

## The Iranian Pen Club

## Panorama



**The second letter of Iran-Pen Club to the officials of United Nations High Commissioners for Refugees (UNHCR)**

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Respectfully

If you remember, around 4 months ago on 20 September 2011, the Iran Pen Club in an open letter addressed to UNHCR showed its appreciation to the UNHCR decision to accept the refugee requests of the pmoi victims who after 20 to 30 years could finally submit their refugee request to this international organization and we welcomed your decision for accepting their refugee requests in clear and trans-



parent form. But we also announced that the leaders of this cult are going to struggle against this historical decision of UNHCR which has respected the rights of these people individually and we mentioned that they will disrupt this decision by creating obstacles and hurdles. In that letter we, with consideration to the positioning of the pmoi leadership, mentioned that:

“... After issuing of the UNHCR statement, the human rights activists and the critics of this organization warned that the pmoi by utilizing any possible facility will create obstacles to prevent carrying out of the UNHCR statement and Maryam Rajavi the wife of the spiritual leader of this group issued a statement in France that:

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Karim Gholami, Iran Fanous, Germany, February 08 2012

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I, as one of the former officials of pmoi (People's Mujahedin Organization of Iran) with 25 years record of service and a wounded of pmoi military operations, would like to draw your attention to the conditions of the patients and the wounded in this organization. After passing almost one month of the new year, 2012, no one has left Ashraf camp to another place yet. This is the method and the function of the pmoi leadership which by putting obstacles and hurdles and creating different excuses, disrupt the peaceful routine, but amid all problems the conditions of the patients and the wounded who are residing in Ashraf camp, is the worst, so I am urging you to have special attention to the wounded and patients in this camp and you should prioritize them in leaving the camp, in this regard I draw your attention to the following points:

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“... We do not permit the decision of the mercenaries ,Maliki and Barzani , as interview with each individual to go ahead...”

And in continuation of these fruitless endeavors , she says

“ all the people of Mujahedin must go for their interviews by helicopter ...” And this means that it takes 7000-S of flying for the interview of these pmoi stranded captives , taking and returning them , and all those things are part of the obstacles and problems which have been created by the highest rank of this organization to prevent implementing of the UNHCR plan. the pmoi leadership’s reaction which is mentioned above , has concerned and worried deeply the human rights activists because we think that the leadership of pmoi has begun its efforts to prevent getting out of this dead-end.....”

Now ,after the end of the year 2011, and signing the pmoi resettlement contract and in the beginning of transferring the people from the Ashraf concentration camp to the Liberty camp and despite very good situation which has been begotten for UNHCR to implement and carry out its responsibilities and tasks , the leadership of this organization ,by variety of unreal excuses and pretexts that the Liberty camp does not have the standards required , are not willing to go to the Liberty camp.

Fortunately based on the announcement which was issued in the official site of UNHCR on 31 January 2012 in Baghdad , Mr. Martin Kobler , the special envoy of the UN secretary general , announced :

“... With many thanks to the UNHCR and human rights team for their efforts to make the Liberty garrison ready , quoting the officials of UNHCR and UN-human rights , he said that the infrastructure and the facilities of the new camp in Iraq for the residents of Ashraf is par with international standards and according to the agreement which last month between UN and Iraqi government for voluntary relocation was concluded , this camp is ready.....”

The same announcement reiterate that the pmoi reasons and reasoning in this regard are baseless completely, on the other hand Mr. Martin Kobler has announced that :

“.....the agreement is the only peaceful solution for voluntary relocation of Ashraf residents and it is very important that the agreement is observed word by word in action.....”

He also added : the constant position of UN is that the violent outcome is unacceptable . the

concluded agreement opens the way for UNHCR to determine the refugee status which is the first and necessary step for resettlement In other countries to benefit from freedom and liberation.....”

#### Honorable officials of UNHCR

As you have observed that the signed agreement between UN and Iraqi government has paved the way seriously for determination of the refugee status for all those pmoi stranded victims and in a safe and secure perimeter far from all pmoi forcible organizational laws , the people can freely submit their reasons and requests.

It seems that your official intervention can be a serious help in this regard and it can overcome all the pmoi leadership’s excuses , pretexts and decisions. We are urging you to force pmoi to stay devoted to its own commitments which officially accepted and signed in front of the UN representative and in this regard they should accept all the consequences if they do not accept and reject the concluded agreement.

Surely ,while pmoi finds out that the lawful competent organizations have found out about their unreal excuses like the announcement of the UN representative concerning to the camp liberty which is par international standards , the maneuver and domain of this terrorist stream will be reduced and they will not be able to force their victims to accept their cultic thoughts.

The practical experiences in front of the leadership of this organization has shown that decisiveness and political juridical pressure have a very good impact to neutralize and thwart the pmoi totalitarian leaders’ plans which want to convert the peaceful plan for determination of the pmoi victims ‘ refugee status to the Massoud and Maryam Rajavi’s violent and bloody solution .

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1. Pmoi is a cultic organization which its members do not have any authority to make a decision . the Iranians who are captive in this cult , for years have been deprived of having any access to the Media . the pmoi members have been deprived of the preliminary facilities such as Radio, TV, Telephone, internet, and Newspaper , and the News which is given to the members of this cult is censored and chosen by the pmoi operatives. For this reason the members of this cult do not have any idea about their rights and international laws to make a decision freely and consciously .

2. The leaders of this cult by severe strangulation and suppression against their own members inside the organization and making false and fake accusations against all separated members of this cult , have created great concern and fear inside the organization and as a result of that the members of this cult because of their fear of punishment do not dare to leave the cult. the members who want to separate from the cult will be facing harsh and cruel punishments such as forcible participa-

bers and instead those items were sold in Iraq black markets or they were used by the leaders and operatives of this cult. For instance I programmed a database for the pharmacy in Ashraf camp



**Martin Kobler**

and to complete this programming I was going to this pharmacy consecutively for one year . I had seen many times that very big size boxes of medicine by the dimensions of 2 cubic meters were given to that pharmacy by the US army but during those years I had never seen even one of those

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tion in brainwashing sessions which in these sessions they will be beaten up and in continuation they will be facing imprisonment accompanied by inhuman tortures and in some cases even the dissidents got executed and disappeared .

3. This cult by different ways and methods brainwashes its own members and during many years of nonstop brainwashing, it has filled the head of its own members with many lies, for instance if someone separates from the cult will be indicted by Iranian and Iraqi intelligence service and they will be imprisoned , tortured and finally executed by them , so the members of this cult because of their fear of being caught and executed , do not dare to leave this cult whatsoever.

4. From 2003 to 2009 the Ashraf camp had been under the supervision and control of the US army and during those years , they had been receiving many facilities such as medication and medicine, medical facilities , fuel and food but non of those stuffs had never reached to the hands of the cult mem-

medicines in the hands of the cult members whatsoever, and instead the leaders of this cult were saying to their patients that the Iraqi government does not allow the medical facilities to enter to the camp and we do not have any medicine .

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Massoud Rajavi , the leader of this cult , to be handed over to the Iranian government. The first time was in 1995 and the second time was in 2002 , but unfortunately as a result of the lack of attention and treatment , he died and was buried in pmoi cemetery called Ghatayeh Morvarid( The Pearl) in Ashraf Camp.

My second friend , Mr. Farhad..... who in one of the pmoi military operations in 1986 got wounded by a bullet in his Lumbar Spinal Cord and he got paralyzed . Farhad always wanted to leave this cult but the leaders of this cult rejected his request all the time and finally in 2008 as a result of the foot bone fracture and the lack of treatment ,his foot got infected and he died.

6. The leaders of this cult have been always endeavoring and struggling to cover up and conceal the situation of their patients and wounded so no international organizations be able to have access to these patients and wounded because the leaders of this cult do not want to be accountable and responsive for their death .

According to the facts mentioned above , I am urging you to pay special attention to those patients and wounded and their juridical situation be prioritized so they can be able to have access to the

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doctor and medicine as soon as possible to prevent the death of many more. I had been in this cult till 2009, till then the number of the wounded , paralyzed and mutilation , was 50 and after 2009 during two conflicts which occurred in there , the number of injured has increased.

To help these people , first you should take them out of the cult perimeter so they can meet their medical needs and get familiar with their rights to make a decision for their future and life freely and consciously . in this regard I am ready to cooperate with you voluntarily and even, if it is necessary to go to Iraq to help those people , I will do it.

Respectfully  
**Karim Gholami**

UNHCR, February 01 2012

<http://www.unhcr.org/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/home/>



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- UNHCR has been for some time and remains ready to undertake verification and refugee status adjudication for the residents of Camp New Iraq (formerly Camp Ashraf) who are persons of concern. It has mobilized teams on the ground, and has put in place the necessary soft and hard ware support capabilities. Individual interviews will need to take place in a safe, neutral and confidential location.

- The stipulation of the Government of Iraq remains that these processes take place outside Camp New Iraq, in the new location which is being provisioned to enable the residents voluntarily to move there and to stay on a temporary basis in safe and decent conditions. UNHCR has been advising on the technicalities of improving the camp infrastructure.

- UNHCR attaches utmost importance to peaceful solutions being found, including that any relocation outside Camp New Iraq proceed on a voluntary basis, with freedom of movement the most desirable state at the site of relocation.

- UNHCR is currently looking at how to expedite verification and RSD processing so as to enable it to be done on an individual basis fairly, fully but also speedily, in the interests of gaining time against tight deadlines.

Background

- Camp residents who have submitted requests for refugee status are formally asylum seekers under international law whose claims require adjudication. In the absence of a national system of adjudication in Iraq, UNHCR will consider these requests on an individual basis in a fair and efficient procedure. Each individual case will be judged on its merits and in accordance with international law.

- International law requires that asylum-seekers must be able to benefit from basic protection of their security and well-being. This includes protection against any expulsion or return to the frontiers of territories where their lives or freedom would be

threatened (the non-refoulement principle).

- UNHCR, together with the Government of Iraq, UNAMI and other concerned actors, remains committed to finding solutions to this long-standing problem, including resettlement and/or relocation to third countries.

## The letter of a group of the freed and human rights activists in France to the honorable Amnesty international in Paris

### Honorable director of Amnesty international

We are a group of freed and liberated people from Rajavi's cult who are currently living in Paris, we would like to draw your attention to the facts which we experienced them bitterly during our stay in this cult;

1. The pmoi ( People's Mujahedin Organization ) has been recognized as a terrorist organization throughout the world and from the day one of their foundation, they established their strategy and policy on violence, terror, and mass killings and they have perpetrated many violent and terrorist crimes against Iranian people.



2. By having the knowledge of this fact that pmoi has been the first organization which has begotten and expanded suicide missions in the middle east and currently they are following it with more progressive methods than before.

3. By confirmation of this fact that the security and the well being of the separated members of this cult throughout the

do not have any authorization to communicate with each other freely by no means.

2. The dissidents should not leave their designated perimeter.

3. Every night, the dissidents should face the brainwashing and indoctrination sessions which is accompanied by swearing, curse and insult.

4. The residents of Ashraf camp are not allowed to meet and visit their family and their loved ones

5. The people who show their willingness to leave the organization, they will be facing harsh punishment in collective sessions such as swearing, curse, insult, beat up and incarceration to pipe down and change their minds.

6. The residents of Ashraf camp who are living in the Ashraf concentration camp, consecutively have been forced to watch and listen to the Rajavi's audios and videos and Organizational Anthems as well as the fake and false movie clips about the freed and separated members and their connection with Iranian government to insult them and terrorize the dissidents of their future decisions.

### Honorable director of the Amnesty international

**Now with all these facts which mentioned above, you should judge that under those fatal and slow death and horrifying and scary circumstances, is it true that all humanitarian organizations specifically your honorable Amnesty international are the only one who are able and capable of helping those stranded captives?**

world has been threatened consecutively by the Rajavi's terrorist cult and these separated members have confronted with variety of dangers and also inside the Ashraf castle, the leaders and operatives of this organization have created and established the same terror and slow death for their captives and dissidents in there.

4. By having the knowledge of this fact that the pmoi has been listed and categorized as a foreign terrorist organization in the US state department terrorist list since 1997 and they have remained in that terrorist list since then.

5. By having the knowledge of this fact that many of those stranded captives do not want to stay under the tyrant domination of Rajavi, but Rajavi does not allow them to leave the organization and nobody has been informed and heard that what has happened exactly against the dissidents inside the Rajavi's prisons and because of that the cult leaders have been carrying out any possible harassment comfortably against the dissidents inside Ashraf.

You should be also informed of the following facts;

Now with all these facts which mentioned above, you should judge that under those fatal and slow death and horrifying and scary circumstances, is it true that all humanitarian organizations specifically your honorable Amnesty international are the only one who are able and capable of helping those stranded captives?

By hoping for the best that you pay enough attention to the captives' voice and their painful and agonizing condition.

The former members of pmoi

**Saeed Naseri**

**Mahmoud Sepahi**

**Ghafour Fatahian**

**Homayoun Kahzadi**

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## Israel teams with terror group to kill Iran's nuclear scientists, U.S. officials tell NBC News

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Updated: 11:14 a.m. ET -- Deadly attacks on Iranian nuclear scientists are being carried out by an Iranian dissident group that is financed, trained and armed by Israel's secret service, U.S. officials tell NBC News, confirming charges leveled by Iran's leaders.

### ROCK CENTER EXCLUSIV

The group, the People's Mujahedin of Iran, has long been designated as a terrorist group by the United States, accused of killing American servicemen and contractors in the 1970s and supporting the takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran before breaking with the Iranian mullahs in 1980.

The attacks, which have killed five Iranian nuclear scientists since 2007 and may have destroyed a missile research and development site, have been carried out in dramatic fashion, with motorcycle-borne assailants often attaching small magnetic bombs to the exterior of the victims' cars.

U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Obama administration is aware of the assassination campaign but has no direct involvement.

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Two senior U.S. officials confirmed for NBC News the MEK's role in the assassinations, with one senior official saying, "All your

inclinations are correct." A third official would not confirm or deny the relationship, saying only, "It hasn't been clearly confirmed yet." All the officials denied any U.S. involvement in the assassinations.

As it has in the past, Israel's Foreign Ministry declined comment. Said a spokesman, "As long as we can't see all the evidence being claimed by NBC, the Foreign Ministry won't react to every gossip and report being published worldwide."

For its part, the MEK pointed to a statement calling the allegations "absolutely false."

Ali Safavi, a long-time representative of the MEK, underscored the denial after publication of this article,

"There has never been and there is no MEK member in Israel, period," he said. "The MEK has categorically denied any involvement. The idea that Israel is training MEK members on its soil borders on perversity. It is absolutely and completely false."



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The U.S.-educated Larijani, whose two younger brothers run the legislative and judicial branches of the Iranian government, said the Israelis' rationale is simple. "Israel does not have direct access to our society. Mujahedin, being Iranian and being part of Iranian society, they have ... a good number of ... places to get into the touch with people. So I think they are working hand-to-hand very close. And we do have very concrete documents."

The sophistication of the attacks supports the Iranian claims that an experienced intelligence service is involved, experts say.

In the most recent attack, on Jan. 11, 2012, Mostafa Ahamdi Roshan died in a blast in Tehran moments after two assailants on a motorcycle placed a small magnetic bomb on his vehicle. Roshan was a deputy director at the Natanz uranium enrichment facility and was reportedly involved in procurement for the nuclear program, which Iran insists is not a weapons program.

Previous attacks include the assassination of Massoud Ali-Mohammadi, killed by a bomb outside his Tehran home in January 2010, and an explosion in November of that year that took the life of Majid Shahriari and wounded Ferey-doun Abbasi-Davani, who is now the head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization.

In the case of Roshan, the bomb appears to have been a shaped charge that directed all the explosive power inside the vehicle, killing him and his bodyguard driver but leaving nearby traffic unaffected.

Speaking of bombing victim Ali-Mohammadi, whom he described as a friend, Larijani told NBC News, "In fact this guy who was assassinated was not involved in the nitty-gritty of the situation. He was a scientist, a physicist, working on the theoretically parts of nuclear energy, which you can teach it in every university. You can find it in every text."

"This is an Israeli plot. A dirty plot," Larijani added angrily. He also claimed the assassinations are not having an

There are unconfirmed reports in the Israeli press and elsewhere that Israel and the MEK were involved in a Nov. 12 explosion that destroyed the Iranian missile research and development site at Bin Kaneh, 30 miles outside



Tehran. Among those killed was Maj. Gen. Hassan Moghaddam, director of missile development for the Revolutionary Guard, and a dozen other researchers. So important was Moghaddam that Ayatollah Khamenei attended his funeral.

Unlike the assassinations, Iran claims the missile site explosion was an accident; the MEK, meanwhile, trumpeted it but

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effect on the program and have only made scientists more resolute in carrying out their mission.

Not so, said Ronen Bergman, an Israeli commentator and author of "Israel's Secret War with Iran" and an upcoming book tentatively titled, "Mossad and the Art of Assassination."

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Bergman said the attacks have three purposes, the most obvious being the removal of high-ranking scientists and their knowledge. The others: forcing Iran to increase security for its scientists and facilities and to spur "white defections."

He explained the latter this way: "Scientists leaving the project, afraid that they are going to be next on the assassination list, and say, 'We don't want this. Indeed, we get good money, we are promoted, we are honored by everybody, but we might get killed. It isn't worth it. Maybe we should go back to teach ... in a university.'"

denied any involvement.

Indeed, there may be other covert operations carried out either by Israel acting alone or in concert with others, according to Bergman.

"Two labs caught fire," said Bergman, enumerating the attacks. "Scientists got blown up or disappeared. A missile base and the R&D base of the Revolutionary Guard exploded some time ago, with the director of the R&D division of the Revolutionary Guard being killed along with ... his soldiers."

Bergman added, "So, a long series of ... something that was termed by an Israeli (Cabinet) minister ... as 'mysterious mishaps' happening and reappearing to the project. Then the Iranians claim, 'This is Israeli Mossad trying to sabotage our attempts to be a nuclear superpower.'"

Dr. Uzi Rabi, director of the Dayan Center at Tel Aviv University, said the supposed accidents could all be part of "psychological warfare" conducted against Iran. "It seems logical. It makes sense," he said of possible MEK involvement, "and it's been done before."

Rabi, who regularly briefs Israel's parliament, the Knesset, on Iran also said the ultimate goal of the range of covert operations being carried out by Israel is "to damage the politics of

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survivability ... to send a message that could strike fear into the rulers of Iran.”

For the United States, the alleged role of the MEK is particularly troublesome. In 1997, the State Department designated it a terrorist group, justifying it with an unclassified 40-page summary of the organization's activities going back more than 25 years. The paper, sent to Congress in 1998, was written by Wendy Sherman, now undersecretary of state for political affairs and then an aide to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

The report, which was obtained by NBC News, was unsparring in its assessment. “The Mujahedin (MEK) collaborated

The State Department report describes the Rajavis as “fundamentally undemocratic” and “not a viable alternative to the current government of Iran.”

One reason for that is the MEK's close relationship with Saddam Hussein, as demonstrated by this 1986 video showing the late Iraqi dictator meeting with Massoud Rajavi. Saddam recruited the MEK in much the same way the Israelis allegedly have, using them to fight Iranian forces during the Iran-Iraq War, a role they took on proudly. So proudly, they invited NBC News to one of their military camps outside Baghdad in 1993.

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with Ayatollah Khomeini to overthrow the former shah of Iran,” it said. “As part of that struggle, they assassinated at least six American citizens, supported the takeover of the U.S. embassy, and opposed the release of the American hostages.” In each case, the paper noted, “Bombs were the Mujahedin's weapon of choice, which they frequently employed against American targets.”

“In the post-revolutionary political chaos, however, the Mujahedin lost political power to Iran's Islamic clergy. They then applied their dedication to armed struggle and the use of propaganda against the new Iranian government, launching a violent and polemical cycle of attack and reprisal.”

U.S. officials have said publicly that the information contained in the report was limited to unclassified material, but that it also drew on classified material in making its determination to add the MEK to the U.S. list of terrorist organizations

Maryam Rajavi, president of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, greets several hundred Iranian expatriates who had gathered to welcome her at Tegel Airport in Berlin, Germany, on March 22, 2010

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“The National Liberation Army (MLA), the military wing of the Mujahedin, conducted raids into Iran during the latter years of the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq War,” according to the State Department report. The NLA's last major offensive reportedly was conducted against Iraqi Kurds in 1991, when it joined Saddam Hussein's brutal repression of the Kurdish rebellion. In addition to occasional acts of sabotage, the Mujahedin are responsible for violent attacks in Iran that victimize civilians.”

“Internally, the Mujahedin run their organization autocratically, suppressing dissent and eschewing tolerance of differing viewpoints,” it said. “Rajavi, who heads the Mujahedin's political and military wings, has fostered a cult of personality around himself.”

The U.S. suspicion of the MEK doesn't end there. Law enforcement officials have told NBC News that in 1994, the MEK made a pact with terrorist Ramzi Yousef a year after he masterminded the first attack on the World Trade Center in New York City. According to the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, Yousef built an 11-pound bomb that MEK agents placed inside one of Shia Islam's greatest shrines in Mashad, Iran, on June 20, 1994. At least 26 people, mostly women and children, were killed and 200 wounded in the attack.

That connection between Yousef, nephew of 9-11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammad, and the MEK was first reported in a book, “The New Jackals,” by Simon Reeve. NBC News confirmed that Yousef told U.S. law enforcement that he had worked with the MEK on the bombing.

In recent years, the MEK has said it has renounced violent

ce, but Iranian officials say that is not true, that killings of Iranians continue. Still, through some deft lobbying, the group has been able to get the United Kingdom and the European Union to remove it from their lists of terrorist groups.

The alleged involvement of the MEK in the assassinations of Iranian nuclear scientists provides the U.S. with a cloak of deniability regarding the clandestine killings. Because the U.S. has designated the MEK as a terrorist organization, neither military nor intelligence units of the U.S. government, can work with them. "We cannot deal with them," said one senior U.S. official. "We would not deal with them because of the designation."

Iranian officials initially accused the Israelis and MEK of being behind the attacks, but they have since added the CIA to the list. Three days after the Jan. 11, 2012, bombing in Tehran that killed Roshan, the state news agency IRNA reported that Iran's Foreign Ministry had sent a diplomatic letter to the U.S. claiming to have "evidence and reliable information" that the CIA provided "guidance, support and planning" to assassins directly involved in the attack.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton immediately denied any connection to the killings. "I want to categorically deny any United States involvement in any kind of act of violence inside Iran," Clinton told reporters on the day of the attack.

But at least two GOP presidential candidates have no problem with the targeting of nuclear scientists. In a November debate, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich endorsed "taking out their scientists," and former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum called it, "a wonderful thing."

The MEK's opposition to the Iranian government also has recently earned it both plaudits and support from an odd mix of political bedfellows.

A group of former Cabinet-level officials have joined together to support the MEK's removal from the official U.S. Foreign Terrorist Organization list, even taking out a full-page ad last year in the New York Times calling for the removal of the MEK from the U.S. terrorist list. Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, former U.S. Attorney General Michael Mukasey, former U.N. Ambassador John Bolton; former Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, former FBI Director Louis Freeh and former Rep. Patrick Kennedy were among those whose signatures were on the ad.

"There's an extraordinary group of bipartisan or even apolitical leaders, military leaders, diplomats, the United States ... the United Kingdom, the European Union, even a U.S. District Court in Washington, said that this group that was put on the foreign terrorist organization watch list in 1997 doesn't deserve to be there," Ridge said in November on "The Andrea Mitchell Show" on MSNBC TV.

U.S. politicians also have been pushing the U.S. government to protect the 3,400 MEK members and their families at Camp Ashraf in Iraq,

about 35 miles north of Baghdad. With the departure of U.S. troops, the MEK feared that Iraqi forces, with encouragement from Iran, would attack the camp, leading to a bloodbath. At the last minute, however, agreement was brokered with the United Nations that would permit the MEK members' departure for resettlement in unspecified democratic countries. As of this week, there's been little movement on the planned resettlement.

Iranian fighters with the National Liberation Army, the military wing of the MEK, clean armored personnel carriers in 1997 after a field exercise near Camp Ashraf in Iraq

The Iranians see what's happening as terrorism and hypocrisy by the United States. They have forwarded documents and other evidence to the United Nations – and directly to the United States, they say.

"I think this is very cynical plan. This is unacceptable," said Larijani. "This is a bad trend in the world. Unprecedented. We should kill scientists ... to block a scientific program? I mean this is disaster!"

Daniel Byman, a professor in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and also a senior fellow with the Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution, said that if the accounts of the Israeli-MEK assassinations are accurate, the operation borders on terrorism.

"In theory, states cannot be terrorist, but if they hire locals to do assassinations, that would be state sponsorship," said Byman, author of the recent book, "A High Price: The Triumphs and Failures of Israeli Counterterrorism." "You could argue that they took action not to terrorize the public, the purpose of terrorism, but only the nuclear community. An argument could also be made that degrading the program means that you don't have to take military action and thus, this is a lower level of violence and that really these are military targets, where normally terrorist targets are civilians."

But ultimately, Byman said, there is a "spectrum of responsibility" and that Israel is ultimately responsible.

Ronen Bergman, while not speaking on behalf of the Israeli government, suggests that there is a justification, citing an oft-repeated but disputed quote in which Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's said that Israel should be wiped off the face of the earth.

"Meir Degan, the chief of Mossad, when he was in office, hung a photograph behind him, behind the chair of the chief of Mossad," notes the Israeli commentator. "And in that photograph you see -- an ultra-orthodox Jew -- long beard, standing on his knees with his-- hands up in the air, and two Gestapo soldiers standing -- beside him with guns pointed at him. One of -- one of them is smiling....."

the picture. This is my grandfather just seconds before he was killed by the SS," Bergman said. "... We are here to prevent this from happening again.".....

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you ,by the pretexts of democracy and political problems which you have with Iranian government , are still hosting of this terrorist organization , whereas the war against terrorism has been continuing throughout the world , and terrorism by its criminal ideology is blackmailing and taking advantage of the democracy and freedom and victimize the people specially the terrorists who have learned all kind of tricks , suppression , plot, and etc under direct supervision of

France. They will continue their terrorist methods . They will continue threatening and intimidating their critics and victims by utilizing the tools and facilities which they have gained them in Iraq and by taking advantage of the democracy and freedom in European countries.

They have not regretted yet for their violent and dire past which they had in Iran, Iraq, and Europe but in stead they have been following their past experiences and they use them as a pattern for their future activities and their cur-

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Saddam Hussein and by the fortune which they earned it in Iraq , they continue their plots, deceitful policies , enmity and threat in Iraq and France against people specially against their former victims .

Mr. President

Terrorism by the ideology of deceit , threat and violence , has not changed its nature and essence and it will not. They have utilized the same method and they have been using violence to preserve themselves and gain the power more than 4 decades and during those decades they have proven throughout the world that they do not know any other methods except violence and they have never tried other logical, rational and modern methods. They have never tried to solve their internal problems by allowing their own members to stress their point of view and outlooks and outside of their internal relations , they have never tried to exchange views with other Iranian opposition groups, and in stead they always utilize force and threat to go forward.

Mr. President

Apart from the terrorist forces who came to France a long with Mrs. Maryam Rajavi in 2003 after the fall of Saddam Hussein , during recent weeks as a result of the pressure of Iraqi people and their government , they were forced to take some of their devoted and trained members out of Iraq and put them at Maryam Rajavi 's terrorist and warmongering service .

The pmoi forces ,by different pretexts and by taking refuge , have begun coming to Europe and their final destination will be France . They will continue using their method such as deceit, threat , and violence against the critics by taking advantage of the democracy and freedom which exist in Europe specially in

rent propaganda substantiate and prove it clearly.

Mr. President

The achievements and democratic values as well as the freedom which European people specially French people have gained during recent centuries but today they have been all ridiculed and misused by this terrorist group , do not allow them to misuse those values and achievements for their objectives and goals. They will have no benefit for your country except violence, revenge, vengeance and crime . they have proven in the past that they do not and will not respect their host , their behavior and attitude toward Iraqi people and their government prove our claim, so we urge you as the president of France and the representative of French people , not to allow this terrorist organization to misuse your democracy and freedom to carry out their objectives on your soil. According to the information which we have gained recently and Mas-soud Rajavi ,the pmoi spiritual leader ,has spoken about that in one of his recent speeches , this terrorist group after their failure and fiasco in their warmongering policies and expulsion from Iraq , they are supposed to take revenge of their opponents on Europe and French soil and by this tactic they want to accuse their opponents in Europe for their failure in their terrorist policies . the pmoi spiritual leader reiterated and emphasized to his forces quote " when you leave Iraq to go to Europe , you should keep your war mongering morale and attitude with you in there, because these are the secret of your persistence", end of the quote.

Respectfully

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being sacrificed for his ominous desires and whims and if someone was thinking against the Rajavi's whims , he or she was going to be interrogated harshly for hours and even days in collective sessions and the pmoi operatives were putting them under severe harassment till they were going to become remorseful of their request or their thoughts , then they were transferred to solitary confine-



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ment cells in different places in Ashraf Garrison and after passing through the procedures , they were handed over to the Abou Ghraib prison in Iraq and we can all understand clearly what would have happened to those people in there!

**Madam Secretary**

If I want to talk about all those tortures which were exerted upon us , it needs days to explain but for proving my claims I would like to participate in any courts of law to substantiate and prove my words .

As you are well informed about the condition of Ashraf captivity place ,unfortunately few days ago in Paris, Maryam Ghajar Azdanlo accompanied by some hirelings who were brought there by new deceits and tricks and thousands of dollars to say that the Liberty camp is non standard and it is a prison which even does not have any drinking water!

We know that the liberty camp had been constructed by Americans by specific standards to serve the US soldiers and in this regard I would like to mention that Mrs . Maryam Ghajar Azdanlo is not the representative of anyone in Ashraf to speak on behalf of them. This lady two

weeks ago announced that they will not evacuate and leave Ashraf Garrison by no means and they will defend Ashraf till the last drop of their blood, but This lady announced before that 400 people of Ashraf residents are ready to leave Ashraf to go to the Liberty Camp , whereas until now no one has gone to the Liberty Camp yet.

According to the best of my knowledge of this cult , all these tricks and deceptions have been utilized by the leaders of pmoi to deceive the international societies because Rajavi and his supporters and advocates are not willing to leave this notorious garrison even for one day and their real intention is to buy time as much as possible by deception and fraud , because Rajavi does not have more than one objective which is keeping all those stranded captives in that castle and provoking them to fight with Iraqi forces .

As a result of those facts mentioned above , I am urging you to help those stranded captives in Ashraf before is too late and do not allow them to be sacrificed for the Rajavi ominous whims and desires.

Respectfully

Ghafour Fatahian

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Honorable US Secretary of State , Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton,

### Honorable President



The subject of our open letter to Your Excellency is about the terrorism and specifically pmoi ( People's Mujahedin Organization) which you have been familiar and acquainted with them since long time ago but we want your acquaintance with them become more transparent and more tangible.

We are a group of separated members of pmoi or we would better to say the victims of pmoi who have separated from them and currently we are living in Europe. The very important affair and event about Mujahedin is happening in your country and Europe has created lots of concerns and anxiety among Iranian people , international society and us .

Among Iranian people , your country is very famous for its democracy and freedom but despite of its reputation , your country has been the host of a dangerous terrorist organization for 3 decades. The terrorist group which took advantage and misuse of the democracy and freedom in your country for years and because of that they were confronted with the rules of law in your country and finally in 1986 they were forcibly and unwillingly left the French soil temporarily and they transferred themselves to Saddam Hussein's Iraq. The pmoi organization ,which later were employed by Saddam Hussein's notorious and horrifying security and intelligence service, began suppression and oppression of Iraqi Shies and Kurds and they become completely devoted to Saddam Hussein himself and his government.

This group , as a result of too many facilities and too much fortune which had gained them from Iraq , became very swanky and arrogant and in 2003 when their political and military consumption date finished , they began looking for fulcrum and a foothold in Europe , they chose France again for implementing their objectives and as a result of that Maryam Rajavi arrived in Paris in a hurry but later she ,as a result of taking advantage of French democracy and freedom , was confronted with the French rules of law and its regulations but she ,in stead of paying homage to the French law and its regulations , began blackmailing the law and judiciary system and ordering the members of her organization to do self immolation in public.

You ,who were then in the position of French interior minister , said perfectly about their blackmailing essence and nature which they are one of the most brutal and savage terrorist organizations in the world.

### Mr. President

Your statement about pmoi is completely genuine and your recognition of this organization which has passed its test in suppression , torture, mass killing and dictatorship under the sovereignty of Saddam Hussein , has caused the satisfaction of the Iranian opposition groups as well as the victims of this brutal organization, but it is a surprise for us that

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### Greetings

Madam Secretary of State, before mentioning anything , I would like to introduce myself. I , Gha-four Fatahian , who spent 20 years of the best years of my life professionally and full time , from age 18, in different pmoi bases in Iraq as a captive in Rajavi's organization , can assure you according to the best of my knowledge of this organization that Rajavi and his supporters and advocates , have taken our freedom of action utterly from all of us and they have not left any rights whatsoever for anyone ,except the right of

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