution... There is one other matter that Ambassador Kobler has overlooked. Iraq, in international law, is sovereign. It is entitled to move, humanely, the residents of Camp Ashraf. But it has to compensate them for taking their property. It is required to make full compensation to those it expropriates, whose property it expropriates. Ambassador Kobler has entirely overlooked the rights of the residents of Camp Ashraf to recompense, to compensation for having their property taken from them.



the promises, are substandard as it pertains to the area needed for the residents, to hygiene, facilities and services. It basically amounts to imposing a painful condition and exerting pressure on the residents.

Let me summarize. Contrary to the UN and US commitments, what the Iraqi government has handed over that is called Liberty is a terrible and run-down facility, whose conditions are exacerbated with an assortment of restrictions as well as the presence of the police forces.

Nevertheless, the Ashrafi will improve and renovate this uninhabitable site through their forbearance and efforts.

The Iranian Resistance also reiterates

the need for the provision of minimum assurances in the new camp. This is especially the case because there are many indications, including the lengthy UNHCR interviews, that this site is not a temporary transit location. For this reason it is necessary that,

1. The Police and armed forces leave Camp Liberty completely and that agreements in this respect are implemented.

2. The residents have the right to transfer their moveable property to the new location and be able to sell the rest of their assets or send them to another location.

3. Obstacles in the path of building the infrastructure are immediately removed so that the residents could with their own

expense build the most urgent facilities such as a location for patients and creating pavements for those who have difficulty walking.

4. The process of reconfirmation of the refugee status of the residents by the UNHCR and their resettlement in third countries is expedited.

I ask the US government, the European Union, Secretary Clinton and Baroness Ashton to support the provision of the minimum assurances in the new camp.

The United Nations is expected to uphold its real mission, which is to defend the oppressed and the victims and at least stay neutral between the residents of Ashraf and the Iraqi government.



From left: Jacques Desallangre, Wesley Martin, Glenn Carle, Tom Ridge, Michael Mukasey, Rudy Giuliani, Maryam Rajavi, Patrick Kennedy, John Bolton, Günter Verheugen, Gerhart Baum, Klaus Bresser, and Lucio Malan.



Colonel Wesley Martin

Former Senior Anti-Terrorism Force
Protection Officer for all Coalition Forces
in Iraq

We praised Arab Spring with what happened in Egypt, Libya and Tunisia. And guess what, everybody here knows it turned into a mess and more fundamentalists started moving in, because a good structure was not in place to replace the fallen governments. In Iran we have a good structure in place. It's called the PMOI under the leadership of Maryam Rajavi.

We need to correct the mistakes that have been made, identifying the PMOI as a foreign terrorist organization is wrong, delist it now. Bring the Ashraf and Liberty residents out of Iraq immediately.

We need to stop appeasing Iran and recognize that the mullah regime is an enemy to democracy throughout the world. We need to stop praising Maliki. He can't be trusted, he has proven that many times over.

I would like to recognize the four hundred thousand seventy-five Iraqis who have signed a letter to the UN secretary in support of the Ashraf residents. This is in the face of a very brutal Maliki government that will retaliate and yet you have almost half a million friends in Iraq still saying what's happening at Liberty and Ashraf is wrong.



Lt. Colonel Leo McCloskey

Commander of Forward Operation
Base in Ashraf until 2008

Today the people of Ashraf are under attack. The people who are now responsible for protecting them are not protecting them. They have promised to leave the city to be moved to another place that would be safe. As an addition they were being moved to Liberty. As in the past the citizens did that in good faith and they have moved.

The move of the Ashraf residents to Liberty to me is the stupidest thing in the world. Why not bring the UN to Ashraf? Why move the people to Baghdad to put them in a prison? Let the UN go to Ashraf. But first we must get the State Department of the United States to take the MEK off the terrorist list.

Second of all, the lack of movement by any of the residents of Ashraf into Liberty has no bearing on whether or not the MEK should be on the terrorist list. It's a separate issue. The UN has to establish a satellite office inside Liberty. They must have an office also inside Ashraf to protect the people of Ashraf. No additional movement should be done until some of these issues are settled.



Philippe Douste-Blazy

French Foreign Minister (2005-2007)

Excerpts of video message:

I would like to use this meeting, to underline some points that must be guaranteed for Liberty:

- The first point is that police forces must leave the camp. This military presence is frightening and must stop. One cannot live with hostile police forces at some meters away.

- Second point: the residents of Ashraf must be able to conduct some constructions work in order to adapt the camp for the invalids and patients. You cannot house the ill and patients like healthy persons.

- Third point: a bigger space of residence must be given to the residents in order for them to have a more decent stay before leaving Iraq.

- Finally: I am asking, here tonight, that these refugees be allowed to have free access to their lawyers, medical care, nurses and doctors... Without these, Camp Liberty would be a shame for humanity, I mean it.

In conclusion, I would like to express my total support to the efforts of Mrs. Rajavi, who has shown in this occasion, not only a great deal of tolerance, but also a real mind openness in order to find a peaceful solution for Ashraf crisis.