

The Iranian Pen Club

Panorama



Open letter of Mrs. Soltani to the international pro-human rights institutions and organizations

I got informed that 3000 captives ,who have been deprived of any right to have access to the internet , free world as well as society , family and the free Press , finally are going to be transferred and displaced from this garrison (Ashraf).

Maybe this will be a way out for them from the organizational dead end and I ,as the former member of the pmoi commanding council ,am truly sorry that I see this organization is trying its best to force and compel its tyrant domination over international society according to their 30 years of experience of keeping people as captives in Iraq , in this regard I would like to draw attention of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees(UNHCR), the Iraqi government as well as the French government to the following topics:

1. The people's Mujahedin Organization is trying its best to buy time by all means to keep those people in captivity as much as possible consequently I condemn any extra time giving to this cult because the leadership of this cult had enough time (eight years)to find safe places and residency for their members and during those eight years they could easily send those stranded members to the safe places but in stead we can see clearly that the only thing which the pmoi leadership did after the downfall of Saddam Hussein, was beating on the drums of scuffle and violence and preserving their organization and taking advantage of those captives in Ashraf and this situation has been continuing up to now. The trap which the pmoi leadership has enough experience about it specially in dealing with American forces ,who besieged the garrison(Ashraf) , they **Continued on Page 2**



The open letter of the Iranian Pen Club to the European supreme court of justice

The Iranian Pen Club, January 04 2012

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your confirmation regarding not to accept and recognize the pmoi(People's Mujahedin Organization of Iran) as a terrorist organization after the French government just and truth objection and appeal , there is no doubt that it is a very big juridical mistake and it seems that the European supreme court which the justice has been designated as its name , has trampled the name of justice in this case, and Iranian people will not forgive your mistake which it seems that is a political matter. Our reasons are as follows:

1. This organization(pmoi) from the beginning of its foundation has utilized the behavior of arm struggle as the main tool to gain the political power and since the Shah's time , this organization has insisted on this behavior .



2. This organization, according to their own confirmation is the first organization which organized the suicide missions in the middle east and carried out those missions in Iran, the missions which became as pattern and sample for the terrorist organizations such as Al Qaida in Afghanistan and the other

violent organizations in the middle east.

3. The pmoi by its leadership ,Massoud Rajavi in Iraq and Maryam Rajavi in Paris had begun its mortar attacks inside Iranian cities **Continued on Page 4**

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could preserve their tyrant organization and during these years they have been continuing the brainwashing of their members as well as keeping them as captives and continuing bloody scuffles with Iraqi forces.

I am urging you not to fall into the same trap which this organization has created for the Iraqi government as well as the UNHCR to keep those stranded members in captivity as much as possible. I am urging you to help those stranded members ,who have been under severe brainwashing methods for years, by interviewing them individually. Their families have been under severe insults , abusive behaviors, and accusations by the pmoi operatives. These stranded members should be under supervision of their families or other humanitarian organizations to be treated from all those psychological and physical pressures.

2. During their stay in the new camp, I am urging you to deal with them like other refugees who have been living in your refugee camps throughout the world, and do not allow the pmoi leadership to take their control and continue brainwashing them like before and like the time which American forces were in charge of the camp , the pmoi leadership did not allow any families and others to enter and visit their loved ones and by this method, the pmoi leadership could preserve its horrifying organization

do not allow them to continue their brainwashing and thought detection sessions so called Amaliyateh Jari(current mission) again to put more psychological pressure on the body and soul of all those members. In those sessions which are directly ordered by Massoud and Maryam Rajavi , the stranded members have been under severe psychological pressures which destroy their personality and trample their prestige and at the end of those sessions ,those members become as aimless and without will slaves in the hands of the pmoi leadership.

3. The humane rights of all those members inside the camp such as the right of marriage , the right of meeting and visiting their wife or husband and children should be officially recognized , and they should be allowed to have visitation with their loved ones outside of the camp as well without any interference of the pmoi operatives and leadership. The exerted forcible divorces should all be revoked and the divorced families should have the right to be reunited again. These people have not had any news about their families , friends and the outside world for years. First of all their health news should be given to the families urgently by the international institutions like the Red Cross , second of all they should have access to the telephone and mail to get in touch with their families as well ,and third of all they should be allowed to have regular meetings and visitations with their families and beloved ones without the interference of

As far as I know this cult and its leadership , I am completely sure that they will disrupt the United Nations program and its plan by having requests which does not have any similarity with the refugee criteria and standards and regulations which exist in UN and I warn you not to accept the pmoi leadership requests and instead you should carry out and implement your plan to free all those captives and hostages as soon as possible. You should not accept by no means that the pmoi leadership choose a representative or spokesman to speak on the behalf of all those members.

on . I am urging you to beget the conditions for those stranded members to have access to the internet, telephone, television , The Press, and The Post . Those members have been deprived of all those things for years and the only people who were allowed to have access to all those , were the commanders and high ranking members of this organization to have their communications with the headquarter of Maryam Rajavi in France to receive violent orders for using them against those members.

You should not allow the pmoi leadership to speak on the behalf of all those members again and they deprive those members of having access to the international institutions and humanitarian organizations and do not allow them to stablish their former organizational hierarchy again and

the pmoi operatives and leadership.

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Iranian exiles living in Camp Ashraf agree to move, ending standoff with Iraq government

hierarchy who want to be displaced to beget their organizational domination in the new camp once more . Any UNHCR retreat from these facts mentioned above will revive the pmoi leadership objectives which will beget unlawful and illogical requests to kill time and creating more obstacles and hurdles on the refugee path of all those members. For instance I can mention one of Maryam Rajavi's recent requests that "the people who wants to be displaced to the new camp , they should transfer their vehicles to the new camp as well!" These kind of requests show that the pmoi leadership do not think about solving the problems of their members and their refugee cases and the only thing which they think about is relocating Ashraf camp as a whole to the new camp and create another Ashraf in there! First of all everybody knows that the real owner of those vehicles is Iraqi government ,second of all residing in other camp as refugee seekers which is under direct supervision of UNHCR, it is no need to have military cars and vehicles in there.....

For this reason the Iraqi officials should reiterate to them once more that the people who are going to be displaced from Ashraf to the new camp should take only their personal stuffs with them ,and these kind of requests from pmoi leadership shows their intention of putting obstacles and hurdles on the UN path and its plan.

5. As it is Chrystal clear that after the dead end of the pmoi strategy and its failure in Iraq , the pmoi leadership and its horrifying organization has concentrated and focused its activities in United States ,Europe , and specially in France and in this regard the Mayors of different cities in France such as Auvers sur Oise , Villepinte, Paris , Taverny , and some of the former members of the French assembly and the deans of the French universities have been under pmoi propaganda bombardment . I warn all French politicians about the pmoi headquarter in Auvers sur oise which is a very good place for both Massoud and Maryam Rajavi to continue their cultic life in there.

Respectfully

Batul Soltani

Transcript

the Iraqi prime minister office

the French state department

the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

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off to the outside world. The group's residents have not left the camp for years, and the little contact they have with outsiders is through the Iraqi military, visiting diplomats and aid agencies. They do have extensive communications equipment that allows them to communicate with the outside world.

The group's leader said residents had taken a piece of land in the desert and transformed it into a "modern city with their labor and extensive cost."

"It has a university, library, museum, hospital, power station, cemetery, mosque, parks, lake, sports and recreation facilities, and underground bomb shelters," she said.

The group carried out a series of bombings and assassinations against Iran's clerical regime in the 1980s and fought alongside Saddam's forces in the Iran-Iraq war. The group says it renounced violence in 2001. U.S. soldiers disarmed them during the invasion of Iraq in 2003.

Under the agreement outlined by the U.N., the international organization will monitor the relocation process, and then a team from the U.N.'s refugee agency will be deployed at the new location to process the refugee claims. The U.S. has said that its embassy personnel will also frequently check on the camp's residents.

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in 1987 (1376) which is the biggest and the most undeniable document and proof of their violent behavior against the ordinary Iranian residents , and they can not hide or deny any of those attacks as a result of tens of vital documents and proofs which are available.

4. The pmoi and its leadership in Iraq and in Paris has not declared yet officially and in any place by showing a reliable and clear document that they have set aside and abandon the arm struggle . the Iranian people's mind and memory can not be fooled by the deceit and political play of the juridical authorities in Europe and by their deliberately evaluation of the Iranian as ignorant people which specially and practically the European supreme court of justice has done it in this case.

5. The symbol of arm and submachine gun as logo in their emblem since 40 years ago shows their violent thoughts and behavior which has not been changed yet.

The honorable and distinguished judges of the European supreme court of justice

Unfortunately you have reconfirmed the delisting of this organization(with the traits mentioned above) from the European union terrorist list and the Iranian people think that in any violent activity



wing. Today's world move forward far from using political violence , and using sword and arm for exertion and indoctrination of the thoughts and beliefs on the people in the space era and 21 century is completely out of question .

Honorable European supreme court of justice

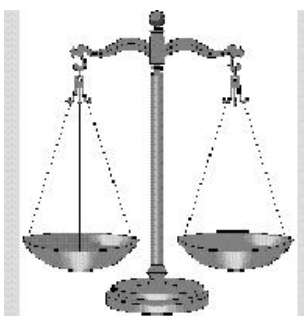
If you as an important authority and justice seeker on the European soil has closed your eyes on pmoi terrorist activities and their mistakes , according to your heavy humane responsibilities ask this organization that if they truly believe in denunciation and banishment of the arm struggle as the main tool for compelling and the exertion of their political beliefs and also if they have abandoned the arm struggle for ever and like the civilized people throughout the world have accepted the political solutions to express

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which this organization may implement perpetrate in future , the European supreme court of justice should see its share and role in it and they should sense its heavy burden on their conscience and this fact is not far from the Iranian people's expectations.

As you know well that the Basque combatants in Spain recently according to an official statement declared their renunciation and abdication from terrorism and violence as a tool for gaining identity and political power and they declared it officially and openly and Spanish people and politicians will re-evaluate the Basque combatants after their declaration.

During past years the Irish Liberation army also has chosen the political struggle as the main solution for reaching to its political objectives and as a result of that they disbanded their military



their thoughts and beliefs and they are practically committed to it , they should declare it officially and openly for Iranian people and the people throughout the world and you should ask this organization to declare this transformation by an official statement . otherwise you should accept that you have been deceived by their false policies and their hired lawyers but their movement and activities are under vigilant Iranian people surveillance and they will not be deceived.

The bitter truth is that before of all the Iranian people have been paying the price of the terrorism and the institutionalized violence in mujahedin's terrorist cult and this fact has begotten an irrecoverable and irreparable losses on Iran democracy path.

Respectfully

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Deportation process starts today as 326 Mojahedin-e Khalq terror group removed from Camp Ashraf



Ashraf News, Baghdad, December 27 2011 <http://www.ashraf-news.com/news.php?action=view&id=78>

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The Deputy Mayor of Khalis said today that 326 members of the Mojahedin Khalq terrorist group will be relocated to Camp Liberty near Baghdad Airport in preparation of their deportation from the country.

Uday al-Khadran said the operation is scheduled for today, Tuesday December 27.

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Mr al-Khadran said that the agreement between the Iraqi government and UN representatives in Baghdad is official and that the Iraqi government is looking forward to returning the illegally confiscated land to the rightful owners.

Ten escape from Mojahedin-e Khalq Organisation - take refuge in police station north of Baquba



Alsumaria News, Diyala, Iraq, December 23 2011

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The source said in an interview for Alsumaria News, "Ten members of the MEK of Iran based in Camp Ashraf or what is known currently as Camp New Iraq... (55 km north of Baquba), escaped today from the camp and took refuge in a police station close by".

The source, who preferred anonymity, said that "the reason for their escape is they were exposed to tyranny and injustice by the leaders of the organization," noting that "the fugitives demanded the central government transferred to the outside," without giving further details...

Open Letter from Sahar Family Foundation to Martin Kobler

Sahar Family Foundation, Baghdad, January 05 2012

<http://www.saharngo.com/en/story/1445>

Sahar Family Foundation has written a letter to the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Iraq, Mr Martin Kobler, regarding the latest developments at the base of the Rajavi cult in Iraq.

The text of the letter is below:

United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI)

Mr Martin Kobler,

With kind respects and best wishes for your task regarding the issue of the inhabitants of Camp New Iraq (formerly Ashraf garrison), we would like to inform you of the following:

According to information gained from inside Ashraf garrison, Massoud Rajavi arranged a video conference with Ashraf inhabitants towards the end of September 2011. Participation in this session was mandatory for all cult members residing in Ashraf. In this conference, which lasted for 8 continuous hours, Rajavi tried to prepare his followers for the possible UN interviews beforehand.

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... He directly threatened members of his cult that during interviews they should not say or write anything but their names and the period they have been in Ashraf garrison, and should not mention anything about wishing to leave the base of the cult since this would produce severe consequences for them. In his lengthy speech, Rajavi tried to frighten people against any and every possible UN action and emphasized that they would gain no benefit from the UN interviews and the UN intervention and it could even harm them. He told them that if they do anything except what he has asked ...

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During his speech, Rajavi said that the Iraqi government, the EU, the UN, the ICRC and any other agency cannot make any decisions and the US is the only agency that makes all the decisions. In this respect he tried to give hope to his followers that

with the US administration's approval, the conditions that the organization used to enjoy under Saddam Hussein would be reinstated.

The information received from Ashraf garrison also indicates that all members have been put on a state of alert against the Iraqi forces and specific plans have been made in this regard.

These plans are mainly defensive but some plans for ambushing the Iraqi forces and disarming them have also been made. The members are told that after disarming the Iraqi forces they should hand over the captured weapons to their superiors and wait to be told what to do next. It should be mentioned that during the April clash with the Iraqi forces some weapons were seized from Iraqi soldiers which are still being held by the Rajavi cult.

There has also been news that the leaders of the cult are actively seeking another clash with the Iraqi forces in order to eliminate some of their discontented members as they did in previous cases. This has been done several times in the MeK cult before. During the invasion of Iraq by allied forces in 2003, the leaders of the Rajavi cult murdered some of those who wanted to leave and later announced that they had been killed during the bombardments. In the following years as more dissidents fled Ashraf garrison it was revealed that of the over 50 persons that the MeK claimed were killed as the result of the bombardments, a maximum number of 5 had actually been killed in this way and

ring the transfer and interview process.

- Make sure that such meetings are carried out without the presence of the MeK officials. It is necessary for the International Red Cross and preferably the next of kin of interviewees to be present in order to gain the rapport and trust of the asylum seekers.

- Pass adequate information about their actual situation to these people since they have been away from the real world for many years and have no clue whatsoever about the circumstances outside the cult. Their only source of knowledge has been the cult leaders, so they must be well informed beforehand.

As before, Sahar Family Foundation declares its readiness for all possible cooperation. We would like to share all our resources in any appropriate way with the international organizations in order to reach a quick and peaceful solution for the dilemma of Ashraf garrison.

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the rest were eliminated by the cult itself.

What we would specifically like to draw your attention to is that inside Ashraf garrison the brainwashing sessions called "current operations" are proceeding with intensity. The reason for these delays and time-killing by the leaders of the cult and preventing the UN from carrying out its tasks is that they want to identify those who are potential deserters and also to mentally prepare their members for the interviews.

We therefore on behalf of the suffering families, who are the only right representatives of the inhabitants of the garrison and are truly following their best interests, urge you to adopt the following means.

- Arrange for the hundreds of families of members, who have been picketing outside the garrison for nearly two years and merely request to visit their loved ones which the leaders of the cult have denied, to visit the inhabitants du-

Sahar Family Foundation

Baghdad, 3 January 2012

Copy to:

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Mr. Jean de-Ruyt, EU foreign policy adviser on Camp Ashraf



Iraq/MEK: Ensure Camp Residents' Safety Camp Ashraf Impasse Requires All Parties' Cooperation

Human Rights Watch, December 23, 2011

<http://www.hrw.org/news/2011/12/23/iraqmek-ensure-camp-residents-safety>



(Washington, DC) – All parties involved with the UN plan to resolve the situation of Camp Ashraf residents should work to make sure it is carried out safely and effectively, Human Rights Watch said today. Everyone involved, especially the Iraqi authorities and the Mojahedin-e Khalq organization, should guarantee the safe transfer of Camp Ashraf residents to a protected site for refugee status determinations.

“Both Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and MEK leader Maryam Rajavi have issued statements suggesting they agree,

dents.

Human Rights Watch sent letters on December 15 and 16, 2011, to the governments of the United States, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, Denmark and Sweden seeking their support for the appeal by Martin Kobler, the United Nations special envoy for Iraq, to the Iraqi government to extend a December 31 deadline for closing Camp Ashraf. Human Rights Watch also urged the governments to help ensure the safe transfer of camp residents for individual refugee status interviews, and respond quickly and positively to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon’s call for UN member states to indicate their willingness to accept Camp Ashraf residents for resettlement.

“Resolution of the Camp Ashraf situation requires the active involvement by other major players like the United States and the EU who can play a critical role in resettling Camp Ashraf residents and monitoring to make sure they are safe and are treated fairly,” said Frelick.

The Mojahedin-e Khalq (MEK) was founded in 1965 as an armed group to challenge the Shah of Iran’s government. In 1981, two years after the Iranian revolution, the group went

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in principle, to the UN plan, but both sides remain far apart on the details,” said Bill Frelick, refugee program director at Human Rights Watch. “Successful implementation of the UN plan requires good faith negotiations by all sides, including the Iraqi government and the leadership of the Mojahedin-e Khalq.”

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underground after trying to foment an armed uprising against Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the former Supreme Leader of Iran. After a period of exile in France, most of the group’s leaders relocated to Iraq in 1986 and established Camp Ashraf, although its top leadership remains in France.

Human Rights Watch called on all parties to allow international diplomats, UN agencies, and independent observers to be present to monitor every step of the transfer of these residents to a protected transit site, such as the former Camp Liberty at Baghdad’s international airport. Human Rights Watch also urged the UN to continue monitoring the human rights and humanitarian situation after camp residents have been relocated to the transit site.

Thirty Ashraf residents run away (aka; Mojahedin Khalq, MKO, MEK, Rajavi cult)

Human Rights Watch previously appealed to both the Iraqi government and the leadership of the MEK to cooperate fully with the UN to ensure the protection and safety of Camp Ashraf residents. Tension and mistrust between the MEK leadership and Iraqi security forces remain high following two violent incidents involving Iraqi security forces that led to the deaths of more than 40 Camp Ashraf residents, in July 2009 and April 2011. Human Rights Watch has repeatedly called on Iraqi authorities to refrain from using excessive force against Camp Ashraf residents, and for independent and transparent investigations to investigate the two incidents and any crimes committed during them.

The Iraqi government has not opened investigations into these incidents.

The UN Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials states that “law enforcement officials may use force only when strictly necessary and to the extent required for the performance of their duty.” The UN Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms provide that law enforcement officials “shall, as far as possible, apply non-violent means before resorting to the use of force” and may use force “only if other means remain ineffective.” When the use of force is unavoidable, law enforcement officials must “exercise restraint in such use and act in proportion to the seriousness of the offence.”

Human Rights Watch has also called on the Iraqi government not to return the exiles to Iran against their will, saying they may risk torture or other serious abuse. Human Rights Watch has documented the prevalent use of torture in Iran, particularly against opponents of the government.

As a state party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Iraq is bound to apply the principle of non-refoulement. The UN’s Human Rights Committee, which interprets the covenant, has explained this obligation as: “States parties must not expose individuals to the danger of torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment upon return to another country by way of their extradition, expulsion or refoulement.”

The Iraqi government has assured Washington that it would not forcibly transfer any member of the group to a country where they face a risk of torture.

Brutha News, December 31 2011

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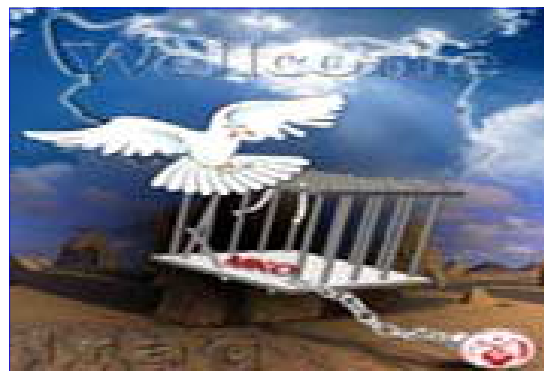


A security source: thirty members of Mujahedin Khalq escaped camp Ashraf for an unknown place.

A number of members of the Mujahedin Khalq Organization left their Camp for an unknown place said an informed source in Diyala Province, Iraq. The group members are suffering anxiety and confusion following the decision by Iraqi government to relocate the camp, the source added.

The source who is an Iraqi Interior Ministry employee reported the escape of thirty residents on the condition of anonymity. He refused to give further information.

The United Nations earlier this week declared that the residents of Camp Ashraf will be transferred to another place based on the recent Memorandum of Understanding signed by the UN and the Iraqi government.



Iranian exiles living in Camp Ashraf agree to move, ending standoff with Iraq government

Washington Post, December 29 2011

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle-east/iraqi-official-says-militants->

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Associated Press, BAGHDAD — The head of an Iranian exile group holed up at a camp in Iraq said Wednesday that the first of the camp's residents are ready to move to a new location picked by the Iraqi government, solving a potential crisis.

The announcement Wednesday by Maryam Rajavi, the Paris-based leader of the group, averted what could have been a bloody showdown with Iraqi authorities if the residents had refused to move.



ment raid on the camp.

The United Nations on Sunday announced an agreement to move the residents of Camp Ashraf to a temporary location, but until Wednesday, the exiles had not said whether they would go.

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"After receiving assurances ... and as a sign of goodwill, 400 Ashraf residents are ready to go to Camp Liberty with their moveable property and vehicles at first opportunity," read the statement. Camp Liberty is the former American military base in Baghdad that has been chosen as the group's new home.

The agreement comes as militants this week twice tried to target the camp with rockets. No one was injured.

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Rajavi said 400 residents are ready to move first as a sign of goodwill. The statement made no mention of when the other residents would go, but the group's residents are believed to want to stay together. If the first move is successful and safe, it's likely the rest would be relocated soon.

"The transfer of the first group of residents is a test of the Iraqi Government's attitude in respecting obligations as professed to the U.N. and U.S.," Rajavi said.

At Camp Liberty, the U.N.'s refugee agency will interview the residents to determine their eligibility for refugee status, before they can eventually be resettled in third countries. Returning to Iran is ruled out because of their opposition to the regime.

Rajavi's statement also gave rare insight into a camp that was built during the 1980s and has largely been closed

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transfer and convey them to a quiet and calm place which should not be under control and surveillance of pmoi leaders and operatives and like other thousands camp throughout the world, it should be under control and surveillance of local government as well as the international observers.

For this reason we are urging your honorable government, for the well being of our sisters and brothers residing In Ashraf garrison and for releasing them from Ashraf garrison which has taken their free will and power of thought and for their rapid access to the necessary medical things and medication as well as their access to Media and free press and for their fast connection to their families and friends throughout the world and their



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direct connection without any intermediate and middleman with the international humanitarian organizations individually to choose their future freely to carry out and implement their transfer in determined time without talking into consideration of the propaganda and political interests of some politicians who by receiving huge amount of money trample any humane principles, do not postpone the closure of Ashraf Garrison and you should know that Iranian people just think about the release of their beloved ones from the clutches of Rajavi and they are waiting for Iraq humanitarian actions to release their beloved ones so they can embrace them at last. Freedom of those stranded members and captives can come to the reality when the gates of this notorious prison

which was closed by the iron fist of Saddam Hussein , become open by your government.

In this regard we the former members of pmoi are completely ready to explain that the points which the leaders of pmoi are saying on the behalf of those stranded members are not the pmoi members point of view and their standpoint and they are just deceitful requests and policies of the pmoi leadership.

Respectfully

The Former Members of pmoi

23-December-2011

Camp Ashraf survivors, ex Mojahedin Khalq (MKO, MEK, Rajavi cult) members visit Iraqi Embassy in France

Faryade Azadi, Paris, December 24 2011

<http://www.faryade-azadi.com/2Haupt/Sefarat%20Iraq%201.HTM>

Honorable Ambassador of Iraq in France

Respectfully

We are a group of former members of pmoi who during past years by escape and running away from Ashraf garrison and by going through harsh circumstances and condition could rescue ourselves and leave Iraq. Through you We would like to inform Iraqi government and its honorable officials about the following facts:

According to the current complicated situation regarding to the presence of mujahedin in Ashraf, and according to your government agenda for shutting down the Ashraf Garrison till the end of 2011, and according to our experiences which each one of us has gained them in 20 years of living in Ashraf, so we are very well informed about the things which is happening in there, and according to the fact that the leaders of pmoi are trying their best to put hurdles and obstacles in the freedom path of the Ashraf residents and by creating different excuses and pretexts buy time to fortify their positions and postpone the closure of Ashraf garrison and freedom of the stranded captives, and according to the harsh and difficult condition which has been existing in Ashraf garrison for years as a result of Rajavi's overcome and conquered strategy and destructive policies, we are very concerned and worried about the physical and psychological condition of our brothers and sisters in Ashraf, we are urging Iraqi government and its lawful and formal representatives and officials not to give up and surrender themselves upon different political pressures which pmoi leaders create in international arena (which happens only by astronomical spending and by paying huge bribes to some of the western politicians so it does not have any lawful and juridical legitimacy) and open the gates of Ashraf prison and free the captives in there in predetermined time.

We know that none of the Ashraf residents have access to the news outside of Ashraf and they do not have any idea about your intent and will and actions which are happening outside of Ashraf garrison for their freedom for that reason the leaders of pmoi can indoctrinate all kind of lies to those stranded members and influence on their thoughts and their decision making.

We also know that the pmoi leaders utilize different tricks and deceits to control them, for that reason we deeply believe that the only way and the only solution to free those captives is to open the gates of Ashraf castle and

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