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From left: Julian Lewis MP, Lord Maginnis of Drumglass, David Vaughan, Roger Gale MP, Steve McCabe MP, Lord King of West Bromwich, Brian Binley MP, Dell Dailey of USA, Dowlat Nowrouzi of NCRI, Lord Corbett of Castle Vale, Lord Clarke of Hampstead, Louis Freeh of USA, Lord Carlile of Berriew QC, Lord Alton of Liverpool, and Claire Miskin. Other participants include: The Rt. Hon. the Lord Archer of Sandwell, Rt. Hon. Baroness Boothroyd, Rt. Hon Lord Fraser of Carmyllie QC, Baroness Turner of Camden, David Amess MP, and Mathew Offord MP

Editorial

## Democratic change in Iran key to guaranteeing a sustained democratic transformation of the Middle East

There is no doubt that the arrangement of political forces in the Middle East is undergoing unprecedented and speedy changes. The successful uprisings, which took as their rallying cries the rejection of dictatorship and establishment of freedom, promise a new chapter marked by the emergence of democracy and governments built on the consensus of the governed in a region known for its ancient civilizations.

It would, however, be remarkably naïve to assume that this will be the sure outcome and that the dark ominous clouds hanging over Middle Eastern politics would suddenly remove themselves.

The problem is that one of the historical focal points of the region, Iran, is being ruled by a fundamentalist regime whose core pillar is to back Islamic fundamentalists and shore up Islamic extremism outside its borders.

With the coming of change, certain conditions are bound to take shape for the spread of Islamic fundamentalism by the ruling mullahs in Iran, especially when by virtue of years of suppression and repression, there is a dearth of entrenched democratic institutions and tradition and a recognized secular leading figure with a specified political platform is sorely absent.

But, the unprecedented changes in the region have had their impact on Iran too and mullahs are facing resurgence of popular uprisings. Tehran and major Iranian cities were the scenes of widespread anti-government demonstrations on February 14. The protests, the biggest since 2009, caught the regime by surprise and have rattled it. The mullahs' anxiety and fear of explosive state of public fury clearly has been quite evident in their round the clock campaign to control the damage and boost the morale of the regime's forces.

On the other hand, the mullahs seek to change the direction of the region's protests towards fundamentalism. By doing that, they intend to expand their regional influence and hijack the uprisings by affixing an "Islamic" label to them. This will allow the mullahs to put a damper on mounting domestic crises and increase their opportunities for survival while saddling the region with an unprecedented predicament.

On February 4, the regime's Supreme Leader, Ali Khamenei, described the Egyptian people's movement during the Friday prayer's sermon as an "Islamic movement" and said, "It started from

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In a conference in Westminster Central Hall on Monday 14 February, senior members of both Houses of Parliament and former US officials explicitly denounced blacklisting of the PMOI in the United States and called for its immediate removal.

The conference was chaired by Lord Corbett of Castle Vale, Chairman of the British Parliamentary Committee for Iran Freedom, and participants included; The Rt. Hon. the Lord Archer of Sandwell, Lord Clarke of Hampstead, Lord Alton of Liverpool, Rt. Hon. Baroness Boothroyd, Lord Carlile of Berriew QC, Rt. Hon Lord Fraser of Carmyllie QC, Baroness Turner of Camden, Lord Maginnis of Drumglass, Lord King, Steve McCabe MP, David Amess MP, Brian Binley MP, Roger Gale MP, Julian Lewis MP, Claire Miskin, David Vaughan, and Ms. Dowlat Nowrouzi.

Ambassador Dell Dailey, US Department of State's Coordinator for Counterterrorism until 2009, and Louis Freeh, former Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation, were also among the guests to address the conference.

Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, President-elect of the Iranian Resistance, addressing the conference via video message, described the wave of change in the region as being to the detriment of the mullahs in Iran and called on Western governments to change their policy towards mullahs. During the event Lord Corbett announced a statement that was signed by 500 members of both Houses of Parliament. The statement emphasized that relations with Iran should be based on respect for human rights.

the mosques and among its religious slogans is 'God is great.' The people of Egypt will not allow westerners to divert this religious movement."

If concerns over the mullahs' attempts to acquire nuclear weapons have so far been the focus of the West's policy towards the regime, the sweeping changes in the region have drastically heightened the urgency of adopting a correct policy towards the mullahs.

This is especially pressing when one takes into account the failure of January's talks in Istanbul, which illustrated that Tehran has absolutely no intentions of backing down from its goal of obtaining a nuclear weapon. The first advantage of a nuclear bomb for Tehran would be increased hegemony and domination over the region.

The sea changes in the region can be translated into a large leap for global progress, democracy and human rights on an international scale when aligned with a correct policy adopted by the international community. Without such a policy towards Tehran specifically, these developments are bound to generate an immense crisis for the global community.

The right policy consists in blocking the regime's influence in the region through supporting democratic change by the Iranian people and their resistance movement.

The instability and domestic crises gripping the mullahs, coupled with the explosive circumstances of the Iranian society which may lead to a resurgence of protests similar to 2009, puts the prospect of democratic change within reach.

In recent months, a large number of former senior

US officials from the Democrat and Republican administrations of presidents Obama, Bush and Clinton, have joined prominent European personalities at various conferences held in Paris, Brussels and Washington, to call for a new policy toward Iran. This policy would rely on cooperation between both sides of the Atlantic and while fully dismissing appeasement, it would place the international community on the side of the Iranian people and resistance as the forces for change.

These US and European officials also subscribe to the belief that among the necessary parts of a right policy toward Iran are the following: imposing stricter sanctions against the mullahs' regime; US and EU support for the Iranian people's demands for democracy and human rights; and guaranteeing and providing protection for Camp Ashraf in Iraq, home to 3,400 members of the main opposition PMOI. The residents of Ashraf advocate a democratic vision of Islam that opposes fundamentalism.

Another aspect of a right approach toward Iran is the immediate removal of the PMOI from the State Department's terrorist list. This measure would not only respond to political, legal and moral imperatives, but it would also send a strong message to the Iranian regime, the Iranian people and the people and governments of the rest of the region that the US is respecting the demands of the Iranian people for change. Democratic change in Iran is the key that would guarantee the continuation and prospect of democratic changes across the Middle East.

Ashraf sends a powerful unstoppable message for those millions in Iran who cry freedom. That is why the mullahs try to silence it with 180 loudspeakers night and day spewing out threats to kill residents and destroy where they live. The voice of Ashraf is for freedom, for democracy, for respect of human rights, an end to corruption, brutality and for jobs and above all for respect. The gale of democratic change is coming your way. No ifs, no buts, not whether, only when. The gale of democratic change will blow across Iran. Tanks cannot kill democracy. Demands can't be hanged. Torture can't silence those demanding respect for human rights. The demand for democracy will consign your brutal dictatorship to a dirty stain on the pages of the history book of Iran. In the UK and US,

## Voice of Ashraf is for freedom, for democracy, for human rights



**Lord Corbett of Castle Vale**  
*Chairman of the British Parliamentary Committee of Iran Freedom*

we must learn swift lessons from the storms swirling around the Middle East. Both our countries for too long have let Iran's mullahs shape our policies towards them and to the resistance which offers a replacement secular state, respecting human rights and democracy and halts nuclear weapons development. The challenge for us and the rest of the European Union is to make clear that we stand on the side of those millions in Iran who cry freedom and want change now. This means that the US should follow our lead in removing the PMOI, the main partner in the coalition resistance, from the list of organisations concerned with terrorism. That label was only attached here as the price the mullahs demanded for the opening of talks with them about their nuclear weapons program.



**Lord Alton of Liverpool**  
*independent crossbench life Peer*



**Lord Carlile of Berriew QC**  
*Government's independent reviewer of terrorism legislation (2001-2011)*

**Lord Clarke of Hampstead**  
*Former Chairman of the Labour Party*



## PMOI is an antithesis to the fundamentalist regime ruling Iran

We are part of something that is bringing about a landslide of change... It is an undisputed fact that the current regime in Iran is not serious in negotiation. It has no intention of changing its behaviour, and indeed it is incapable of reform, because it would lead to its collapse after years of experienced and in particular the failure of the Istanbul talks, no one can deny this unless they are supporters of the regime in Iran. In my view, having known the National Council for Resistance over these last 30 years, I believe they are not only the driving force for democratic change Iran, but given the current turmoil in the region, and the Iranian regime's attempts to divert the course of people's movement to democracy to an authoritarian regime, we have seen the terrible repression of demonstrations in the country, the PMOI is an antithesis to that fundamentalist regime in Iran. Having known the movement so long, I am also fully aware of all the criticisms and the allegations that are raised against them. One of the usual hearsays that is disseminated is that the PMOI doesn't have any support in Iran. Let's get rid of this regime and let the people decide for that. Failure to act endangers lives, represents moral cowardice, makes us complicit. Collaboration and appeasement never pay.

## International community bears a heavy responsibility toward Ashraf

Everybody here would join with me and everyone, and Robin said this very eloquently, in passing our affection, our concern, and for me as a lawyer our deep sense of injustice, as to what the international community is allowing to occur at Camp Ashraf. It is my view that the international community bears a very strong responsibility for this in its weakness in advocating that injustice. All we are asking is that the United States government to do is what was eventually achieved here in the United Kingdom, albeit with attrition, and in Europe which is to take the PMOI in the United States into the family of recognized international institutions. What they are doing is completely logical. Just think about it for a moment. If there is regime change in Iran, for example as a result of a popular revolution, then there will have to be a government in its place. Wouldn't it be more sensible to be able to turn to a group of people about whom it can be said that we recognise these people as being responsible politicians, without the ludicrous and inaccurate label that they happen to be terrorists too? Surely when there is regime change, the United States will need friends whom it has assisted towards the creation in due course of democratic institutions in Iran.

## Ashraf people should be protected by the fourth Geneva Convention

When Madam Rajavi calls on us to redouble our efforts to end the proscription, especially in the United States of America, we should be listening and redoubling our efforts to make sure that nobody forgets how we had to go through the courts here. But as the people in Ashraf continue to suffer, the international community, to its shame, remains silent. What we have to do is bit more than protest. The people of Iran and Ashraf do not deserve to suffer until the world wakes up to a nuclear threat. It will be too late then as so many people will have died in the meantime. The time to wake up is now. It is now that we have to speak even louder. We have to demand that the United Nations acknowledges the need to proclaim that Ashraf people should be protected by the fourth Geneva Convention and the creation of a meaningful monitoring inside Ashraf. We would seek support for those who call for the lifting of the ban of the PMOI in the US. These demands must be pursued with renewed vigour. We have to pledge our support for Madam Rajavi, and her words today are, as always, an inspiration to us all to continue the fight, and we will fight it today and for as long as it takes to free Iran.



Maryam Rajavi

## Maintaining PMOI on the US terrorist list is hundred times more harmful today than before

The spring of freedom has arrived in the Middle East. People are demanding democracy everywhere. The wave of change in the region is to the detriment of the mullahs in Iran.

Many Western governments have acknowledged that the main threat to peace and stability is the Iranian regime. The policy that paved the way for this regime must change. We cannot forget how far the British government went in appeasing the mullahs in Iran, obstructing the path for change by proscribing the PMOI.

The British government has to adopt the policy of regime change in Iran and stands with the Iranian people and their struggle. Britain has to recognize the Iranian Resistance.

Change in policy vis-à-vis Iran is even more crucial, otherwise the Iranian regime will disrupt the democratic trend in the region. The disastrous consequence of the barriers the West has placed on the path of change in Iran is not limited to that country. Today, the entire region is suffering from this misguided policy. This is why, maintaining the PMOI on the US terrorist list is hundred times more harmful today than before.

In the meantime, Ashraf has been the target of repeated attacks. Round-the-clock psychological torture of the residents with 180 loudspeakers by mullahs' agents with the full support of the Iraqi Prime Minister has entered its second year. How can one justify such a major crime against protected persons?

It is time that the US ends disregard for its commitments towards Ashraf and resumes its protection according to international law. It is time that the US removes the terror label from the PMOI and no longer hinders change in Iran, and for the UN to set up a permanent monitoring team in Ashraf.



Rt. Hon. Baroness Boothroyd

*Former Speaker of the House of Commons*

## With Mrs. Rajavi leading your people you can bring change

I came here today not only to see you, but to give a message to the people of Iran and as we are nearing the International Women's Day, I single out the female population inside and outside Camp Ashraf and I make no apologies for that. I speak directly to them and I say to them I was born of a poor family and humble background... Continue your courageous fight. You are playing an integral role in protesting against the horrendous regime. We in this country and throughout the world know of your activities, and I salute your great courage and determination in the face of organized repression by hired mobs and by Iraqi forces. With Mrs. Rajavi leading your people and your Parliament in exile, you and your folk can change, and for our part, we will do as what we can to support you in the real and viable means of bringing democratic change to Iran.



Brian Binley, MP  
*Executive member of the 1922 Committee*

## PMOI advocates and promotes the ideals of democratic change

In Tehran, where anti-regime demonstrators shook the administration to the core over a year on, the regime still struggles to prevent further unrest through arrests and use of torture and mass executions.

These are the actions of a weak regime fearing for its future. The Iranian regime is right to be running scared, because change is coming.

That leads me on the PMOI and the 3,400 members of based at Camp Ashraf. ... The PMOI advocates and promotes the ideals of democratic change in Iran, democracy which the tyrant leaders of Tehran know will eventually bring their downfall, and the sooner the better.

The demand that the Iranian regime has always made of the West during negotiations over its nuclear ambitions has been that the PMOI be blacklisted as a terrorist organisation. Sadly, in a vain attempt to appease Tehran's tyrants, a number of countries blacklisted the PMOI. The PMOI has taken its battle for recognition as a legitimate opposition group through the British, European and now the US courts.



Julian Lewis MP

## Our duty is to ensure atrocity at Camp Ashraf never happens

I am here today, as I say, for two reasons. The first reason is that I have to keep my part of the bargain. My part of the bargain was that if this organisation ceased to be listed as a terrorist organisation, then people like me would have no excuse for non-participation in the future. You have done your part of the bargain, now I have got to do mine. The second reason is that the humanitarian reason which we have heard so much about; the 3,000 people plus who are in danger of their lives in a hostile environment. Now I grew up with some awareness of the atrocities and the massacres of the second world war, and one of the things that really sticks in your gut is when atrocities happen and everyone goes round saying how terrible this was, and how was it that nobody could do anything about it, and that they did nothing. We are in the situation where an atrocity has not yet happened, and it is our duty to ensure that the atrocity at Camp Ashraf never happens. That is our duty.

**Ambassador Dell Dailey**

*US Department of State's  
Coordinator for Counterterrorism  
until 2009*

## **Tear down the designation; Conditions have changed significantly**



The regional actors, the European Union, the UN, and the USA need to maintain pressure on the government of Iraq to treat the Camp Ashraf residents with dignity, care, restraint and respect.

Since the UN and economic sanctions have failed in Iran, the best and most committed option is to bring the PMOI into the formal opposition force now. The use of the PMOI through the opposition is a powerful counterbalance to Iran and has already shown success. The PMOI and the Iranian opposition are the best instruments of power to get inside the Iranian mullahs and undo them. No one expected an uprising in Tunisia, in Egypt, but then it happened. Let's expect an uprising in Iran.

... [For] revocation of the PMOI from the US foreign terrorist list. It appears that the legal term "intent and capability" remain the US government's issue for maintaining the PMOI as a FTO. The people of Camp Ashraf individually signed letters stating no more terrorism. Also all military equipments were turned over to the US military. Clearly this shows there is no more remaining "intent and capability" in Ashraf.

This is the first time the Obama has had the revocation in front of them. It is important, I call on Secretary Clinton: "Tear down this designation."

Conditions have changed significantly to warrant this revocation. These conditions are very clear: The unchecked and uncontrolled rising power of Iran. If there ever was a time to reconsider, it is now.

**Steve McCabe MP**

*Former Government Whip*

## **Mullahs either have to abide by UN agreements or they have to go**



It seems to me dead obvious for the West, we should support our friends who are the opposition. That is the best way to achieve orderly progress and a decent transition. By turning our back on our friends we will give succor to our enemies and we will bring the consequences down on our own heads as well as the whole of the Middle East. So I don't think we should be cowed by their approach to human rights. We should stand with the Iranian people who are opposing it. I don't think we should appease them over nuclear weapons. The time for talking over that is finished. They either have to abide by the UN agreements or they have to go.

We should stand with the people of Ashraf, and we should demand that the UN play its proper role in protecting them, and standing up to the abuses, the excesses and the violence that is going on there. We should make it clear that sanctions are designed to cripple this regime.

What we must do is persuade our American friends to fall into line, to delist PMOI and for us all to stand up for the people who can make a difference in Iran.

**Louis Freeh**

*Director of Federal Bureau of  
Investigation (1993-2001)*

## **De-list PMOI now, it was listed without consulting FBI**



With respect to the designation of the MEK... I was not consulted in 1997, that the Department of State had listed the MEK... In 1997, the government of Iran duped the US government by inducing it to list the MEK as a foreign terrorist organisation, without consulting the FBI, which you might find interesting. Well, the successful duping of the United States occurred, because the United States government believed that the president there was a moderate, the president under which all the nuclear programs had been developed, and this was going to open up the dialogue with Iran. Well, obviously it didn't work. The Bush administration was similarly duped in 2003 with the carrot that the Iranian forces would not actively attack US forces in Iraq which, of course, was not only a travesty before that progress was made, but was a travesty after a promise was made. Most of the IUDs were by the Iranian forces.

We have administrations being duped... We now have in this new administration the opportunity to do the right thing, but it should be now... the delisting has to immediately take place. There is no reason to wait for another third Court of Appeal petition by the people of Iran who were oppressed by this. The administration has a great opportunity to do it, so we are not days behind the events that are happening around the world again. Insist and use the influence we still have in Iraq to ensure the safety of those people [in Ashraf], and support the engine of freedom...

**Lord Maginnis of Drumglass**

## **Dissatisfied that court ruling not implemented, PMOI are not terrorist**



The one thing that I noticed today and I am grateful for is that the press have turned out in strength. I want to see on our broadsheets tomorrow morning and in the future a photograph of those 180 loudspeakers that are used to inflict warfare and torment on the people of Camp Ashraf. It is right that our nation should know what is happening.

President Obama, I thought when he was elected, was a signal of reconciliation for the future, somebody who would carry the flag for freedom for everyone throughout the world, and I am so disappointed and that he has not implemented the rulings of his own court that the PMOI are not a terrorist organisation.

It is ironic that the Iranian regime are congratulating the Egyptians on their progress over the last week. Did they not notice that whatever we think about Mubarak and his regime, he did, or did the army, slaughter the ordinary people of Egypt. A lesson for Iran. If Iran feels as they say they feel about what has happened in Egypt, let them now show the humanity, the same understanding and the same compassion for the people of Iran who have demonstrated on the streets, but had to pay with their lives for so doing.



**Baroness Turner of Camden**  
*former Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords*

## Madam Rajavi has an agenda of equality

I have always been very interested in women's rights, and it has always seemed to me appalling that the Iranian government applies its oppression in particular to woman. You see appalling pictures of the kind of brutality inflicted upon the female population. Madam Rajavi has an agenda of equality, and that makes me very, very supportive of everything that she has been doing. What has most concerned the members of my committee, including myself, is the treatment of the colleagues, and I call them colleagues, and friends in the Ashraf camp. It really is quite appalling. We have raised this on several occasions in Parliament under your chairmanship, Mr Chairman, and we have had a number of varying sorts of replies from our government. A situation in which these people who include woman and children have been psychologically abused by these 180 loudspeakers, this awful noise ... in addition to that there has been persecution. We have to salute the courage of people in Iran who are opposing the current government and continue to do so. It takes enormous courage to oppose the government that occupies an undemocratic situation, and in which it also constantly applies brutal processes to keep people quiet. It won't remain quiet.



**Lord King of West Bromwich**

## Iran rulers should learn the lesson

When you look at the PMOI, they were put on the terrorist list, and had quite a struggle in this country from my fellow Parliamentarians and other people to get them off that list. I can't understand that in a country like America they still keep them on that list. So I will say to the Americans you are champions of human rights, but if you don't do something, you are morally bankrupt. I think when you look at Ashraf residents, they have suffered quite a lot, and people will say, "What can we do? It is a sovereign state. We can't interfere." I don't think that is strictly true, because countries like Iraq, Tunisia and Egypt, they survive on foreign aid from other countries. That is a good tool to make sure they toe the line. We have spent so many lives of our troops to give that people that freedom from Hussein. But can you see any difference? It is still the same. I think it is time that people who powered all of this money, they should realize where that money goes. I always call it a subtle bribery to people in these countries. The President in Iran should learn his lessons from his fellow presidents, that is from Tunisia, from Egypt and the other countries are rising up against dictatorships as well. He should learn his lesson and learn it soon.



**Rt Hon Lord Fraser of Carmyllie QC**  
*Former Lord Advocate for Scotland*

## Decision by D.C. Court is exceptionally good

I am somewhat troubled that in a great city of Washington sometimes the Brits are regarded as being a little bit of sniffy about the American legal system and the American political system. I would just like to say we are neither. In this particular instance, I think that the decision by the Court of Appeal in Washington is an exceptionally good one. I also like the idea that there has been the clear recognition by that court that not only is there a judicial process to be gone through, but there is also a political process to be gone through. It seems to me that that decision recognizes implicitly what is to be required. In a liberal democracy where you have a friendly nation, you are never critical of the political process within that country. It is entirely for the people of that country to decide. So I make absolutely no comment on the process that has been undertaken in the United States. I will not for a moment urge the Secretary of State in Washington to come to the conclusion that the PMOI should be delisted. However, we can rise and applaud when the Secretary of State for the United States of America decides that the PMOI should be delisted.



**Claire Miskin**  
*Barrister*

## Ashraf residents are protected persons under the Fourth Geneva Convention

Some time ago when there was an attack, a yet further attack on Ashraf, Lord Corbett, together with a number of supporters of the PMOI in this country went to a demonstration outside the American embassy. This demonstration was subsequently described by a reporter as "a rather noisy demonstration". Lord Corbett

meanwhile stood there and watched while people -- all women -- who had been on hunger strike, some of them on dry hunger strike, which means that they have had no water as well as no food, were carried in on stretchers. It is very easy, in my view, to have a sort of picture of all of these things and to say, "Oh well, it is going on over there". If there is one criticism that I have of the United Nations, it is this. There is a saying in the north of England that handsome is as handsome does, and so far we have heard an awful lot of talk and no action. Men in suits with wonderful

degrees should stop sitting in rooms and talking. The residents of Ashraf are educated, civilised people who wish only to express their own view. They have caused no trouble to the Iraqis. They have caused no trouble to the Iranians, except for the fact that they are educated and have a mind of their own. We hear no reports at all from them, that they have been tortured with 180 loudspeakers but they have behaved in any way other than a perfectly civilised manner. These are protected persons under the Geneva Convention, so come on, United Nations, get your act together.

David Amess MP

Dowlat  
Nowrouzi

NCRI  
Representative  
in UK



## Support PMOI whose ideals fall directly in line with our own aims

We meet tonight at a historic moment in the history of our world. As North Africa and the Middle East have demonstrations and the movement towards democratic change intensifies across the region. Iran's destructive influences must be curtailed to ensure this wave of democracy prevails. We must tie the hands of the regime. We must untie the hands of the Iranian Resistance movement. There must be an immediate US removal of the PMOI from their black list, a ban which has no legal credibility following the decisions of the United Kingdom, the European Union and the United States courts. Further, we must protect the Camp Ashraf residents by making representations requesting the United States of America to resume control over the safety and the security of the camp, thereby removing the 180 loud speakers and further requesting that the United Nations set up a full time presence. Let us stand on the side of democracy, let us support the PMOI whose ideals fall directly in line with our own aims for a democratic region. Let us rid its greatest foe, the Iranian regime.

## The whole Middle East desire democracy

I have to first of all pay my greatest tribute to the members of Parliament from both Houses from the three major parties that stood with us with our movement. They have strived inch by inch to remove many obstacles. Since last night there has been protests and demonstrations throughout our country, particularly in Tehran. The mullahs clearly know the demonstrators are chanting "Death to the dictator", and that they demand democracy and a democratic change. They very clearly support Madam Rajavi. Camp Ashraf, not only for the Iranian people, is a beacon of hope for the people in the region and it is the antithesis of the Islamic fundamentalism which is the biggest threat, not only in the way of democracy prevailing in Iran, but also in the way of stability, peace and development in Egypt and the Middle East and in the world community. Enough is enough. People and the whole of the Middle East desire democracy. It is time to begin.

## Lord Turnberg statement on patients in Ashraf

Lord Corbett in his closing remarks said: "I am able to tell you that Lord Turnberg, who is a former president of the Royal College of Physicians and former Vice-president of the



Lord Turnberg of  
Cheadle

Academy of Medical Scientists has released a statement concerning the denial of access to medical services at Camp Ashraf. He says here that, Denying free access to medical services, deliberately delaying much needed treatment of terminally ill patients, refusing to admit emergency patients on the basis of political consideration, as was the case with injured residents on 7 January of this year, are criminal acts and inhumane. It is very clear that the Iraqi government is engaged in the systematic violations of the rights of residents in this respect.

"I must also tell you that the last debate we had in the House of Lords on Iran and Iraq, the government minister gave an undertaking that he would try to facilitate a visit by an all party group of MPs and peers to Camp Ashraf. We wait to see the response of the Iraqi government to that given that they keep on chorusing about their belief in free speech and the right of human rights and respect for human rights. We want to go there and see for ourselves what is happening in Ashraf, and we will judge them by their response. So Salaam Ashraf, we are on our way."



Photo exhibition about Ashraf at London Westminster Central Hall

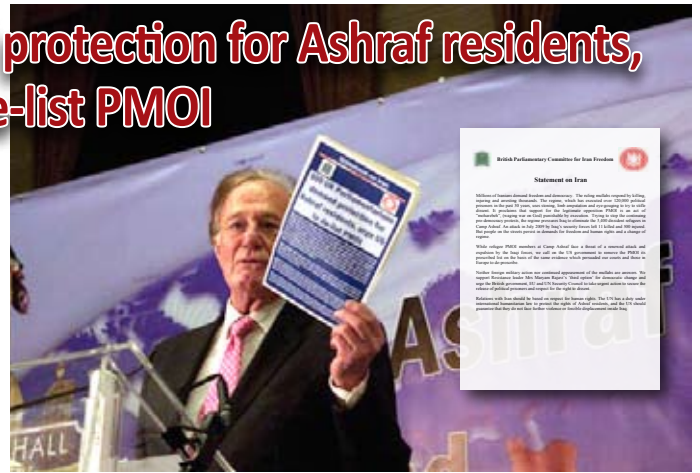
# 500 UK Parliamentarians demand protection for Ashraf residents, urge US to de-list PMOI

## Lord Corbett:

I am also able to announce today that 500 members of both houses of Parliament, that is around 300 members of the House of Commons, which is the majority of the back bench members of the House of Commons, and around 200 members of the House of Lords have signed this appeal that the United States lift the ban on the resistance, and that proper steps are taken through the United Nations to secure the safety and security at Ashraf. Our choice to stand alongside those demanding democratic change also means we must stand alongside those brave pro-democracy refugees at Ashraf, that their voices not be silenced. The world cannot stand by and watch a massacre, because that is what is promised, threatened to these people in this camp at this time. The Iraqi government, despite the lies given to the US, UK and other coalition troops to rid their country of dictatorship has shown no intention of honouring its obligations to secure the safety and security of Ashraf residents. Full text of the statement on Iran follows:

Millions of Iranians demand freedom and democracy. The ruling mullahs respond by killing, injuring and arresting thousands. The regime, which has executed over 120,000 political prisoners in the past 30 years, uses stoning, limb amputation

and eye-gouging to try to stifle dissent. It proclaims that support for the legitimate opposition PMOI is an act of "moharebeh", (waging war on God) punishable by execution. Trying to stop the continuing pro-democracy protests, the regime pressures Iraq to eliminate the 3,400 dissident refugees in Camp Ashraf. An attack in July 2009 by Iraq's security forces left 11 killed and 500 injured. But people on the streets persist in demands for freedom and human rights and a change of regime. While refugee PMOI members at Camp Ashraf face a threat of a renewed attack and expulsion by the Iraqi forces, we call on the US government to remove the PMOI from its proscribed list on the basis of the same evidence which persuaded our courts and those in Europe to de-proscribe. Neither foreign military action nor continued appeasement of the mullahs are answers. We support Resistance leader Mrs Maryam Rajavi's 'third option' for democratic change and urge the British government, EU and UN Security Council to take urgent action to secure the release of political prisoners and respect for the right to dissent. Relations with Iran should be based on respect for human rights. The UN has a duty under international humanitarian law to protect the rights of Ashraf residents, and the US should guarantee that they do not face further violence or forcible displacement inside Iraq.



## Early Day Motion (EDM) on Ashraf signed by British MPs

An Early Day Motion submitted by members of House Commons, Messrs David Amess, Joe Benton, Mike Hancock, Steve McCabe and Bob Russell on the Humanitarian Situation in Camp Ashraf, has already received the support of a large number of members of the House of Commons. The statement particularly urges: "The US administration to follow the UK in delisting the PMOI and provide the necessary protection for the residents of Camp Ashraf; calls on the UN to station a monitoring team at Ashraf; and further calls on the UK Government to take necessary measures to convince the UN and US to adopt these measures."



EDM 1143

### HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN CAMP ASHRAF

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That this House expresses concern at the oppression of 3,400 members of the People's Mojahedin Organisation of Iran (PMOI) including 1,000 women residing in Camp Ashraf in Iraq as protected persons under the 4th Geneva Convention; notes the inhumane siege of Ashraf residents, in particular serious medical restrictions and their psychological torture with 140 loudspeakers; further notes that this oppression takes place partly using the excuse that the PMOI's name is included on the US terrorist list; further notes that the UK Court of Appeal, after reviewing the closed material, ruled that the PMOI was not involved in terrorism leading to the group's de-proscription in the UK unanimously by both Houses of Parliament in 2008 and in the EU in 2009 and that in July 2010 the US Court of Appeals in Washington ruled in favour of the PMOI and urged the US Secretary of State to re-evaluate the decision to maintain the PMOI on the list; further notes that on 25 November 2010 the European Parliament adopted a declaration calling for protection of Ashraf and the PMOI's de-proscription in the US; urges the US administration to follow the UK in delisting the PMOI and provide the necessary protection for the residents of Camp Ashraf; calls on the UN to station a monitoring team at Ashraf; and further calls on the UK Government to take necessary measures to convince the UN and US to adopt these measures.