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Free Iran Gathering 2019 at Ashraf 3



Delegations from 47 nations visit Ashraf 3, the home of Iranian Resistance

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MEK will fight Iran regime from new Ashraf-3 base in Albania

By THE WASHINGTON TIMES

ASHRAF-3, Albania — Iran's largest opposition group opened the doors of its new home base on Saturday with a wave of praise from political leaders from both the left and the right, hailing from nearly 50 countries and all enthusiastic about the group and its goals.

The Ashraf-3 community, not quite finished, rests on a sprawling plot that until 30 months ago was farmland. It is about halfway between the Albanian capital of Tirana and the Adriatic coastline.

Home to more than 3,000 Iranian dissidents from the Mujahedeen-e-Khalq, best known as MEK, Ashraf-3 is too new to appear on map programs. Cement was still drying around the base of some flag posts, and workers were painting the handrails on a bridge as more than 350 dignitaries from 47 countries arrived.

The gathering was MEK's 15th "Free Iran" event but the first in Albania. Paris hosted the event From 2004 to 2018.

"We look at the fact that so many leaders came to our home so far from where they live as a testament to the international support that exists for MEK and the faith they have in what we want to accomplish," said Mohammad Mohaddessin, chairman of the foreign affairs committee for the National Council of Resistance of Iran, an umbrella group that includes the MEK.

The two main themes from dozens of speakers were praise for building Ashraf-3 and organizing the event, and a desire to see the Iranian regime toppled.

Changing the regime is the central goal of the MEK, though its formal aim is to step into the void that a collapsed Iranian government would leave only long enough to hold free elections and establish a secular state.

Under the plan, Maryam Rajavi would step in as president-elect until elections are held. Mrs. Rajavi — the wife of MEK co-founder Massoud Rajavi, who disappeared in 2003 — was the star of Saturday's event. Her remarks were interrupted repeatedly by loud chants of "Iran! Maryam! Freedom!" and "From Ashraf to Tehran, we will fight to the end!"

will not cost them very much, at least until the next U.S. presidential election," she said. "They say to themselves: 'Let's wait another 16 months and maybe the U.S. will have another president from whom we can extract the same super concessions as we did with the nuclear deal.'"

She said that strategy would fail in the face of MEK's efforts.

senator and the 2000 Democratic vice presidential candidate, said, "You don't just represent an alternative to the Iranian mullahs. You represent the right alternative."

MEK was founded in 1965 when several student groups united to oppose the Iranian shah. It has gone through several phases of development as it has battled the Islamic Republic in Tehran,

base." A State Department spokesman at the time said Washington did not claim the exile group was involved in the assassination of scientists in Iran.

But Iranian officials have targeted MEK ... and Ashraf-3 includes a museum that details the torture and deaths of as many as 120,000 MEK supporters. In 2015, Iran launched a 40-rocket attack against Ashraf-2, MEK's previous home in Iraq, leaving 24 dead. A car bomb attack on Ashraf-3 last year was foiled before explosives could be detonated.

Despite the risks, sisters Forough and Hejrat Moezzi, ages 30 and 31, respectively, say Ashraf-3 is the first place that feels like home to them since they left Iran 12 years ago. Both were residents of Ashraf-1 and Ashraf-2 in Iraq.

Ashraf-3 was built in Albania because the country offered refuge to the group. Former Albanian Prime Minister Pandeli Majko explained that the move was part of the country's history. "In 1943, the Nazis conquered Albania and had two main demands when an Albanian delegation went to Berlin," Mr. Majko said. "They wanted our gold transferred to Berlin, and they wanted a list of all the Jews in Albania. Our answer was simple: the gold, yes; the Jews, no. Protecting those in need is part of our identity."

The speed with which the heavily guarded town was built — complete with parks, conference halls, shopping centers, restaurants, swimming pools and a luxury hotel — was enough to make Mr. Giuliani marvel. "This whole city was built in less than two years," Mr. Giuliani said. "If we tried to do this in New York, it would take 15 years and launch 14 corruption investigations."

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Thousands of people gathered at the newly constructed Ashraf 3 in Albania to call for freedom in Iran.

MEK does not formally take sides in internal politics in other countries, and the delegation from the United States included figures from across the political spectrum. But in her opening remarks, Mrs. Rajavi appeared to endorse President Trump, who helped raise MEK's profile after pulling out of the Iran nuclear deal last year.

Iran's "calculation is that terrorist operations and the war-mongering in the region's countries

"We will never abandon our struggle," Mrs. Rajavi said.

"This isn't a choice between deposing a dictator when we don't know if an even more terrible leader will take his place," said former New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, a legal adviser to Mr. Trump. "It's a choice between one of the most terrible sponsors of terrorism in the world in the current regime in Iran, and we have MEK ready to step in."

Joseph Lieberman, a former

including a period of more than 15 years starting in 1997 when the U.S. government officially classified it as a terrorist organization.

The Obama administration lifted the MEK's designation as a terrorist group in 2012, citing what it said was the group's "public renunciation of violence, the absence of confirmed acts of terrorism by the MEK for more than a decade, and their cooperation in the peaceful closure of Camp Ashraf, their historic paramilitary

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World leaders, don't turn your backs on these mass murders

**Rudy Giuliani,
Attorney to the U.S. President,
Former Mayor of New York City**

Thanks to you and particularly to the people who live here in Ashraf 3... you'll be honored forever in Iranian history and in the history of those who love and are willing to die for freedom. God bless you.

This organization has grown and grown and grown, and I feel in this room today a kind of optimism that I don't remember feeling before when we were in Paris. I feel an optimism maybe because you've done a miracle here in Ashraf. If we were to build this in New York City, it would take 15 years and 14 corruption investigations. I was here a year and a half ago; this wasn't here. And of course, all of this is possible because of the leadership of Madame Maryam Rajavi, a truly exceptional leader. Just like her husband, Massoud Rajavi, who began this movement in one very brave act. He refused to swear allegiance to the Supreme Leader Khomeini to his face. He said, "No, I will not swear allegiance to you. I will not deliver my nation to a tyrant."

I accuse the Ayatollah and Rouhani and all of their sycophants and followers of mass murder, crimes against humanity. We should be embarrassed for our countries if they haven't stood up against this. There's no middle ground here. These people have killed at least 120,000 members and associates of this great organization. You see the book. You go through the sad, tragic, but heroic exhibit they have of the martyrs to freedom. Look at the photograph of the people in the infirmary being treated for illness, slaughtered just a few years ago. Killed 52 of them of the last 100 people who stayed at Ashraf; they tried to wipe them all out. In 1988, in two months they slaughtered 30,000 people. These are not numbers, these are human lives.

So there are three things that we have to do. Number one, we have to get the governments of Europe to stand up, to wake up, to reclaim their dignity and their honor. These are the countries that gave us democracy. Greece, Rome, Italy, France, United Kingdom, Germany, all places in which freedom was born, democracy emerged. Democracy for my nation came out of the experience of Europe. So how can the leaders of those countries turn their back on mass murder? How can they do it and live with themselves? It's time to end that shameful disregard.

There's no statute of limitations on murder... I prosecuted two Nazis 40



There is an alternative to this horrible regime of terror ... the National Council of Resistance of Iran, the NCRI, led by the president elect, Madame Rajavi ... In my country, she's thoroughly respected.

years after their horrible deeds. One killed 20,000 people, the other killed 12,000 people, and we brought them to justice. The people who slaughtered 30,000 people in 1988 should be identified, prosecuted, and they should either be imprisoned for life or executed. They're murderers. They're not leaders of countries.

I am so proud of my government because we have stood up. We looked at that agreement that would make Iran a nuclear power and we said tear it up. We're not going to put nuclear weapons in the hands of a maniac. Well, I say to the leaders of Europe, you can go down in history as fighters for freedom. Isn't that better than just running a government and giving blood money to Iran? How can you do commerce with them? We all know they're the largest sponsor of terrorism in the world. That means they fund and they supply murderers not only in their own country but all over the world. And when you give them money, when you relieve them of a debt, which my government did in the prior administration, you are supporting murder. What do they use it for? When a French or a German company does business with them, that profit is going to be used to kill people in Syria or to kill people somewhere else or to send people to Albania to kill us or to send people to France like they did last year to kill Madame Rajavi and us. That's what they're funding, don't you realize

it? That makes you complicit in murder.

Number two, let's make it clear, there is an alternative to this horrible regime of terror. This isn't one of those situations in which we have the choice of deposing a horrible dictator and we don't know if a more horrible one will come along. And we saw it happen in Egypt, in some ways we saw it happen in Libya.

But here, we don't have that problem. We've got the worst regime in the world by far, the biggest sponsor of terrorism in the world. And then we have the National Council of the Resistance of Iran, the NCRI, led by the president-elect, Madame Rajavi. Coalition of resistance organizations respected throughout the world. There are representatives of most of the major countries in the world here. They've gotten to know her. They've gotten to respect her. In my country, she's thoroughly respected.

We know there's a group of people who have been fighting for freedom all their lives, who have lost the closest people to them in the fight for freedom, who are dedicated to it.

People here at Ashraf — I spent a lot of time with them — these are people who are dedicated to freedom. And if you think that's a cult, then there's something wrong with you. There's something missing in your soul.

But we know that there is a government-in-exile, it negotiates with the whole world, and it's written down plain as can be what it stands for. And it looks

just like our Bill of Rights, just like the universal declarations of freedom and decency and human rights enshrined in the great documents of the world.

Free elections within six months is the promise, and I believe it will be fulfilled. They're for gender equality. They're for human rights. They're for a system of law. They're for fair trial. And because of their history, they oppose capital punishment because there's been too much of it.

This is a good organization. And it's an organization that is ready, willing and able not to take over Iran but to guide Iran to elections as quickly as possible, and hopefully they will be part of the coalition governing Iran like they're part of the coalition that is trying to guide Iran to freedom. This is a group that we can support. It's a group that we should stop maligning, and it's a group that should make us comfortable having regime change in the worst regime in the world.

Here's what you can do. You can be a witness like in the biblical sense of a witness. You know something that a lot of people don't know. You know really how bad it is in Iran. And you know about MEK. And you know about Madame Rajavi. And you know the truth, not the lies, "the cult, they don't have support in Iran." Why has the Ayatollah been murdering them for 40 years if they don't have support in Iran? The Ayatollah and Rouhani have said that this organization is the only one that's really a danger to them.

You now have a responsibility because of your knowledge. Don't hide your eyes. You've got to get the leaders of your country to stand up so you can all be proud of your country and its heritage.

I get attacked and my colleagues who will be here in a moment get attacked in America. Why we're doing this? We're doing it really very simply because we love freedom and we can't turn our back on people who are being treated this way, and we can't turn our back on a situation that could be catastrophic for them and catastrophic for the world. You know what I say to them? Keep doing it. I wear it as a badge of honor. I support freedom, you support oppression. I support democracy, you support dictatorship. I support decent people who share the values of decent governments and you support mass murderers. Now who's right and who's wrong?

But I know and I feel as I've told you. I know why there's an optimism in this room. It's because we're going to be in Tehran much sooner than all those cynics believe. You know why? Because we are *hazer, hazer, hazer*. (We are ready).

‘We will stand with you every step of the way’

**Joseph Lieberman,
Former U.S. Senator**

It is not only an honor but exciting to be here in Ashraf 3.

The cause of the residents of Ashraf, the cause of what I would call the prisoners of the bizarrely, insanely named Camp Liberty, was embraced by more and more members of Congress of both political parties. You're a cause. We were irritated and anxious when your freedom was repressed, when you were let down and you were treated unfairly, including by the United States of America. We were hurt and heartbroken and angry when you were terrorized and murdered in Camp Liberty by Iranian forces. But you were a cause to us.

This weekend, we have met you. You are real people. We have heard your stories. You have deepened our commitment to stand with you every step of the way from the hell that you lived in in Camp Liberty to the heaven that will be life in liberated Iran.

Well, it's hard not to believe on a weekend like this, in a gathering like this, with so many leaders from around the world who are saying to you not just that Iran is ready for a new day and dawn of freedom, not just that you are ready for a new day of dawn and freedom in Iran, but for all of us around the world we are ready to stand with you in the fight for freedom.... We have all learned a phrase this weekend. *Hazer, hazer, hazer*. We are ready. And we will stand with you every step of the way.

Now, why do I say a new day is dawning? It's not there yet, but we're getting close to a new day of freedom in Iran. It's because of a confluence of forces that have come together. And the first is represented by the liberation of Ashrafis and the miraculous building of this community here in Albania. Now, this great movement, you suffered, you refused to yield, you refused to give in, but right alongside you was the NCRI and the MEK led by Mrs. Maryam Rajavi. They would not leave you behind. It might have been easy. But in standing with you and fighting for your freedom, they told the rest of the world a lot about themselves. And you told us a lot about this movement. And now that you are here, the NCRI and the MEK can focus with full attention and energy on the ground, on the battlefield for freedom in Iran.

Resistance groups are growing every day as the regime is weakening every day.... The Iran nuclear agreement was signed in 2015 in spite of the fight that many of us made against it because it was a bad agreement for the Iranian people, for the United States, for the world, for all the reasons that have been said.

I thought that a new day could only dawn from the ground up in Iran. And of



And it begins, as every movement must – the movement doesn't happen automatically. A movement needs a strong, principled, collaborative leader. And that is what you have, thank God, in Mrs. Maryam Rajavi. She is able, she is principled, she is visionary, she is selfless, she cares for every one of you.

course that's necessary, but now something new and different has happened. And what I'm about to say, I'm saying as a Democrat and I'm saying as somebody who didn't vote for Donald Trump in 2016, and that's why I hope you believe I'm saying it with all the more sincerity. President Trump has been heroic and historic in taking the actions he has to break the Iran nuclear agreement, to impose sanctions on the Iranian government. We have gone from the specious, the baseless charges of terrorism against the MEK, NCRI, now to where they truly belong.

Today, it's the IRGC that is clearly known and designated as a terrorist organization. And that's what it is...

Now, there's someone you and I both know if he were still alive would be here today. A great fighter for human rights throughout the world and a devoted believer in the cause of freedom for the people of Iran and the cause of the NCRI, MEK. And that is my dear and our dear beloved friend, a blessed memory, the honorable John S. McCain, Senator from Arizona. Thank you. Thank you. God bless his soul. You know, I'm

spiritual enough to believe that he heard that up there and thanks you. John could not be here of course today; he left us last August. But he was in Ashraf 3 in April of 2017. And I want to bring back to you the words he said, he would be so astounded and impressed by what has become of Ashraf 3 today. And here's what John said on that day to people who are here, "You have stood up and fought and sacrificed for freedom, for the right to determine your own future, for the rights that are given by God. I thank you for being an example to the whole world that those who are willing to fight and sacrifice for freedom always will achieve it." End of quote from John McCain. I'm proud to bring his words to you because they are true. The battle to liberate Iran from the radical religious dictators who control it today is a battle that not only has great significance for the people of Iran but for the cause of freedom throughout the world.

And it begins, as every movement must — the movement doesn't happen automatically. A movement needs a strong, principled, collaborative leader. And that is what you have, thank God, in Mrs. Maryam Rajavi. She is able, she is principled, she is visionary, she is selfless, she cares for every one of you. Yesterday, my wife and I walked through the exhibition here, the 120,000 martyrs, with Mrs. Rajavi. And she looked at those — it was really like walking through a Holocaust museum. And she looked at every one of the faces there as if they were members of her family. That is the way she feels about every one of you and about every citizen of Iran. You are blessed to have such a leader, and it makes it that much easier for my friends from the United States and around the world to stand with you as we will until victory is secured. Looking at this movement's history, it's remarkable that you fought both the Shah's dictatorship and then have stood against the mullahs as well, because your North Star is freedom, is human rights. Ashraf 3 is the best testament to the fact that this movement presents a viable alternative to the regime.

So, let me once more say in conclusion, to others in the world who would preach appeasement, who would disillusion themselves, who would allow themselves to be entrapped in foolish, wasteful discussions with the mullahs, it's time to stand firm against the regime. It's time to stand with the people of Iran. It's time to stand for the people's freedom. It's time to bring a government to Iran that will reject claims of leadership based on heredity or religion. The people of Iran deserve a government that is accountable to them, a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. And together, yes, we can. We are ready. *Hazer, hazer, hazer*.



'You can imprison a man or a woman, but you can't kill an idea'



**Tom Ridge,
First U.S. Secretary of
Homeland Security**

Madame Rajavi and guests, if you permit just one very, very personal expression of gratitude. Less than two years ago, I suffered a very, very serious cardiac arrest. In the course of my recovery, I received probably hundreds of letters and good wishes and prayer groups and the like. And there's not another group of people globally that sent me more cards of goodwill and of prayer and of support than those committed to your cause and your mission, the Iranian diaspora

around the world. So, I thank you for that kindness and your love.

In recent history, the world has recognized and recorded the extraordinary leadership of women in trying and difficult and challenging times confronting their country, their region and their value system. Of course there have been many laudatory and richly deserved comments and expressions of gratitude and sincerity, affection for you, Madame Rajavi. When you refer to the MEK and the NCRI, you can say, "You can imprison a man or a woman," and, yes, they've done that. And I met several yesterday who had been imprisoned

and tortured. So you can imprison a man or a woman, but you can't kill an idea. And we've listened today and will continue to listen to tributes to your courage, to your sacrifice, to your relentless pursuit of justice and liberty and freedom in your home. A country with a culture, a history, rich in tradition and rich in contributions to the rest of the world. And you will at the end prevail — you now fight for all those who cherish freedom and liberty and justice globally.

There are so many men and women whom you've never met, probably millions around the world, who look to you and your pursuit of freedom and justice. Their prayers are now with you, as your prayers were with me and with so many others, that you succeed. Because at the end of the day, as my friend and so many people have referred to our friend Senator McCain, sometimes in your life you have the opportunity to pursue and embrace causes bigger than yourself. Some 120,000 men and women have died seeking and promoting and embracing a cause bigger than themselves. There will be an open, pluralistic, non-nuclear, democratic Iran, and you — you, your courage, your sacrifice — will be responsible for future generations to enjoy the liberty and freedoms. Godspeed on your journey. We will be with you all the way to the streets of Tehran.



Time for trial of murderous Iranian regime in international court

**Louis Freeh,
Former Director of the FBI**

I am very, very honored to be here today with you. And your inspiration, your prayers, your support, your commitment in spirit for freedom have carried you so far in such a short period of time. Madame Rajavi, we salute you, we love you, we respect you for not just the leadership and the courage that you've shown but the ability to move this peace commitment as far as it's moved in such a short period of time.

One of the things I just wanted to say is listening to the testimony yesterday and viewing the room next door (Martyrs Exhibition), one of the things we have to prepare for is the prosecution and conviction of the thousands of criminals who have murdered, assassinated, killed, not by accident, not by coincidence, but a designed plan to murder, mass murder a group of people. So, when you talk about the exhibit, I don't see it as an exhibit. I see it as an evidence room. And an evidence room that has photographs, digital records. But that's eyewitness evidence, that's the most important thing in a criminal prosecution. So what I think should happen now, as we prepare for change, one of the most important things that I think everybody in this room can do is apply some of the same skill and detail and meticulousness that you've applied to everything you've done and start preparing for criminal prosecutions by an international criminal court.

Economic sanctions are great... and the biggest threat to that — actually, I think the biggest threat, Mrs. Rajavi, to everything you've done — is not even the regime itself, it's the politicians who will try to accommodate and appease and come up with the ridiculous type of agreements that we saw in 2015. "Truth commissions, forgiveness, let's go on?" We can't go on. The testimony we heard yesterday cries out for criminal prosecutions, convictions, imprisonment, and I think now we have to put that documentation together like the Simon Wiesenthal Center did after World War II.

'Take your lives in your own hands'



**Robert Torricelli,
Former U.S. Senator (D-NJ)**

Today what began with a single woman is now a chorus of voices all around the world. To those of you

in Iran who at the risk of your lives listened to us on radios or on flickering television screens or on devices in your hands, it is your time. We are ready. It is your moment. To the students, if you have not joined a brigade of resistance yesterday, join it today. If you do not join today, join tomorrow. But do not be a witness to history; take your lives in your own hands. To the workers who hear my voice and toil in the factories of the Revolutionary Guards, break your chains, lay down your tools, stop working to fund terror and misery and the destruction of your own country. Rise up to work to feed your own families in a new Iranian freedom. We are ready. The time is now.

To those in the diaspora, the Iranian community from Germany and France to Canada and America, the past is forgiven. We have a common

cause, to restore the dignity of the Iranian nation, the freedom of the Iranian people, and build a secure freedom of liberty. There is only one organization that promises the destruction of the regime, the building of a democratic future that can muster the resources, make the sacrifices, and restore the nation. That organization is the PMOI/MEK and its leader is Madame Rajavi.

Gathered here today is what the regime could not buy: the respect, the dignity of other nations. I am proud to be here among the delegation of my own nation. Democrats or Republicans, liberals and conservatives, north, east and west, in the most distinguished group of united Americans it has ever been my pleasure to join. Committed to one common cause: the destruction of this regime now.

‘Your 10-point plan is the future’

Stephen Harper,
22nd Prime Minister of Canada

We are all overwhelmed by what you have built here in Ashraf 3; what a tremendous achievement. Congratulations.

Madame Rajavi, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, friends, I'm delighted to be back with you, the National Council of Resistance, at Free Iran 2019. And I am delighted to be here because there are few causes in this world today more important at this moment than what you are pursuing: the right of the people of Iran to change their government.

In the years since we last gathered, the Ayatollah's regime has openly increased its enrichment of uranium. It has stepped up its support for its terrorist allies and proxies in the Middle East and around the world. And it has taken the suppression of human rights to new levels. So, the need for change in Iran is greater than ever before, and the need for the work of this organization on behalf of the Iranian people is greater than ever before.

How should we respond to that threat? There is only one way: to respond



with firmness. Sadly and dangerously, some in the world ... claim to want to reach out to the regime's moderates. Anyone senior in a regime like this, senior in a regime of extremism and of brutality and of hatred could ever possibly be a moderate? It is ridiculous. The right policy, the only realistic policy is firmness and strength. Impose sanctions, boycott its oil, designate it

and its institutions as terrorist organizations, and do what my government did in Canada — close down the regime's embassies around the world.

What really is the argument against responding with firmness and strength? It is because the world, they say, has a stark choice, appeasement or war. That is a false choice. Surrender to the regime's religious [extremists] is an

acceptance of the war that the theocracy is already pursuing through its proxies and allies against its neighbors in the region. Weakness and appeasement will invite the regime to pursue even more aggressive confrontation in the future. The right response is not to surrender to the regime, it is to stand with the Iranian people and stand against this regime.

Those are the people we must stand with. And that means standing behind the 10-point plan that Madame Rajavi and the National Council of Resistance of Iran have committed to. Democracy, pluralism, the rule of law, justice, human rights, peaceful coexistence, gender equality, private property and a market economy, the separation of religion and state, and a non-nuclear Iran. Your 10-point plan is the future. It is the future the world wants. It is the future that Iranians need. And it is the future you have long fought for.

That new Iran is coming. And it will be an Iran that stands freely and proudly among the nations of the world. It will be an Iran that your efforts have inspired. So, keep up the fight. *Hazer, hazer, hazer* (We are ready).

Appeasement of the mullahs: ‘Absolute disgrace’



John Baird,
10th Minister of Foreign
Affairs of Canada

It is a great honor for me to visit Ashraf 3, to meet you personally, to hear firsthand of your struggles, and most importantly to

see and to learn and to feel your persistence and your commitment to freedom.

You are honestly a tremendous inspiration. Madame Rajavi, I salute your leadership, your courage, and your determination.

In Canada, the government

with which I served under Prime Minister Stephen Harper, we know this regime in Tehran only too well. We know about their nuclear program. We know about their abysmal and deteriorating human rights record. We know about their moral and material support for terrorism in every corner of the world. We know that you have to combat the regime's propaganda and the regime's lies. We know that you have to be strong and you have to not make endless concessions to tyrants. And most importantly, in Canada we believe — and we know — that appeasement of the mullahs is an absolute disgrace. In Canada we know that there is no such thing as a moderate fascist.

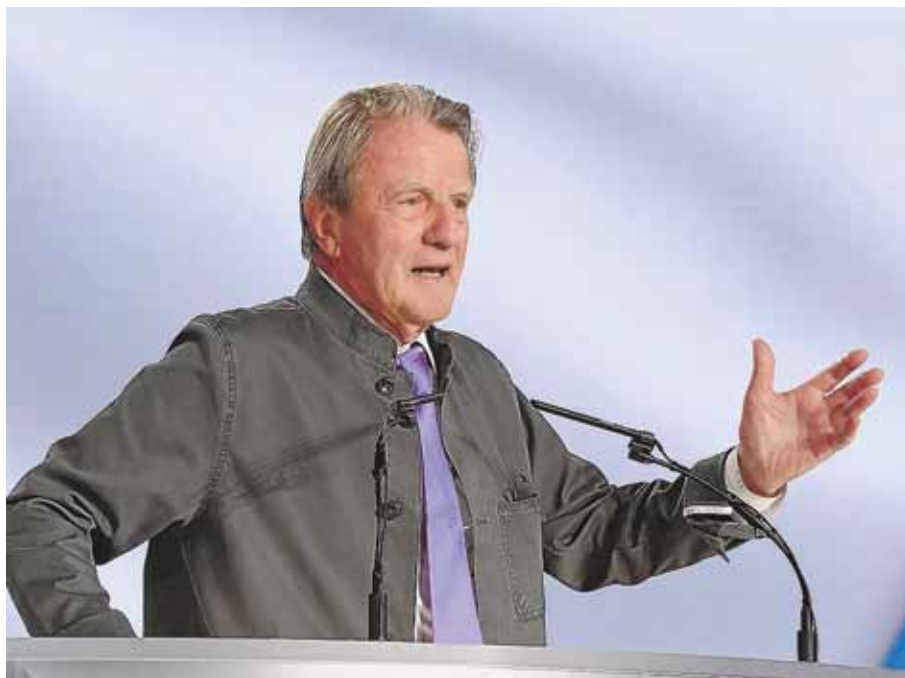
It is time to end the tyranny. It is time to end the oppression. It is time to put an end to religious fascism. It is time for justice and accountability. It's time for freedom. It is time for victory. It is time for the mullahs to go.



‘Story of honorable people’

Mojgan Parsaie,
PMOI/MEK Secretary-General
(2001-2005)

This exhibition that you see here is a small part of the larger picture of the sacrifice made throughout decades of struggle for freedom and democracy. This story of the supporters of Ashraf who helped rescue the PMOI/MEK members is the story of honorable people... Time has shown that you stand on the right side of history. As Mahatma Gandhi said, “Throughout history, there are always tyrants... and for a period they seem invincible. However, they all fall in the end. Always.”



‘We are facing the era of freedom in Iran’

**Bernard Kouchner,
Former French Foreign Minister,
Co-founder of Doctors
Without Borders**

This [Ashraf 3] is a fantastic masterpiece of art and friendship. This room, built in some few weeks, [is] glorious ... It is very well done. Coming to ... Ashraf 3 was really a reward for the people supporting you and for you supporting your people. Now we are facing this new step ... the era of freedom in Iran.

We should not mix up the regime in Iran and the people of Iran. Just listen to the [10-point] program... Election based on the principle of universal suffrage. Second, a pluralistic political system with free assembly ... The abolition of the death penalty. The separation

of mosque and state — this is the key point. Adherence to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Safeguarding private property. A foreign policy based on peaceful coexistence. Rejection of nuclear development.

I am in agreement with Mr. Giuliani: The mullahs are murderers. They are putting the Middle East under fire. They are in the middle of — and at the origin of — all the terrorist attacks.

I want to express my deep admiration to Madame Maryam Rajavi. You are determined, you are persistent, you are a fantastic model for the women of the world. To say that [there is] equality for Iranian women and the Iranian men is a fantastic revolutionary word, so thank you very much. We are completely with you.



‘You represent a vision to unite all Iranians’

**Michèle Alliot-Marie,
Former Foreign, Defense,
and Interior Minister**

I thank you for representing a vision, a direction that unites all Iranians and many people in the world... Iran is behind all the crises in the Middle East. Iran destabilizes the whole region. Iran finances terrorists and supports them with weapons.

When we talk about Iran, we don't talk about the Iranian people. I refer to

the regime that destabilizes the region. The Iranian people aren't like that...

We should not be illusionary; we have cultural and political differences. But we have values that are common and we should fight for them...

We are lucky enough to enjoy these values, but we almost lost them at a certain point. There were friends who helped us to keep them. For these reasons we have to stand with the Iranians who want to protect their fundamental human rights.



Mrs. Aziz Rezaii, front row, second from right, lost eight family members, including three sons and three daughters, to the murderous regimes of the Shah and the mullahs.



‘We have to have regime change in Iran now’

**Rep. Lance Gooden (R-TX),
Committee on Financial Services**

I want to tell you a few things I've learned in my first seven months in office. The first thing I learned [regarding] Iran is one of the most respected people across the United States in your movement is Madame Rajavi... And the other thing I've learned is despite our differences in Washington and despite the issues that we often disagree on, one of the issues that we are all in agreement on in the United States Congress — and President Donald Trump is right there with us leading the charge — is that we have to have regime change in Iran now.

I want to thank you all so much

for your dedication and your fight. This is my first time ever in Albania, my first day, in fact. And while I look forward to coming back to Albania, I look forward to visiting you all in Tehran someday very soon when you move back home to where you belong. Let's win this. I encourage the young people across Iran to get involved, to get united, to fight, to spread the messages that young people are the future of your nation. And together, I believe that you all will prevail and that all the people that I'm here with today will be back in Iran with you. It will be a democratic nation. But we need your help, so please get involved. Thank you and God bless you all.

To the oppressors: ‘Your days are numbered’



**Dana Rohrabacher,
Former Member
of U.S. Congress**

... And Madame (Rajavi), thank you, God bless you, God bless this movement. This movement will make it a better world.... Americans are attracted to people like yourselves who are seeking freedom and seeking a better life for your families... The children of the United States and throughout the world will be safer if you succeed in eliminating the worst terrorist government on this planet. And their days are numbered.

Everything that you've heard from these American speakers today is from

The people have the right to abolish tyrannies

**Ted Poe,
Former Member
of U.S. Congress**

When I was chairman of the terrorism subcommittee, I wanted to have Madame Rajavi testify [by satellite]. All the bureaucrats were jumping out the windows. They said it couldn't be done, but she made the case for freedom, the case for the MEK, the case for delisting the MEK. And let me say this about Madame Rajavi. When she testified and made the case for freedom for Iran, I was impressed and others were impressed.

All of us in the world and in all of history are given, by God, certain rights. We get them from God, not from government... [They are] in the Declaration of Independence, life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. But there is another right — freedom — that is mentioned in the Declaration of Independence that all peoples have. Thomas Jefferson further wrote that governments are instituted among people to secure those rights... And if governments don't do that, the people have the right to alter or abolish that government. It is the right of the people to abolish a tyrannical government like the mullahs have in Iran.

What's the evidence that they have forfeited the right to govern the people of Iran? Well, how about 120,000 murders of Iranian people? How about the attacks in Camp Ashraf and Ashraf 2. How about

their heart. This is what we are taught as kids. And you will prevail. The most powerful force in the world are those people who believe in freedom and are willing to act and put their lives on the line. And today I have no doubt that you will be successful in your efforts to free



the attacks that they wanted to have on you here in Albania? How about the assassination attempts? How about the fact that this terrorist organization is operating everywhere there is trouble in the world... Whether it's in Yemen ... Lebanon ... Syria ... South America, whether it's ships at sea in international waters being attacked, whether it's aircraft in international airspace being attacked, you will see the mullahs and the IRGC. They have forfeited the right to rule the people of Iran. They are guilty of high crimes. They are guilty of murder on the high seas and against their people....

Some things are worth living for and some things are worth dying for, and I can think of no greater cause for any of us than to live and die, if necessary, for freedom.

Iran from this horrible tyranny. I want to say to the gangsters, to those people who are corrupt and oppressive and are putting down and putting their thumb on the society in Iran, your days are numbered. Your days are numbered. The people here will carry the cause of freedom to Iran.

False accusations about MEK are 'finished, gone forever'

**Amb. Lincoln Bloomfield Jr.,
Former U.S. Assistant
Secretary of State
for Political-Military Affairs**

Residents of Ashraf 3, Mujahedeen e-Khalq, it is my honor to stand before you and greet you for the second time and to be in this wonderful country of Albania for the second time, but for the first time in Ashraf 3. Clearly this is an engineering and construction feat that shows how smart, how talented, how driven, how capable the residents are, so congratulations. That's just one point.

Secondly, as you come in the entrance to this great facility you see that this is a message. It's a symbol to the regime in Tehran that you have tried and tried and tried and you have failed to stop the resistance. It's a major symbol.

However, those two things are not the significance of Ashraf 3, in my humble opinion. If you heard Madame Rajavi this morning, she talked about a curtain of obscurity, an obscuring curtain. I heard that phrase and I know what you're saying. Like many of you, I have looked into the allegations and the terrible things that have been said by the regime and by people in the West about the MEK and about the NCRI. As you know, the allegation of terrorism has been completely debunked. It is gone, thanks to the work



of four major court cases in France, the UK, the European Union and the United States and other research. We now know that no member for three generations of the resistance has ever been prosecuted or convicted of terrorism in a country ruled by the rule of law and due process. Not one person ever.

Unfortunately, the obscuring curtain remains. We hear, "They are a cult. You shouldn't deal with them, they are a cult." Really? And how can we prove whether this is true or not? It's a human rights allegation that says that

you, the residents of Ashraf 3, do not have the permission to think for yourselves because someone is telling you what to do. This is the reason, ladies and gentlemen, that the United Nations Secretariat insisted that they could not interview the residents at Camp Ashraf in Iraq. They would not be free to speak for themselves. All because of that obscuring curtain, the allegation of cult, they had to be moved into this prison called Camp Liberty.

Well, let me tell you what the significance of this place is. I've been here for three days now. Like many of

my friends, we had a dinner with a hall full of women from the Mujahedeen e-Khalq. Only women for one evening. We walked under the stars. We spoke to them personally, privately. We heard amazing stories of courage, of conviction, of pain, of separation, of the choice of a lifetime. These were the actions of people who are stronger than me, who have a major part, who have a mission in life and who have made a choice, and they are dedicated to keeping that choice. Ladies and gentlemen, the obscuring curtain has been removed today. Never again should we hear the allegation of cult. It is gone forever. You are free. It's finished.

There is one more element behind the curtain. And that is because the regime has been accusing the Mujahedeen of being a human rights violator. But the biggest allegation of all is right here in Ashraf 3. It is the gross abuse of human rights. It is the crimes against humanity which are documented not only in your exhibits here but in your personal stories. Right now, the curtain of obscurity on human rights has been completely stripped away. Not only are the residents people of free will speaking for themselves with courage and with honor, dedicated to their countrymen of Iran, but they bear witness as Director Freeh said so well. They are the evidence that this regime is a monstrous regime, as Ingrid Betancourt said, that must be brought to account.



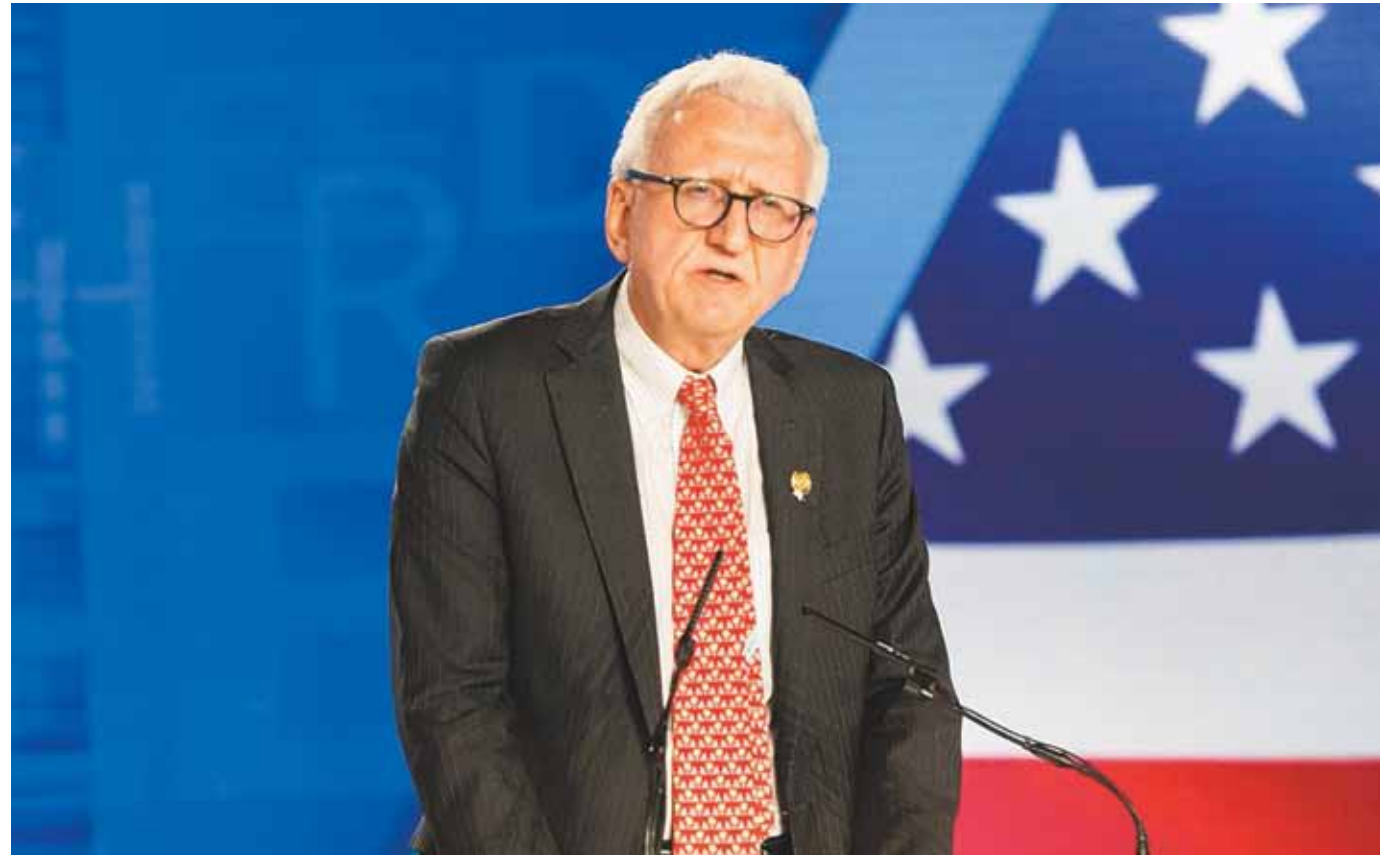
'Your cause will prevail over evil'

**Amb. Robert Joseph,
Former Undersecretary of
State for Arms Control and
International Security**

Madame Rajavi, ladies and gentlemen, it is a great pleasure to be here today and to be even a small part of what I believe is a great day for the cause of freedom in Iran and throughout the world.

I'd like to address my remarks to the residents of Ashraf 3 and to the resistance units who are risking their lives every day in Iran. Because they represent what I believe is the front line in a battle, a historic battle between good and evil. And I know that sophisticated foreign policy specialists and the think tank intellectuals will reject that characterization as overly simplistic and too emotional. With regard to emotion, I think it's very difficult to be dispassionate when over 100,000 of your compatriots have been killed in this struggle. And with regard to being overly simplistic, I think it's absolutely essential that we acknowledge that evil does exist in this world. What we have seen in Iran in terms of the crimes against humanity that have been perpetuated by the mullahs truly rises to the level of evil.

You have shown that your cause will prevail over evil. And I would say that even more important than the magnificent buildings that you have built is the spirit of Ashraf 3. The regime may fight you with bullets, with missiles, with armored vehicles. It may imprison



you, torture you, kill your mothers and fathers and sisters and brothers, but it will not triumph over your spirit. That spirit is defined not by a sense of bitterness but by a sense of hope and optimism, which I think is grounded in your total dedication and commitment to a free Iran.

Your strength is derived from the

truth, and the truth is your most powerful ally. And after the lies of the regime are exposed, what will remain will be the facts. And the facts are clear. It is a fact that there is a path to a free, a democratic, a secular, a non-nuclear Iran, and that path is revealed in Mrs. Rajavi's 10-point plan. It is a fact that there is a viable alternative to this

regime. The NCRI and the MEK provide that alternative. This is not Syria. This is not Libya. We have a capable government-in-exile who can guide the Iranian nation to freedom, who can restore the basic rights of the Iranian people. And it is a fact that the regime will fall ... because of the desire of the Iranian people to be free.

Aspiring to a shared 'field of dreams'



**Marc Ginsberg,
Former U.S. Ambassador to
Morocco and White House
Middle East Adviser**

You know Madame Rajavi, all of us were young once. We had dreams. On the portraits of each of our aspirations, there's a field of dreams of hopes and aspirations. There are successes and there are failures. There are achievements as well as setbacks. But the one thing that drives us Americans is the belief that what we wish to achieve for ourselves can be achieved by all people who aspire for freedom and for liberty and for dignity. This field of dreams is shared by everyone in this audience. The aspirations that all of us have for you, for the people of Ashraf, for the people of Iran. My colleagues who are here today want to give you the support and the dignity and aspirations

on that field of dreams for the freedom that you wish to lead the Iranian people to. I have one expression that I'll say in Persian. *Shoma Behtarini.* (You are the best).

When I was a young man aspiring on my field of dreams, I worked for Senator Edward Kennedy who taught me that the challenge of freedom and dignity for people who are oppressed is a lifetime of goals and aspirations and hard work. I had the privilege of working for Senator Lieberman when he was running for office in Connecticut. It was with him over these last 40 years that I've shared with him and with all the Americans who are here that belief that we can help you achieve what you wish to achieve. The one thing that I do hope is that before I hang up my shingle that I will be able to see the day when a new U.S. Embassy will open in Tehran.

‘Your story will not be silenced’



Matthew Offord,
Member of British Parliament

You who are in the resistance movement led by Madame Rajavi are at the forefront of the struggle for a free and democratic Iran. And you are a beacon of hope for millions of oppressed people in Iran. And for that, we are thankful. We can feel it in the air, the hope of so many

people, through the construction of this camp. Yesterday, many of my colleagues and I were given a tour of the museum and we saw the evidence of the regime's vicious persecution of so many of you, human rights violations and acts of terrorism across the world. And we heard firsthand testaments from any of those victims. Your story must be heard. And through initiatives like the museum it

will be. Your story will not be silenced. That is why my colleagues and myself in the UK Parliament have in a cross-party effort urged our government to proscribe the IRGC as a terrorist organization. That is why I support the American sanctions against the Supreme Leader's office and urge our government to follow this step as well as to increase the number of people, number of officials, on its sanction list over human rights violations in Iran.

I can assure you that the cause of human rights, freedom, and democracy in Iran has widespread support amongst all my colleagues here from the Houses of Parliament. And that support also includes support for Madame Rajavi's 10-point plan. This is a plan that gives a future for Iran, which provides a clear and viable alternative to the current theocratic regime. Madame Rajavi, your platform abolishes the death penalty. We want the UK government to recognize the democratic platform of Madame Rajavi, and we want the Iranian people's right to change the regime for a better future.



‘Brave women’ join men in challenging regime

Baroness Verma,
Member of British House of
Lords, Former Energy &
Climate Change Minister,
Former International
Development Minister

The prominent role of women in the Iranian resistance reflects what is happening in Iran with women organizing and being at the forefront of the protests that have been going on in the country. Brave women in Iran are challenging the regime in every possible way. Many, as you know, have been arrested and held in the most inhumane conditions, under torture, in the regime's prisons. To uphold women's rights, my friends, is to uphold human rights. When the Iranian regime has reduced women to second-class citizens and considers women's rights activists as enemies of the state, then it is really time for the world to stand up, speak out, and support the work that you, the NCRI, are doing.

We saw in the museum yesterday the women who have sacrificed their lives, their freedoms alongside their countrymen. It demonstrates the strength of men and women fighting for the same cause. I hope that we will sooner rather than later celebrate her success, your success, our success in Iran.

Defying the theocracy is ‘first step towards freedom’



Bob Blackman,
Member of British Parliament

We are now approaching the time when freedom will be restored to Iran. We've seen since last year the people of Iran defying the regime's crackdown

to rise up against the theocracy across Iran as a first step towards freedom. Your Iranian opposition, you, the MEK, are clearly behind these ongoing protests that continue to grow...

At the center of this stands the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. I welcome the United States' decision to designate the entire IRGC as a terrorist organization and to impose sanctions on the Supreme Leader and his office. I sincerely hope that the new United Kingdom government coming in ... will join our American allies in these efforts. In April, I tabled the motion in Parliament to proscribe the IRGC and the Supreme Leader and all parts of the regime. I'm pleased to say this motion was supported by members of Parliament on all sides of the chamber and from all political parties.

I am also one of the plaintiffs in the case against the so-called Iranian diplomats who are awaiting prosecution in Belgium for attempting to bomb last year's gathering in Paris. We were there as a large British delegation, meeting

with you all, and the UK and our European allies must now move to proscribe the whole of Iran's Intelligence Ministry as a foreign terrorist organization.

The mullahs only understand the language of firmness. The international community, especially in the West, must make it clear to the regime officials that we in the Free World stand with the people of Iran and the resistance movement, the NCRI, in their efforts to bring freedom, democracy, human rights, to their country, Iran... Iran is destined to have a better future, stability, and prosperity because it has a democratic alternative in the NCRI, a strong, inspiring leader in Maryam Rajavi, and a viable plan in her democratic platform for the future of Iran. We will support you, and we will be with you on the day when we can celebrate a new beginning for Iran. Last year we met in Paris. This year we meet in Ashraf. Let us resolve that next year we will meet in Tehran in a free Iran.

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Protests prove genuine hunger for change

**Lord Mark McInnes,
Member of House of Lords**

This is an important conference on Iran and the future of stability in the region and across the world. It is the first time that I've visited Albania. What is clear today ... is the genuine enthusiasm and hunger of everyone here to ensure a democratic and pluralistic Iran once more. The great privilege of yesterday was being able to hear firsthand the testimony of those who have suffered at the hands of the brutal Iranian regime.

And now, as we see with thousands of demonstrations in Iran, we can see the Iranian people are ready for real change. And the crucial reason for that hunger for real change is the illegitimate actions of the Iranian state in sponsoring world terrorism and of the actions of the IRGC. It is incumbent upon all of us from the UK and the EU to work as hard as we can to ensure that that evil organization is proscribed in the West and the Iranian people suffer no longer. We will do all we can to support you.



Appeasement policies for Iran: 'Sheer madness'

**Sir Alan Meale,
Former Member of British
Parliament**

The work you've done here is magnificent. We are here to once again to oppose the mullahs for what they're doing to the world. They are killing Iranians in the most diabolic way. They are violating the human rights of their population in every way.

The Iranian regime supports terrorism in Yemen, Syria, and Afghanistan. Yet, we see governments

throughout the world, particularly in Europe, who stand idly by and argue for appeasement. Policies that haven't worked and won't work. Are they acting in their selfish interest? Definitely. But that is very dangerous for world peace. That is sheer madness...

The only way forward is Madame Rajavi's 10-point plan. It's imperative that we don't turn away from the process of democracy in Iran. Madame Rajavi offers a real way, a democratic way, and it is up to all of us to support that.

Ashraf 3 museum exposes regime's 'vicious' atrocities

**Gerry Horkan,
Senator of Ireland**

We are hungry for change. It's an enormous honor for me to be here. It's an enormous honor to be here with renowned politicians such as Rudy Giuliani, Joe Lieberman, and Madam Rajavi.

Many of my colleagues from Ireland wanted to be here today. We are



with you for freedom in Iran. We support the NCRI in everything you are trying to do... We know the regime is a threat to peace and stability. Tehran is causing havoc across the region. We must never forget that.

Last week, I was with the NCRI at the Berlin gathering. Nobody thought the Berlin Wall would fall when it did. I think the day is coming sooner than we think for the regime in Iran to fall

and free and fair elections will be held in Iran.

I want to congratulate all of you for what you have done in Ashraf 3. Your museum and exhibition here show the atrocities are still happening in Iran. We must get rid of that regime and do everything we can to bring an end to the vicious mullahs' regime. We are here from so many parts of the world to support you and Madam Rajavi.



**Ben-Oni Ardelean, Member of
Parliament of Romania**

My friends and I in Romania know what it is like to live under a brutal regime. Thirty years ago, the people stood for their belief in freedom and democracy. In those days the brutal regime was gone.

This is our hope that very soon the

Romanians also stood up for freedom

brutal and criminal regime will fall. Faith, love, and hope are everlasting. Your love for the people in Iran is motivating you and us to do what we do and fight against this terrorism and this criminal regime. Your hope brings you here year after year. We hope that one day very soon this regime will fall. We hope to do our best for our nation and every single human being that deserves freedom.

I want to especially thank those representing different nations today. We should do what we can to ensure this freedom comes for the Iranian people. I hope more nations come to this conclusion that we all have to do our best to provide full freedom for the Iranian people.

We congratulate and support Madam Rajavi. Freedom for the Iranian people.



Gen. Casey at Podium. Behind him, from left, Col. (ret.) Wesley Martin, Gen. (ret.) James Conway, Brig. Gen. (ret.) David Phillips, Col. (ret.) Leo McCloskey.

‘Because of you, change will come to Iran’

General (ret.) George W. Casey Jr., 36th Chief of Staff of the United States Army

It’s a pleasure and a privilege to be here with you tonight celebrating with you the obvious pride you see in what you’ve accomplished here in the last 20 months. Congratulations on what

you’ve done.

So, as has been said many times already today, it’s time. Change must come to Iran. Many of us in the U.S. military have on-the-ground, firsthand experience with Iran, as all these gentlemen know from their time in Iraq. The Iran regime is a challenge not only for the Iranian people, it’s a challenge

for the international community. And change must come to Iran.

Let me just close with a couple of remarks directed at the residents of Camp Ashraf 3, the Ashrafis. What you have built here is a tribute to your courage. It’s a tribute to your determination. And it’s a tribute to your 168 comrades who lost their lives during

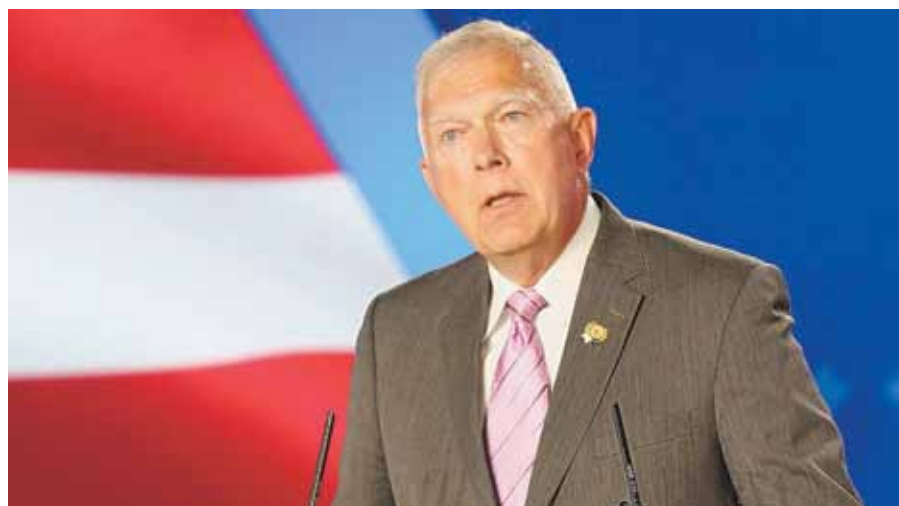
your journey here. It’s through your grit and your determination you have cemented — cemented both literally and figuratively — Ashraf 3 as the global center for democratic resistance to the Iranian regime. And because of you and what you’ve done, change will come to Iran.

Ashraf’s women and men embody ‘sense of purpose and patriotism’

General (ret.) James T. Conway, 34th Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps

I would like to share with you a revelation that I experienced yesterday along with another number of visitors to Ashraf 3. We were invited to dinner with about 100 of the ladies of Ashraf 3 — all ladies. They spoke in volume, to include our young master of ceremonies here. And about six or eight of them shared with us their stories, the tragedy of the loss of loved ones and their subsequent dedication to this organization.

Now, to give my comments text, I need to go back in history about 15 years ... when I was a three-star commander in the Anbar Province of Iraq. One of our battalions was in the city of Ramadi and they were in some fairly heavy combat. In fact, over about a two-week period, they had lost a lieutenant, a very popular gunnery sergeant, an entire four-man sniper team, and a number of other



Marines who were shot by snipers or blown up with IEDs. And I thought it was my place as their general to go see those people and sit down and talk.

I talked to them, but more importantly they talked to me. And they told us about their losses. And they told us about the

lessons learned. By the time we left, I said to my chief of staff and my aide, “I came here to inspire them, but they inspired me from their sense of determination. And all they asked from me in terms of support was simply more ammunition.”

Fast-forward to last night. And I will

tell you, ladies and gentlemen, that what I saw last night in terms of the ability to endure loss and yet move on through courage and determination was the same in that dining room as it was in that compound 15 years ago. The sense of unit cohesion and loyalty and dedication to each other was the same. And the sense of mission and dedicated intent to accomplish that mission was the same. I’d be the last person to step up here in front of this audience and compare 100 Iranian women to a rifle company of U.S. Marines. But I walked away from that session, ladies and gentlemen, completely blown away by their sense of purpose and their patriotism.

For the men at Ashraf 3, I would say to you that there are warriors walking amongst you. And not all of them have short hair and broad shoulders and a firm hand grip. And I am absolutely convinced that with your ladies at your side the day will come when you make your country free.

'Be brave and keep lighting up'



Hadassah Lieberman

I wanted to quickly take you on a little discussion about colors which represent darkness.

When I think about darkness, I think about where I was born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, to two parents who had fled — my mother from Auschwitz and Dachau, my father from a slave labor camp. And they made it, and I was born. So I represent someone who all my life I knew, I read, I heard about all these stories of terror and execution and deaths. The darkness. And I was born to them.

And when I walked through the museum yesterday, I saw the darkness, the numbers of destruction, and I heard the voices of those

who shared their stories from prison, from losing members of their family, their communities, and I saw the light in their eyes.

Everyone had light, but the women who had light in their eyes struck me so clearly. They were so strong. Their lightness just came shining out. Their smiles, their transparency. And it made me say to them, you are very, very special. And part of what we need in this world today is more light. And you have to be aware, and you probably already are, that every time you send light going out from you, it changes the darkness.

You're going to shed this light out to such an extent that they're going to have no darkness to hide behind. So be brave and keep lighting up. Thank you.

Iran's mullahs will be held accountable



**Ingrid Betancourt,
Former Senator and Presidential
Candidate of Colombia**

Six months ago, this was a construction site. Today, it's a well-designed city with an amazing victory arch and magical lighted trees. And I have come here several times to share with you Ashrafis, to stay here with you, and I have been sleeping here, I have been sharing my meals with you. I have seen you in your activities, seeing where you prepare your daily chores, where you design your clothes. I've seen you gardening, building, repairing, constructing, and communicating. And I say this because, as you know, over the past year, the propaganda by the regime and its collaborators was that Ashraf

3 is a closed compound that no one is allowed to come in. Well, the whole world is here. And we're here even after knowing that we were targets in a bomb threat in Paris.

But those who are saying that this is a very secret, closed compound are also saying that there are strange things happening here. (The Spiegel magazine in February this year). But those accusations bear the mark of the demonization strategy of the mullahs.

And Maryam, I have to thank you for the effort you have made in the exhibit that we saw, which is a first-class documentation exercise. You re-created, even with the pain of remembrance, the conditions of incarceration in Iran and the torture chambers of the mullahs.

So, I say two things. First, shame on those who were either fed or paid by the Ministry of Intelligence of Iran to spread lies about who we are, and who you are here in Ashraf 3, and demonize the MEK.

The regime is spreading those lies because the regime is desperate. Because they fear the Iranian resistance and they fear you, Maryam. You are the unbreakable resistance after 40 years of fighting. You are the beacon of hope. You are the rose in the desert, as you all Ashrafis are. And you are the voice of change.

And now I'm talking to the mullahs. I want to say to them that we are going to get you because we want you to be accountable for the crimes against humanity that you have perpetrated for 40 years in Iran. And we are ready. *Hazer, hazer, hazer* (We are ready).



Iran needs leaders who respect freedom

**Rama Yade,
Former Secretary of State for
Human Rights of France**

Albania is Mother Teresa's homeland. It is a small country by size, its people have a big heart... It is this land that has been so hospitable to you with our friends on the road to exile. I wanted to begin by thanking Albania, which has allowed you to have a very precious refuge here.

But it's you, with your hands, your courage, your hopes, that built this place. Also, by the sacrifice of 120,000 of yours... What you did here in less than two years, you can do in Iran in one day.

I also feel emotion because I measure how much a people in exile needs a land. And here I also think of France — France, which has also welcomed you, offered you a land of welcome. It is the honor of France to have done it....

The problem is that with a fundamentalist power, negotiation is impossible. I am not surprised that the nuclear agreement is today in a total impasse and that everyone else is divided on its relevance ... Nobody knows whether to save it or not.

Because we can not negotiate with a hand in the back, it is therefore necessary to change the interlocutor. And preferably have an interlocutor who is both respectful of the principles of peace and respectful of democratic principles.... The region needs an interlocutor who contributes to peace in the Middle East.

Iran needs leaders who respect the freedom and dignity of its people....

My message is simple. From now on, we must not only worry about nuclear power but also respect for human rights and women's rights in Iran. Thank you.



‘You represent Iran in this country’

**Sali Berisha,
Former President and Prime
Minister of Albania**

Madame President Rajavi, dear friends of Mujahedeen movements, friends of this freedom movement for all the world, it is a great honor and pleasure for me to salute you, people fighting since many decades for freedom and human rights of your country. People facing extraordinary difficulties but standing up. People having the history of a stepmother, a bad stepmother, but having the freedom in your sight. You absolutely inspire every human being with your stance and your fighting.

A few years ago, I'd been in Paris in your large meeting and festivity. At the time, great powers were negotiating with Iran [on] the agreement. I told myself, how difficult it is for these people fighting this regime. But a few years later, time has proven you were right, the Iranian regime is a rogue regime and a criminal regime. And you are the hope of your nation.

Today, the mullahs are called Khomeinists. Mullahs are fighting for a Shia caliphate, are invading other nations, are

threatening the peace, are threatening the roots of the commerce of the world. That's why your mission is national and international.

I'm happy that some time ago I made the right decision. My country, Albania, expelled the Iranian ambassador. Albania must expel and will expel any representative, official representative of the mullahs. You are representing Iran in this country, no need for them.

I have seen and thought many times about the 10-point plan of Madame President Rajavi. It's a plan inspired by ideals of your 100,000 martyrs. It's a plan based on universal values that make countries and societies free and great. It's a plan that will make Iran a great country, a great friend of free nations. Definitely, I fully support you, and I am convinced that you will prevail in Iran.

The mullahs show they have no faith, no principle, are violating international order, are threatening security of the region. Never will the caliphate of mullahs prevail in the region and in the world. Once again, my deepest admiration for you and your friends in Iran fighting day and night for freedom of your country. Thank you.



‘Ashraf 3 is like a real institution of friendship’

**Pandeli Majko,
The State Minister for Diaspora,
Former Prime Minister
of Albania**

You are in the faith of Albanians, and this is our tradition. From official Tehran, we have different rumors in front of the Iranian society. We answer it in this way. Nuclear bomb cost freedom, no. [Paying Syria] regime costs freedom, no. Madame Rajavi in Iran means that all this money that you pay to create troubles for others will be returned to the Iranian families. If they want to touch you, they must know then when we were invaded [during World War II], we told the invaders

gold yes, Jewish [people], no.

Now they must know that if they raise the issue of you staying here in Albania, the ambassador of Iran and his deputy have been kicked out.

Don't push us, don't push us for more because we are ready to repeat the same expression of Albanians in during the Second World War, gold yes, [Jewish people, no]. The Mujahedeen are our friends. And this is the reason that we are all together here honoring such activity because you have honored us doing such beautiful Ashraf 3 like a real institution of friendship between us. I hope that soon we will come to see you in Tehran.



Members of the audience hold up tulips as a tribute to the 30,000 victims of the 1988 massacre by the Iranian regime.



‘We don’t want to be observers of history but doing history’

**Fatmir Mediu,
Former Defense Minister
of Albania**

Welcome to Albania and welcome to the beginning of free Iran here in Ashraf 3. I want to thank MEK and NCRI for bringing here in Albania friends from around the world. Yesterday and today, we have heard Mayor Giuliani, Senator Lieberman, a lot of dignitaries talking about what to do more, what’s the next step.... But I think we all agree on one thing: The time for change in Iran is long overdue.

The American government has stood up against the Iran regime, and we all hope and wish that also the European Union and European countries still stand together as they stand for democratic values, for human rights, for liberty and freedom. They should stand for liberty and freedom of people of Iran as God-given rights.

Last year, the Albanian government

expelled the Iranian ambassador and the deputy ambassador, and some were arrested because they planned a terrorist attack against the people of Ashraf 3 when Mayor Giuliani and us were gathered together to speak about the future of Iran. They will not stop doing whatever they can to create problems and issues for the people here.

Madame Rajavi, your 10-point plan is for sure the way for a free Iran. At the same time, it’s an aspiration for all the people that do believe in God-given rights, in freedom and liberty and pursuit of happiness.

Let me end by saying we would rather be remembered as people that fought for freedom of our people, freedom and liberty of the Iranian people together with you than as people that just watched oppression, killing, terrorism, and did nothing. We don’t want to be the observers of history but doing history.



‘We stand with the people of MEK in Albania’ for their freedom

**Elona Gjebrea,
Member of Parliament
of Albania**

The international community must recognize the rights of Iranian people and resistance to establish freedom and democracy in their homeland, Iran. Ashraf 3 is a symbol for freedom and future. I was Deputy Minister of Interior when we started the allocation of MEK people here in Albania with the support of the Albanian government and, of course, under the leadership of our Prime Minister Edi Rama. And it was really fantastic that all were safe and all together here in our beautiful country, Albania.

Last month, Albania made a strong position against the Iranian regime and terrorist attack in the Middle East. And our prime minister officially announced that these threats

in the Gulf of Oman are a serious threat to all international peace and energy security. Albania stands firm with U.S., Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, UAE, against what seems to be typical of provocations by Iran to escalate tensions.

We support MEK and all the efforts they have done to achieve and to reach security and peace in their country. The dossier of human rights abuses and massacres of political prisoners in Iran must be referred to the U.N. Security Council.

I support Madame Rajavi for her incredible work that she has done, and to ensure a secure and democratic country. I’m proud to support the Iranian women who are calling for change and democracy. I admire their courage and determinations. We stand with the people of MEK in Albania for (their) freedom.



Iran regime ‘on brink of overthrow’

**Fahimeh Arvani,
PMOI/MEK Secretary-General
(1993-1995)**

Iranian opposition President Mrs. Maryam Rajavi has led this movement, and today we are witnessing the regime in Iran on the brink of overthrow. I would like to thank all the distinguished guests with us here today, and those who couldn’t join us, for all their support in all these years.

Resistance Units have spread across Iran and have accomplished their role in their best forms. They are directing protests and demonstrations. We are now in an extraordinary period, especially today in Ashraf 3. This gathering with your presence has a very strong message for the Iranian people. On behalf of PMOI/MEK members, I am honored to thank every single one of you and send my salutations to the Resistance Units.

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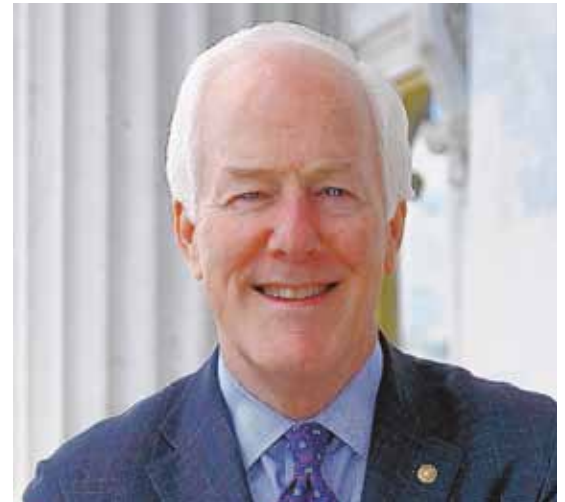
**Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ),
Ranking Member, Foreign
Relations Committee**

I am pleased to see that you are safely settled in Albania and that you are able to host this gathering. Thank you for continuing to highlight the plight of Iranians who remain silent under an oppressive, brutal regime.

I share your vision for a better future for Iran and all Iranians. A future in which all Iranians live without fear and enjoy a government that represents the will of its citizens, respects human rights, abides by the rule of law and lives in peace and cooperation with its neighbors.

Unfortunately, across the Middle East, Iran continues to threaten the national security and interests of the United States. It continues to pursue a belligerent, ballistic missile program... Yet even as its leaders continue to supply terrorists across the region with money, weapons and resources, the people of Iran suffer under a repressive regime with absolutely no respect for basic human rights and no economic investment in their welfare...

Thank you for coming together and making your voices heard. I will always support justice and human rights, peace and security and above all else, the rights of all Iranians to fundamental freedoms.



‘Maximum pressure’ strategy deserves support

**Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX),
Member, Judiciary, Select on
Intelligence, and Finance Committees**

Thank you for supporting a democratically free Iran.

Iran’s government is a dangerous and destabilizing regional influence that rules with an iron fist, suppressing people’s individual rights and subjecting them to humanitarian abuse. As the world’s largest State sponsor of terror, Iran has bankrolled terrorist organizations that have waged war and undermined regional stability for decades.

It is important to point out, however, that the Iranian people are the greatest victim of this brutal regime. They have suffered under the Ayatollah for generations. But their struggle has not gone unnoticed. I would like to repeat the message Secretary Pompeo delivered at the Reagan library last year, “I have a message for the people of Iran. The United States hears you; the United States supports you; the United States is with you.”

I believe it is important to support the Administration’s “maximum pressure” strategy. This strategy promotes freedom and individual rights of the people while taking every step necessary to liberate them from the regime’s oppressive rule. I have worked tirelessly with Congress and the Administration to achieve that goal....

This Congress, I introduced the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps Economic Exclusion Act, which imposes additional sanctions on the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). The IRGC acts as the regime’s most powerful military and security organization committing acts of domestic oppression and international terror... The U.S. and its allies must stand together in confronting the tyrants in Iran, and doing everything in our power to push back against the world’s largest state sponsor of terrorism.

I am proud to stand in support of a free Iran.

‘More can be done for liberty, justice



**Sen. Benjamin Cardin
(D-MD), Member, Foreign
Relations Committee**

This year’s Free Iran Convention in Tirana, Albania... provides an unparalleled opportunity for people to come together in support and recognition of human rights and also advocate for positive, democratic change in Iran.

Since the revolution of 1979, countless Iranians have been crippled and abused under the leadership of an oppressive regime. I am proud that the United States, other nations, and organizations such as

yours continue to stand up for the freedom of the people of Iran. However, the devolution of rights and the worsening of life in Iran shows that there is still much more we can do to deliver liberty and justice.

Thanks to your organization’s efforts, the challenges facing Iranians have been brought to the attention of the international community. I commend each of you for all you have done to strengthen ties among the proponents for human rights and for all you have done to fight for a government that represents the will of its people.



Hundreds of MEK members welcome international dignitaries to Ashraf 3.



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Dignitaries from 47 countries stand with Mrs. Maryam Rajavi (center front) at the International Grand Gathering at Ashraf 3 in Albania on July 2019.

Maryam Rajavi: 'We will take back Iran'

Maryam Rajavi, President-elect, the National Council of Resistance of Iran

My fellow compatriots, honorable guests and distinguished dignitaries, Ashraf 3 welcomes you all.

Twenty months ago, this was a barren piece of land with nothing on it.

At the hands of the Mojahedin, however, through their enormous efforts and hard work, Ashraf 3 was built and now stands tall.

But our final destination is Tehran, freed from the occupation of the mullahs.

The mullahs have devastated our homeland, but we will take it back and we will rebuild this most beautiful country.

We started this journey on June 20, 1981, when the Iranian Resistance's Leader Massoud Rajavi forged a deep-rooted and resolute resistance against the religious dictatorship of the mullahs.

He founded the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI) and the National Liberation Army of Iran (NLA).

Now, Ashraf 3 stands tall along this long journey, a journey that has had many new beginnings and revivals throughout. On this path, we endured 10 years of blood-drenched perseverance at the besieged Camp Ashraf and another four years full of determination at a slaughterhouse called Camp Liberty (in Iraq).

Now, this marks another chapter in a great march towards freedom, towards a free Iran, towards a glorious destination, of course after undergoing enormous suffering and dedicating a roaring river of the martyrs' blood.

On the first anniversary of the start of resistance against the mullahs,



Massoud Rajavi said, "The triumph of our resistance will remove not only one of the greatest obstacles before contemporary revolutions, but in fact, the most important cause of their deviation and disintegration, namely the violation of the sacred parameters of freedom under various pretexts and excuses. The revival of the concept of freedom will resurrect humanity as well as defeated revolutions."

Mullahs' rule synonymous with all-out massacre

For the people of Iran, the 40 years of the mullahs' rule is synonymous with an all-out massacre — from several hundred executions every night in the notorious Evin Prison and the massacre of political prisoners during the first decade of the regime's rule, to the massacre of the economy and production, environment, culture and art, and the

Iranian civilization.

Now, the mullahs' religious fascism has reached the end of the line and is struggling to survive a crisis leading to its overthrow.

The economic devastation, elimination of over 70 percent of industrial capacity, a ruined banking sector, the monthly exodus of some \$3 billion worth of capital, and the ceaseless free fall of the value of the national currency cannot be contained.

The clerical regime is at an impasse. It neither has the capability to negotiate, abandon terrorism or stop meddling in the region nor does it have any space to maneuver like it did during the appeasement era.

The regime's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei calls negotiations with the U.S. poison and says it is doubly poisonous particularly with the current administration. Why? Because, as he

acknowledged, any change in the regime's behavior is tantamount to regime change and "every step back will bring with it an endless chain of subsequent retreats."

Regime is counting on inaction by the world

Today, the question is, where is this religious tyranny headed?

Domestically, it is moving towards further contraction in its ranks and in society, suppression of the people, and demonization and terrorism against the Iranian Resistance, which it views as its main threat and enemy; a resistance movement that calls for regime change to replace the rule of the velayat-e faqih (absolute clerical rule) with the sovereignty and suffrage of the people.

Internationally, the mullahs are counting on inaction and tolerance on the part of the international community. Their calculation is that terrorist operations and warmongering in the region's countries will not cost them very much, at least until the next U.S. presidential election.

They say to themselves: Let's wait another 16 months, and maybe the U.S. would have another president from whom we can extract the same "super concessions" as we did in the nuclear deal.

Clearly, the regime is fueling tensions in a bid to push back against the international community. They foment turmoil and chaos to hide their fear of being overthrown. And they want to allay fears and anxiety of their Bassij forces and Revolutionary Guards and to preserve their internal balance and equilibrium.

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In line with the policy of appeasing the religious fascism over the past three decades, regime apologists turned a blind eye to its crimes committed both within Iran and abroad. They baptized the central banker and the greatest sponsor and godfather of international terrorism.

Now the obscuring curtains are being pulled away one by one. Everyone can clearly see that the source of war and warmongering is the velayat-e faqih regime. As the Iranian Resistance said from the outset, fighting against this regime is equivalent to seeking peace because it eliminates the source of war and turmoil.

The spin doctors of the clerical regime used to claim that if the mullahs were to be overthrown, Iran would experience war, turmoil and secessions. Now, everyone can see that so long as this regime remains in place, war and crises will continue and intensify in the region. Therefore, anyone who seeks freedom for Iran, anyone who wants to save Iran from destruction and chaos, anyone who wants global and regional peace and stability, must rise up to demand the overthrow of the mullahs' regime.

Albania leads the way

The proponents of appeasement seek to paint the policy of firmness against the regime as being tantamount to warmongering. But this is a big ruse and deception. Giving the mullahs any more chances will only end up emboldening them. Their path must be blocked. Albania is an example in this regard.

Last December, in the wake of the Iranian regime and its embassy's terrorist schemes in this country, the government of Albania expelled the mullahs' ambassador and their Intelligence Ministry station chief and terrorist. Subsequently, the U.S. President praised the efforts of the government of Albania in standing up to the regime and confronting its destabilizing activities to silence its opponents. This was to signal to the Iranian regime that its terrorist activities in Europe and all around the world would have serious consequences.

The essential point is that the clerical regime sees that contrary to the past, each of its actions carry serious repercussions. Yes, a regime whose crimes and warmongering are increasingly exposed on a daily basis must anticipate many more consequences.

After developing a deep understanding about the nature of the ruling theocracy, the Iranian Resistance has been insisting for four decades that the regime is incapable of reform and therefore it is imperative to overthrow and change it. The NCRI has been underscoring the threat this regime poses to regional and global peace and tranquility and has called for imposing comprehensive sanctions on the religious fascism ruling Iran.

The mullahs know the Resistance is wide and deep

The definitive, ultimate and indisputable solution is the overthrow of the religious dictatorship in its entirety at the hands of the people of Iran and their Resistance. Those who benefit from the perpetuation of this regime used to give bogus promises of reform and moderation in the past, and today they beat the drums of demonization and disseminate fake news against the Mojahedin and the Iranian Resistance. They want to play the role of the regime's saviors.

They want to say that there is no alternative to the regime and everyone would benefit from tolerating the mullahs.

But can they stop the wheels of history from turning? Can they reverse the prog-

ress of PMOI freedom fighters, the struggle waged by units of rebellion, and the efforts and rallies of exiled Iranians and supporters of the Iranian Resistance who cry out, "We will take back Iran."

The creation and spread of resistance units and councils have marked a major breakthrough, demonstrating the rightfulness and precision of this strategy during the December 2017-January 2018 uprising and subsequent developments.

This Resistance has been able to expand and organize its network inside Iran despite the pervasive repression. This is how Ashraf has been replicated in society and among the people of Iran.

From a strategic standpoint, the resistance units are the answer to a regime that is incapable of reform and will not

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forces in prisons nor is it able to thwart the resistance movement and the units of rebellion in cities.

Yes, every young man or woman yearning for freedom and justice is a potential or de facto rebel. As a unit of rebellion wrote from Tabriz: We will stand until the end and will get through all the ups and downs. Victory is ours and the dawn is looming.

Today, two sides are facing off against each other over the fate of Iran. On the one side is a deadlocked regime, and on the other is a nation and its Resistance fighting for freedom.

Yes, there is an alternative that wants to reach the destination of freedom through resistance units, rebellious cities and the Army of Freedom.



Mrs. Rajavi and a number of dignitaries, including Mayor Giuliani and Senator Lieberman, visit the Exhibition of 120 Years of Struggle for Freedom in Iran. Others dignitaries included Mrs. Hadassah Lieberman, Minister Sid Ahmed Ghazali, Foreign Minister John Baird, Prime Minister Stephen Harper, and Rama Yade, former French Human Rights Minister.

ress of history? Never!

The mullahs' regime, and those backing it in its fight against the people of Iran, keep repeating that the Iranian Resistance does not enjoy any support inside Iran.

And we say and reiterate that if the regime's claims are true, why it does not allow us to hold peaceful gatherings and demonstrations across Iran for one single day and only one day?

Of course, the regime has never allowed this and will never do so. Why? Because the mullahs are fully aware that they will be swiftly swept away from power.

Everyone knows that under absolute repression and intimidation, and as long as there is no chance for gatherings, demonstrations, opinion polls, and free elections, the only genuine benchmark (of legitimacy) is resistance. Nothing else is this essential or relevant.

It is with the yardstick of resistance that one can measure the level of support for this movement.

They can measure it by looking at the

fall on its own weight. Rather, it can and must be overthrown through the struggle of the Mojahedin, the resistance units and the people of Iran.

In its attempts to confront resistance units, the regime has recently set up new patrols called "neighborhood patrols" and "Razaviyoun." It has even reassigned anti-vice patrols in many parts of the country to focus on arresting members of these rebellion units.

Earlier this year, Mahmoud Alavi, the Minister of Intelligence, announced that 116 PMOI teams have been arrested. Then, the director general of intelligence in East Azerbaijan Province said the regime had arrested and confronted 110 persons with ties to the Mojahedin in that province alone. They subsequently issued death sentences or lengthy prison terms.

Victory is ours and the dawn is looming

But the enemy can neither succeed in breaking the morale of resistance

This alternative is capable of establishing a democratic and pluralist republic based on the separation of religion and state, gender equality, autonomy of Iran's ethnic groups, and a non-nuclear Iran.

Thanks to its organization and cohesiveness, the NCRI can replace the regime and is able to ensure a peaceful transition of power to the Iranian people's elected representatives.

Yes, the day is not far when Iran, the Land of Lion and Sun, will embrace freedom.

We are determined to create a new future; a new plan devoid of tyranny, reactionary thought, duplicity and discrimination; a new design for a free and prosperous Iran.

So, we will sing in unison as we march toward victory: We will take back Iran and we will build a new homeland.

Yes, indeed, we will take back Iran.

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‘Millions of Iranians are desperate right now to turn the tide in Tehran’



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Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA), Committee on Foreign Affairs

I want to thank Albania for offering a safe haven to those who had been housed in Camp Ashraf and Camp Liberty inside Iraq. In only 12 months, these hard-working and resilient freedom fighters

constructed a small city with shops, clinics, sports facilities, kitchens, bakeries, dormitory blocks, meeting halls, offices and studios. Albania has graciously hosted.

Our U.S. Justice Department has charged two agents of the Iranian regime for its collecting of intelligence on Iranian opposition members here in Washington.

I am the chief Democratic sponsor of House Resolution 374, a resolution supporting the people of Iran, free expression, and condemning the Iranian regime for its deprivation of human rights and state-sponsored terrorist attacks.

The resolution also recognizes Albania's efforts to send the right message to Iran by expelling the Iranian Ambassador after two Iranian operatives were arrested on charges of terrorism.

Congress must call on nations to prevent the malign activities of the Iranian regime's diplomatic missions, with the goal of closing them down, including the Iranian embassy in Albania.



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Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA), Committee on the Judiciary

The Iranian Freedom movement has not just endured, it has grown as the injustices and atrocities of the illegitimate Iranian regime have become widespread and despised. As the tyranny of the

mullahs has become more extreme, the international resistance to them has become more resolute.

The people of Iran can take confidence that your cause is just, that you are not fighting alone and that in the full measure of time just causes always prevail. The entire world is witness to your struggle, and history foretells your impending triumph with these words — sic semper tyrannis — thus always with tyrants.

Your fortitude and courage is inspiring the admiration and support of people around the world and even through the difficulty and danger of the present, you are already writing the next chapter of civilization — that just when events seemed the darkest, the people of Iran pushed these dictators off their pedestals and restored their nation as a beacon of freedom and justice, enlightenment and leaning, tolerance and prosperity, as it was in days of old and as it will be again in the days to come.



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Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX), Committee on the Judiciary

Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, President-elect, National Council of Resistance of Iran Annual Gathering for a Free Iran, Tirana, Albania

I am proud to support your Ten-Point Plan for the future of Iran, which ensures freedom of parties and assembly, and abolition of the death penalty, a separation of church and state, gender equality and several other promising policy positions that will thrust Iran into the future. The Iranian people deserve the type of democratic change that will produce economic growth and support a prosperous Iranian community globally.

To that end, I along with countless others, stand with President-elect Rajavi, and the National Council of Resistance of Iran in calling for the overturning of the regime, the immediate release of political prisoners, a non-nuclear republic and the support of an alternative and clear leadership change that will result in the increased likelihood of achieving a free Iran.



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Rep. Lee Zeldin (R-NY), Committee on Foreign Affairs

The Iranian people are clearly fed up with Iran's decades-long dictatorial regime's brutal domestic tactics, dangerous foreign policy, and nonexistent economic progress.... As everyday Iranians have expressed outrage over their government's misplaced priorities, the U.S. should recognize the inherent right of these everyday Iranians and their noble quest for a better future and free, peaceful nation. We have been down this road before. Millions of Iranians are desperate right now to turn the tide in Tehran and all throughout Iran.



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Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ), Committee on Oversight & Reform

To my friends assembled in Tirana, Albania, I stand with you in support of your efforts today. The current regime is not a friend to the United States and its allies. It suppresses the freedom of Iranians, sponsors terrorism throughout the Middle East and imprisons political prisoners. I full-heartedly support Free Iran's efforts to peacefully transform Iran into a more just nation that respects the rights of all Iranians. May there one day be free and fair democratic elections in Iran.

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'You offer the world a great opportunity to choose peace over war, friends over foes'



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Rep. Ralph Norman (R-SC), Committee on Oversight & Reform

To those who fight for freedom:

It is an honor to write to the former residents of Camp Ashraf. Thank you for gathering in support of a secular, free, and democratic Iran. You serve as a beacon of hope to the people of Iran who continue the struggle for democracy. It is a beautiful endeavor and I greatly admire the sacrifice of your all, and all those who gave their lives and livings away in pursuit of a free Iran.

The United States of America is built on the premise of democracy, liberty, and the promise of freedom and equality that lies within this system of

government and each person. To the men and women standing up to the oppressive Iranian regime, thank you for your bravery and commitment to freedom. To the hundreds of former political prisoners who value freedom so highly, thank you. I am thankful to the government of Albania who continues to defend the tenets of democracy and have given asylum to these Iranian political dissidents.

Our country, under the Trump administration, have put pressure on the current regime because we know the evil land capabilities they possess. It is time for a free, democratic, and non-nuclear republic — not just for global safety but for the people of Iran who deserve it.



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Rep. Lacy Clay (D-MO), Committee on Financial Services

Dear President-Elect Rajavi,

Having both attended and addressed your annual gathering in the past, I understand the important work you are doing and for that reason, I continue my support for your cause. As the descendants of ancient Persia and a part of the Iranian diaspora, you offer the world a great opportunity to choose peace over war, friends over foes. Together, we call for a firm policy on the current Iranian regime, as Tehran has increased repression at home and aggression in the region. I support Mrs. Rajavi and her Ten-Point Plan for a free, democratic and non-nuclear republic.

The work of NCRI and other Iranian organizations ensures that the Iran of future does have an alternative with a clear leadership, a plan and organizational capabilities to develop a free Iran.

Iran is unwavering. I have long been an advocate for a free, democratic, non-nuclear Iran and hope that we will soon see great progress in accomplishing these goals. The United States understands the difficulties the tyrannical dictatorship currently in power has imposed on those advocating for a free Iran. You, the Iranian people, are the ones who will bring real change in your country, and we stand with you and support your nonviolent protests for freedom, peace, and prosperity.



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Rep. Scott DesJarlais (R-TN), Committee on Armed Services

I would like to extend my friendship and support to all of you taking part in this year's Gathering for a Free Iran event in Albania. Every year this event is important, but this year feels even more so. The people of Iran are hurting. The people of Iran, who hold such promise and potential, continue to be the victims of a regime insistent on foreign belligerence instead of domestic prosperity.

I thank you for what you're doing

and want you all to know of my support and the support of the United States. The United States and its allies will continue to stand up to the malignant activity of the Iranian military abroad ... while standing in solidarity with those suffering inside its border. I wish you all the best, and my prayers are with you as we continue this fight for freedom, human rights, and peace for Iran and its neighbors.



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Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE), Committee on Armed Services

Dear Friends in Ashraf-3 and former residents of Camp Ashraf, thank you to all

who are gathered ... to fight for a secular, free, and democratic republic in Iran. America was built on freedom and individual liberty, and I believe others should be allowed those same freedoms...

No one should be imprisoned for criticizing their government, and I commend your bravery, resilience, and determination for a better future. It's elected officials like Mrs. Maryam Rajavi who will help fight to protect those liberties by promoting tolerance and compromise versus ignorance and division.

For decades, the United States has supported the Iranian people and the resistance toward the oppressive Iranian government, and it has been responsible for the protection and relocation of 3,000 political prisoners to Albania. As an American and member of the House Armed Services Committee, I stand with the people of Iran.



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Rep. Barry Loudermilk (R-GA), Committee on Financial Services

I wish I was over there with you today; however, my support for a free

SUPPORT FROM ARAB NATIONS

Ashraf 3 symbolizes 'development, progress'

**Sid Ahmed Ghozali,
Former Algerian
Prime Minister**

I would like to thank the residents of Ashraf... I would like to express my gratitude to the Albanian people and its leader for their humanity and solidarity.

The Ashrafis have shown that the Iranian Resistance will survive under pressure... The Islamic Republic of Iran is a cruel and bloody religious dictatorship that wants to dominate the Arabic and Islamic world.

What the history will remember is that you are a resistance against repression but also that Ashraf 3 represents a new culture; they are symbols for development and progress. My dream is to see a free Iran and only then, we may have the first democratic government in the Islamic world.



Former Algerian Prime Minister Sid Ahmed Ghozali (at the podium) joined dignitaries, lawmakers and former officials from Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Syria, and Jordan.



'Seek and set justice' in Iran

**Nazir Hakim,
Syrian National Council**

My dear sister Maryam, I am sure that you will be victorious. You have proven that you are able to bring freedom to Iran.

With the help of the honorable lady, Madame Rajavi, I hope that we will overthrow the mullahs and will seek and set justice. Our revolution is

peaceful. However, the Iranian regime doesn't know what peace is ... I believe that you have the potential to build a new system and a much better one.

Here at Ashraf 3, standing on the side of the Iranian Resistance, I am confident that a new Iran will emerge and the people of Iran, after years of sacrifice, will achieve freedom, which will bring about freedom for the people of Syria as well.

'The ruling mullahs in Iran will be overthrown'



**Dr. Salman Al-Ansari,
Saudi Arabia**

Madame Maryam Rajavi, I'm proud to be here with you and fight against the regime of Khomeini, even though the days of this regime are over...

We will see soon that Maryam Rajavi goes to Tehran and calls for the peace that she struggled so much for ... My message to the rotten Khamenei: We know that you are trying to destroy the will of your people and you hide behind the injustice you do by killing and torturing people. But at the end of the day, the ruling mullahs in Iran will be overthrown.



Iran has been taken back 'a thousand years'

**Saleh al Qalab,
Former Minister of Culture
and Publicity of Jordan**

The young generation may not know that late Dr. Mohammad Mosaddeq was a leader in the whole region, and I also want to hail the great leader Massoud Rajavi whom I had met four decades ago.

The mullahs will soon be overthrown under the leadership of Maryam Rajavi. Those who lead Iran today are not the leaders of the Iranian people. They are taking Iran a thousand years back in time.

You are in the heart of the Arab people because the greatest threat in that area is coming from the mullahs.

"I am impressed with your accomplishments. Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, if one asks you why you have paid such a high price, you say because you want to spread justice, and nothing is more honorable than that."

**— Mahmoud Al-Qaheri,
Member of Parliament of Tunisia**

‘Your battle is not in vain’

**Michèle de Vaucouleurs,
Member of French
National Assembly**

We are proud to be here with you. While tensions between Iran and the U.S. are on the rise, we are here to protect the interests of the Iranian people and protect democracy. The Parliamentary Committee for a Democratic Iran considers the deteriorating human rights situation in Iran should be discussed before any relations are resumed with Iran's regime... However, these principles

are violated by the regime to this day... The regime has destroyed all that you have owned in Iraq. You have revived and you keep fighting for a democratic Iran against the mullahs. Your battle is not in vain, and I know one day you will be hosting me in a free Iran.

The French people consider you brothers and sisters. Article 2 of the Human Rights Declaration says that the aim of any political group is human rights and that includes the right to resist oppression.



Mayor Legaret presented a plaque to Ms. Zohreh Akhyani, PMOI/MEK Secretary General (2011-2017), declaring Paris' 1st District as a sister city of Ashraf.

Ashraf 3 is now a sister city to Paris district

**Jean-Francois Legaret,
Mayor of Paris' 1st District**

We are all citizens of Ashraf. When we see this extraordinary energy and the miracles you've achieved, you've done all of this in 16 months. This is magnificent.

It is important that you eradicate the mullahs' regime. Iran keeps on lying and deceiving. It is important

that democracy in Tehran is achieved and freedom is achieved.

We have decided to declare Ashraf 3 a city of international dialogue and a sister city of the 1st Arrondissement of Paris. We want to sign a declaration with the mayor of Ashraf 3... We promise to keep a dialogue between our municipalities and Ashraf 3. I'm happy with all my colleagues to give you this declaration.

‘You are part of living history’



**Dr. Maria Ryan,
CEO of Cottage Hospital,
women's rights activist**

You're really organized. And that's important for people to see, because as we move the regime out in Iran, it's going to take a lot of work to put up a government and stand it up. And this is how I feel your strength is coming through — you're

thinking about the future, you're organizing and you're disciplined. I'm very impressed by this.

I think this is where your strength lies. It's very impressive that it's a women leadership, but I have to tell you, it's impressive that you can overcome that adversity and look to the future at what needs to happen because otherwise it won't happen. You're saying, “You know what? It happened. I'm going to make change, and I'm going to be successful.”

And I have to say — I mean this with all sincerity—I am watching history. I don't know if you realize you are part of living history. Ten, 20 years, 50 years, 100 years, the history books are talking about you and the teachings of President-elect Rajavi.

And again, with all sincerity, we look at the teachings of Gandhi, Confucius, Socrates, and Plato. In my country, I have great admiration for my forefathers — Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin. I put Madame Rajavi up with them.



Among the speakers at the International Grand Gathering at Ashraf 3 were (left to right) Yakin Erturk, former U.N. Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women; Rashida Manjoo, U.N. Reporter on Prohibition of Violence Against Women; Judge Susanna Medina, former head of the International Association of Women Judges; Dr. Ranjana Kumari, Director of the Center for Social Research; Maria Candida Almeida, Deputy Attorney General of Portugal; and Bandanda Rana, Vice Chair of U.N. CEDAW Committee.



German political leaders Eduard Lintner (at the podium), Martin Patzelt (left) and Leo Dautzenberg addressed the audience.

To Iran's regime: 'Don't think that you will win'

**Martin Patzelt,
Member of Parliament
of Germany**

I have three messages:

One, I thank you and admire what you've done here in Ashraf 3, and also all the people around the world who've helped your cause of freedom and democracy.

Two, to my government: We are not

allowed to step back and pretend we are blind for the sake of economic interests. We need to support these people who are showing us what is going on.

Three, to the Iranian regime: Don't think that you will win. I was raised in Eastern Germany and when people want something, they will prevail. This is the experience of my life and I hope we will achieve this together.

'We need a peaceful and tolerant Islam'

**Eduard Lintner,
Member of Parliament of Germany**

I feel very honored to be here, and I would like to express my respect for you who are working for democracy and freedom in Iran. Your movement, under the leadership of Madame Rajavi, is a democratic alternative to the mullah regime.

Last year, an Iranian diplomat was arrested in Germany because he wanted to bomb a great event by the Iranian Resistance in Paris in which I personally participated...

We should not allow the mullahs to keep us hostage and impede and hinder us in your steps forward. You are the ones who continuously fight for a free Iran, and Europe must support you. Only in this way can we achieve peace in the world... We need a peaceful and tolerant Islam like you represent it.

"You have a President [Maryam Rajavi] who, by presenting her Ten-Point Plan, has convincingly shown what the alternative is. The alternative is freedom and democracy. We in Germany and Europe must work so that this Ten-Point Plan becomes a basis for liberating Iran."

— Leo Dautzenberg, Member of the Board of Directors of the German Committee for a Free Iran, former Member of Parliament in Germany

MAGNUM OPUS



Ashraf 3, July 13, 2019 – Albania's Radio and Television Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Zhani Ciko, until 2013, Albania's Director of the Theatre of Opera and Ballet, and later by Mohammad Shams, the renowned Iranian composer and conductor, performed a number of mesmerizing Iranian and classical pieces, including several very popular pieces of music originally composed by MEK musicians in the 1970s. The Chorus was led by Ms. Suzana Turku. Three well-known Albanian vocalists, Arinaldo Kllogjieri, Gerald Murja and Erlind Zeraliu, performed the songs. Mr. Zeraliu sang the iconic piece "My Way," performed by the legendary Frank Sinatra.

NORDIC DELEGATION



‘Ashraf 3 will forever be a historic city’

**Lars Rise,
Former Member of Parliament
of Norway**

Madame Rajavi and friends from Ashraf, a dream has come true. We are very honored to be here and to see this miracle, this overwhelming experience coming into a historic city that looks like Rome or Athens, which took thousands of years to build. But here within a few months we have Ashraf 3. And it's fantastic for us to experience this, a modern city with all facilities, buildings, but a city which will write history. We know that Ashraf 3 will



forever be a historic city.

This is when I looked at former Prime Minister and President Sali Berisha. His courage was the start of it completely. When all countries said no thank you — all the Western European countries, United States, all our countries, everybody were thinking about the nuclear deal, we cannot say yes to the Mujahedeen — Berisha had the attitude of an Albanian: “I am an Albanian, I am not afraid of anything.” And he said straightforward in 2013, he said, “We’ll take all of them.”

But it's also because of the extraordinary leadership of Madame Rajavi,

her conviction, her commitment, her determination, and her perseverance. She is already operating like the leader of the free Iran. She's a responsible leader. We have made great progress. The mullah regime is now struggling everywhere, and, of course, the firm stand of the U.S. government has been very helpful.

This movement stands for the truth. And we know that the truth will prevail and our purpose is freedom (Azadi). Madame Rajavi is ready. We are ready. And we are encouraged about hearing this word so many times today, ready. We are ready. (Azadi).

History shows — a united people win over dictators

**Kimmo Sasi,
Former Member of Parliament
of Finland, Former Minister
of Commerce**

We in the Nordic countries — Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Iceland — feel very strongly for human rights. And that is why there's a strong support in our countries to throw away the governments that do not respect human rights, including Iran. And it's very important — when you want to have change, there must be an alternative and Mrs. Rajavi's 10-point peace plan is the alternative part for a new democratic Iran.

Forty million Iranians live in poverty today, and the reasons are lack of human rights, lack of rule of law but [lots of] corruption. Iran is one of the most corrupted countries in the world

with financing of terrorism and money laundering. Many people in the Iranian government put money that belongs to the people in their own pocket. We need sanctions against these people, and we need that money to be seized and returned to free Iran when that time comes. These people also mismanaged the Iranian economy and that's why people are suffering. We see demonstrations in Iran and that shows that frustration.

But we know the history shows, the fall of the Berlin Wall shows, united people will also win over dictators. And this Ashraf 3, which is tremendous, shows that you have a strong commitment to have a change in Iran. It's time for the people to take the power and believe in the faith of you who have the power in your own hands. We Nordics support your cause, free Iran, success.





The 'next Ashraf' already has a name: Iran



**Alejo Vidal-Quadras,
Former Member of
European Parliament**

Ashraf 3, as well as Ashraf 2 and Ashraf 1, are one in the same city, the same uninterrupted and unfailing beacon of freedom... Massoud Rajavi has rightly called Ashraf the capital of the MEK, and I want to use this opportunity to express my warmest greetings to him, the historical leader of the MEK, and to wish him well because a free Iran will need him very much.

I lived the unforgettable experience to visit Ashraf 1 as head of a Parliamentary delegation 11 years ago when it was in Iraq. I witnessed there the incredible miracle the MEK had done ... how they transformed a dry and desolate

emptiness into a prosperous, alive, creative, and dynamic community... And you have repeated this gigantic task here in Ashraf 3. This is why I am convinced that the evil regime will fall and democracy, freedom, and a decent life will be given to the Iranian people...

Ashraf 1, 2 and 3 are only one Ashraf.. We are here today to say that there will not be an Ashraf 4 because the next Ashraf has already a name. A name blessed by thousands of years of history, by hundreds of generations of a great people, by a wonderful culture built by artists, writers, musicians, thinkers, scientists, craftsmen, farmers and traders

along centuries. This name is Iran. Iran itself will be the final Ashraf.

The whole country will be our beloved and everlasting Ashraf the day when freedom, democracy, equality between men and women and respect for human rights reigns in a land that has suffered too long under the cruel rule of the most despicable bunch of murderers the East has seen in the last 100 years. The alternative to this nightmare is ready. It is the NCRI and our leader, Maryam Rajavi. The next Ashraf is coming. Nothing and nobody can stop it. And its name is Iran.

The world's eyes have been opened about Ashraf

**Ad Melkert,
Former Special Representative
for the U.N. Assistance
Mission for Iraq**

The one point that struck me upon arrival here in Ashraf 3 ... all the flags that are out there of so many countries that are represented here. What a change. What a change compared with a bit more than 10 years ago when I arrived as the U.N. Special Representative for Iraq. It was hardly part of my brief that there was such a thing as Ashraf.

But it was a time in 2009 that Ashraf got suddenly under attack. Ruthless attack. And I remember the pictures that the U.N. team had to take of the victims



and of the destruction. The pictures that we see now in your impressive exhibition. And it happened in 2009, it happened in 2011, it happened in 2013. And I am proud that we started to open the eyes of the international community for what was going on in Ashraf, and to open the eyes of the international community when Ashraf moved to what is rightly called prison, Liberty.

And this is my message to you: Your resolve has brought about being here in Ashraf 3, seeing all the flags that are welcoming us visitors from the whole world who support your cause. And I'm sure these flags will fly in the new Ashraf soon to come.



Liberty will erase totalitarianism in Iran



**Antonio Tasso,
Member of Parliament of Italy**

As we gather to celebrate the freedom of speech, the freedom of thinking and idea sharing, I come here for the second time and Ashraf 3 is even more beautiful and operative. The improvement to reach your dream is clear and visible.

A dream guided by a brave woman, the President Maryam Rajavi, and open for Iranian people...

Every time the world has changed, people thought there could not be someone who could alter the history. I see the resilience that precedes an (epic) phenomenon in the bravery the Iranian community has demonstrated fighting for human rights. And I hope for a common community — a common state not divided by color, caste, religion, or ethnicity, where humans are not subordinated to other humans — and the day when a wind of liberty will delete the cruelty of totalitarianism and a new vision for the country based on the principle of democracy, laws, and civil rights will influence the new mentality.

In concluding, when the last citizen with his own voice will have the possibility to claim his dignity and achieve individual happiness, our mission will finally be considered to be done.

‘We cannot have appeasement’ with Iran



**Giuseppina Occhionero,
Member of Parliament of Italy**

Your martyrs sacrificed their lives in order to achieve freedom for Iran. We cannot have appeasement with such a bloodthirsty regime. We must investigate the Iranian regime’s human rights violations...

We support you in your goals and stand with you... The Iranian future will be built by you. Madame Maryam Rajavi, you have managed to mobilize the public opinion across the world against this regime.

“Your dream of a free Iran is guided by Mrs. Maryam Rajavi and I admire her charismatic personality and a 10-point plan for a free Iran.”

**— Roberto Rampi,
Member of Parliament in Italy**





Beautiful Ashraf 3 showcases Iran's future

Nestled between the turquoise water of the Adriatic Sea and the Albanian Alps are pristine green spaces and valleys. But even this stunning natural scenery pales in comparison to the man-made oasis crafted by thousands of Iranian political activists hoping to free their country from tyranny.

On one of the sun-kissed peaks, some 2,500 members of the principal opposition Mujahedin-e Khalq (MEK) have built a city called Ashraf 3. Constructed with lightning speed in a little over a year, the town is brimming with pride, radiating with hope, and founded on iron-clad confidence.

At the entrance of the sprawling community, Iranian flags with the nationalist emblem of "Lion and the Sun" refuse to stand still. They inspire the dozens of neighboring flags honoring other countries to dance in unison, embracing the inevitable winds of change.

The first dazzling monument on the main road into Ashraf 3 is the arch of triumph, a replica of the revered entrance to Iran's historic National Assembly, inaugurated after the 1906 Constitutional Revolution. Complete with the phrase "Victory Is Ours," it links the people's democratic achievements of the past with future triumphs that are deemed certain.

Next stop is an astonishing monument to martyrs, bearing witness to the ultimate sacrifice that 120,000 slain heroes and heroines have made to achieve democracy in Iran. The Wall of Remembrance overlooks a sparkling fountain feature at the center of which is a burning flame that attempts to rise to a screen filled with stars, symbolizing the radiating spirit of the fallen heroes. Another square close by boasts a large and graceful tulips monument, symbolizing love and dignity.

All the while, neatly paved roads wrapped by trees



and exquisite landscaping and water features guide the traveler to the next destination: a giant exhibition hall held up by elaborate Roman-style columns, with huge paintings on its side of heroic Iranian freedom fighters from Sattar Khan to Dr. Mossadeq to Massoud Rajavi, the current leader of the Iranian Resistance, a lineage that will, to the passionate MEK activists, guarantee the achievement of freedom in their battered homeland.

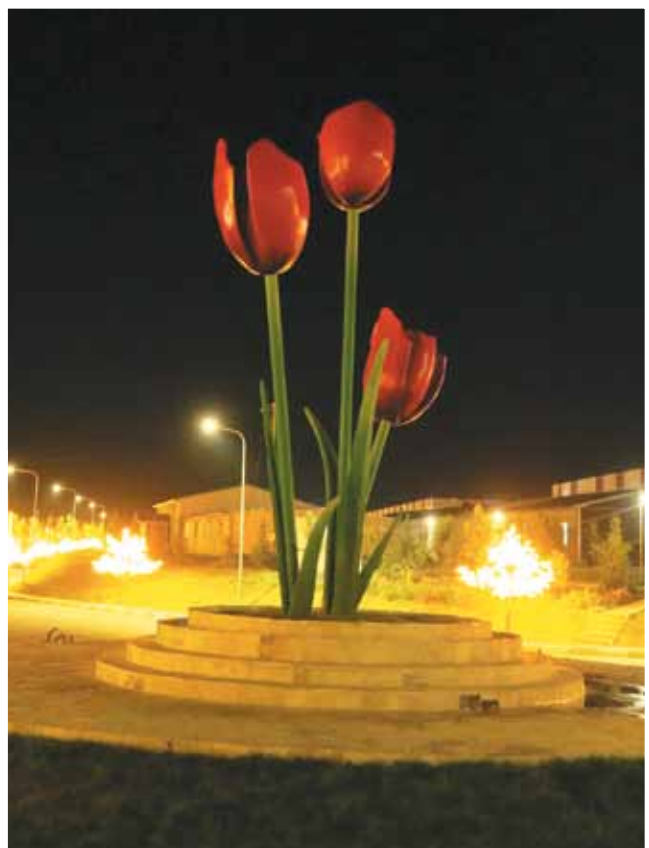
Dozens of other buildings hosting living quarters,

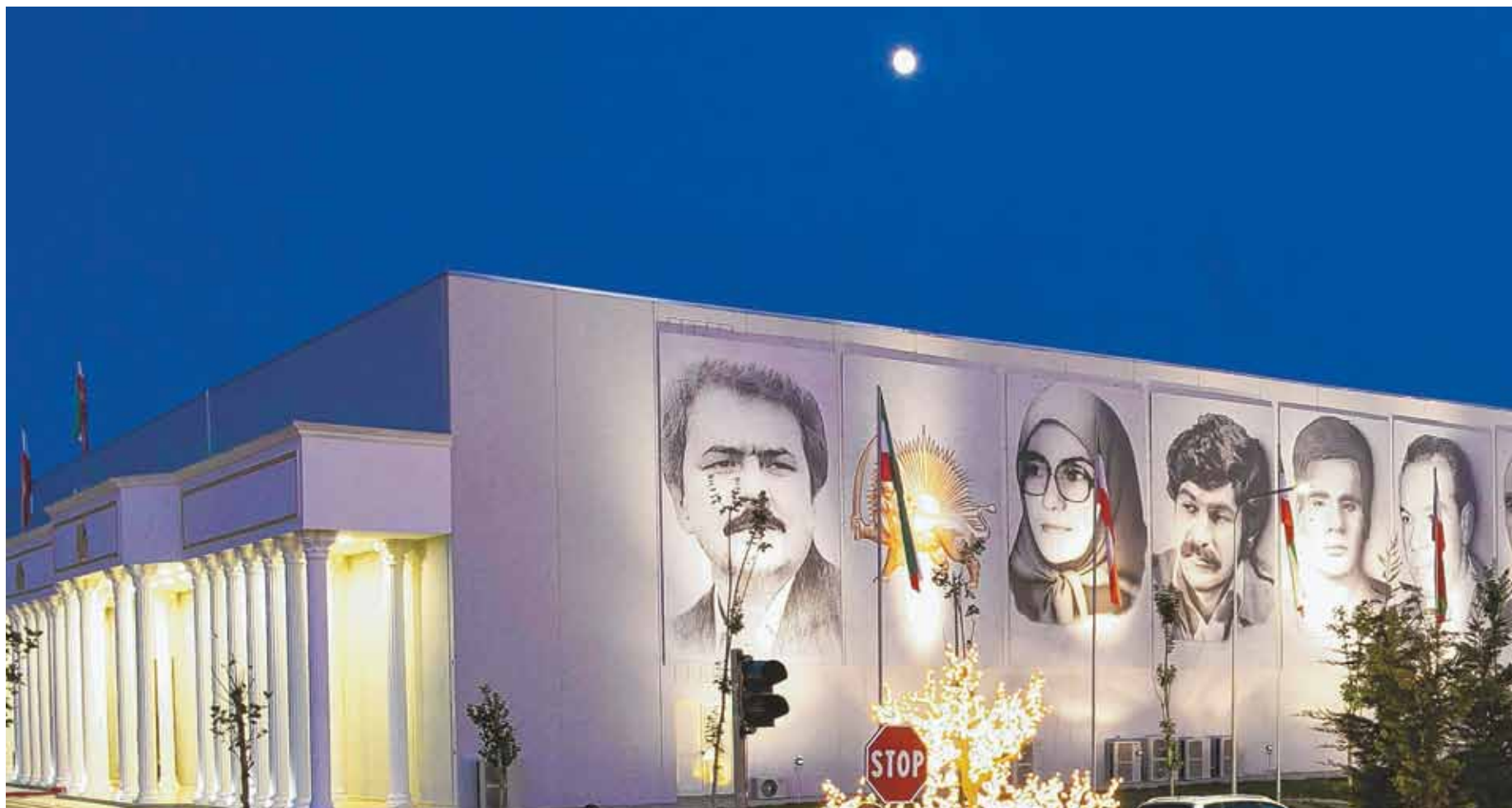
beautifully designed shops, recreational facilities, libraries, commercial kitchens, bakeries, pharmacies, and hospitals complete the city.

Aside from its remarkable design, landscaping and architecture, Ashraf 3 has given meaning to an otherwise arid land. Its birth, as the capital of hope, symbolizes the new beginning of a new, free and civilized Iran that can be rebuilt and re-energized at the capable hands of the Iranian people themselves.



ASHRAF 3





Zohreh Exhibition Hall at Ashraf 3, dedicated to “120 Years of the Iranian People’s Struggle for Freedom.” The posters on the building, from left: Massoud Rajavi, leader of the Iranian Resistance; the Lion and the Sun, symbol of Iran’s safekeeping; Ashraf Rajavi and Moussa Khlabani, two MEK leaders killed in February 1982 in Tehran; Mohammad Hanifnejad, MEK founder; Dr. Hossein Fatemi, foreign minister under the government of Dr. Mossadeq who was executed by the Shahs’ regime on Nov. 10, 1954; and Dr. Mohammad Mossadeq, Iran’s revered Prime Minister until 1953.

Exhibition captures suffering — and resolve to succeed

Ashraf 3, Albania, hosts a historic tribute to the hundreds of thousands of heroes fallen for the cause of freedom and democracy in Iran. The exhibition is intended to tell an extremely moving history of suffering, but at the same time show the Iranian people’s resolve to achieve democracy at any cost.

The enormous exhibition hall is called “Zohreh” in honor of Zohreh Gha’emi, a senior member of the MEK’s leadership who was murdered by the Iranian regime in September 2013. It features pictures and symbols of “120 Years of the Iranian People’s Struggle for Freedom.”

The entrance boasts huge portraits of the original founders of the MEK and leaders of various democratic movements fighting against the Shah’s dictatorship and the mullahs’ tyranny. These include the leaders of the Constitutional Revolution and the revered Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mossadeq.

Twelve-foot-tall walls that line both sides of long pathways feature thousands of smiling portraits of young women, young men, children, mothers, fathers,



Mrs. Rajavi, accompanied by a number of dignitaries, views the section in the exhibition dedicated to the martyrs of the 2018 uprising in Iran.

doctors, students, and activists, all of whom were brutally murdered because they advocated for liberty and freedom. Dozens of protesters martyred since 1981 are honored, along with 120,000 members

of the MEK who have been killed at the hands of the clerical regime since 1979.

Details of those killed — including girls as young as 13 — are plastered over huge walls that contain a map of each

province with hundreds of associated names and pictures. Memorabilia and hand-made artifacts of political prisoners, mothers and fathers tortured for their beliefs are poignant and emotional reminders of resistance and perseverance against all odds.

The museum contains life-sized, horrific prison cells and realistic replicas and models demonstrating how 30,000 political prisoners were brutally executed by the Iranian regime. One of the replicas shows how women were forced to sit in a 1 meter by 1 meter area called “the cage” for up to eight months. The prisoner would lose all bodily senses and would faint upon getting up after a long time squatting in such a small space. Additionally, they were forced to endure enormous psychological torture, leading many to develop acute mental problems.

Such inhumane imprisonments and executions by the Iranian regime are clear examples of crimes against humanity. Yet, the inspiring response by the Iranian people and the Iranian Resistance, infused with an undying spirit of perseverance, shows that Iran will be free.



Mrs. Rajavi lighting candles in a tribute to the 30,000 political prisoners and sympathizers massacred in 1988.



A mock-up of cages, 50 centimeters wide, where female political prisoners were held. Revolutionary Guards tortured the female political prisoners in these so-called “Residential Units” so severely that many of the victims became insane.



Memorabilia made in prison by a father, Parviz Goodarzi, before he was executed. The poem says, “A gift to the only flower of my life, my beloved daughter, Mahboubeh.”



Map of Iran showing nationwide protests over the past 40 years. To the left, a book, containing the names and pictures of 20,000 MEK martyrs.



A map shows Yazd and Kerman provinces where hundreds of MEK members were executed by the mullahs’ regime. Similar maps for all 31 provinces of Iran were on display in the Exhibition.



A section of the Exhibition Hall is dedicated to the memorabilia of the thousands of political prisoners executed by the Iranian regime.

Witnesses to crimes against humanity by the Iranian Regime

Kept in tiny cages, starved, whipped: 'We weren't even allowed to scream'

The following testimonies were given at the "Call for Justice on the 1988 Massacre" conference held July 15, 2019, in Ashraf 3 in Albania.



Kobra Jokar

I was in the regime's prisons for six years. The Revolutionary Guards (IRGC) arrested me while I was pregnant. I was taken to Evin prison and the torture chambers. I was transferred to Ward 209. In the cell, I saw four torturers torture my husband in front of me. They also tortured me in front of him.

A few days later, they executed him with 75 others. The torturer said, "I wanted him to never see his son."

The regime executed 50 pregnant women, including Masumeh, the sister of Mrs. Rajavi. They took me to a hospital and quickly brought me back to prison even though I was feeling very bad.

The torturers even interrogated the children. They had strapped a small child to a chair in a dark room and tortured her so she revealed the names of her mother's friends.

I managed to escape prison in 1987. One year later, all of those ladies who shared the cell with me were executed in the 1988 massacre.



Homa Jaber

I was in the regime's prisons for five years — arrested in 1981 and spent many years in Gohardasht and Evin prisons.

When the regime wasn't able to break the will of MEK prisoners through torture, they created a compound called the "residential units." This was a secret compound for torture. My hands were

swollen from the whiplashes. My face and body were bruised. The regime's torturer said, "No one will hear you here. You will all die here." They kept us awake for many days and didn't let us sleep.

Some of my friends were kept in this place for six months. We weren't even allowed to scream under torture. Every command was given with whiplashes. For instance, if they wanted to tell us that we could sleep, they would do so by whipping us.

After 40 days, I was taken to Evin prison. Some of my friends had lost their mental balance. Some of the prisoners would not even speak of the tortures they had suffered. They said that the torturers made them make animal noises and insult themselves. Some had been raped.



Hengameh Haj Hassan

I was a nurse in Tehran. In 1981, I was arrested because I was a MEK supporter. We were charged with helping the people who were injured by the IRGC.

In prison, we were subjected to severe tortures. Insomnia, packed cells, sleeping in coffins were what we had to endure.

We were taken to the "cages." These were small partitions where you could only squat. You couldn't move, you couldn't even cough or sneeze. If we moved, we were tortured. Our eyes were blindfolded.

The torturer told us that we would die here. We were only given three minutes per day to go to the bathroom. We couldn't even brush our teeth. The food they gave us was scarce and very dirty. At night, when we were allowed to sleep, they would turn on loudspeakers and play the regime's mourning songs.

The torturers sought to break our will and force us to turn our back to our struggle. I decided that I would teach them a lesson and show them who we were. At nights, when we couldn't sleep due to the loudspeakers, I trained myself to shut down those noises and take myself to pleasant places in my memories.

The torturers thought they would break our will through torture. However, they only made us stronger, as we understood that this proved what we were doing was right.

Majid Sahebjam

I spent 17 years in prison. My crime was supporting the MEK. I witnessed many human rights violations. The 1988 massacre was a premeditated and well-planned crime. Some of the people who were directly involved in this crime still hold high positions of power. The regime has done everything in its power to hide its crime. It didn't even tell the burial places to the families of the victims.

In the short trials, which lasted only a few minutes, the judges only asked one question: They asked about the political association of the defendant. Uttering the word "Mojahed" was enough to seal the fate of the prisoner and send him to the gallows.

The prisoners in the regime's dungeons bore the scars of torture on their bodies, so the 1988 massacre was an opportunity for the regime to hide the evidence of its horrible crimes. I know at least 20 families who lost two of



Mahmoud Royale

I spent 10 years in the regime's prisons. Many of my friends were teenagers when they were arrested. They spent many years in prison and were finally executed. People had served their sentences, and their families were waiting for them. However, they never got to see them.

One of my friends was executed five years after his sentence was finished. He was taken to the gallows only because he defended the name of the MEK. Many of the prisoners' families died after their loved ones were executed. The father of one of my friends had a cardiac arrest when he heard about his son's execution.

their children to the regime's executioners. Many of the executed prisoners were aged 14, 15, and 16 when they were arrested.

During the 1988 massacre, dozens of MEK supporters had served their sentences. However, they were kept in prison because they would not repent their support for the MEK. They were executed in 1988 because of their dedication to freedom and human values.



Mostafa Naderi

I spent 11 years in prison, five of those years in solitary confinement. During the 1988 massacre, I was hospitalized because of torture. I was unconscious when they called my name for execution, and this is how I survived.

In the beginning, they said nothing of the executions, claiming the

prisoners were going for family visits. In many smaller cities, not even a single person survived to tell the story of the massacre.

In prison, I was severely tortured. After eight months of torture, I and five other prisoners were taken to a mullah who said we would be executed that night. They took us to the place for execution. They tied our hands and we heard the guns being loaded. They fired, but they aimed a bit higher than our heads. We suffered a traumatic experience. One of the prisoners fainted and another lost his eyesight.

The 1988 massacre was planned from two years before. However, the massacre continues to this day. We must stop this.



Some of these families are still staring at the pictures of their loved ones and crying after 30 years. Some lost their sanity when their children were executed.

The regime even executed the disabled and handicapped. Yet they stood tall when they went to the gallows. One of my friends had lost his mind due to tortures. However, when they took him to the judge, he stood tall and said, "I'm a Mojahed." He was executed.

The 1988 massacre was a national disaster, but it is also the pride of our nation. Today, people who weren't even born then are calling for justice. The members of the 1988 "Death Commission" are members of the government today.

MEK actions result in daily resistance to the regime

Over the past year, the MEK expanded its “Resistance Units,” and they have been very active in all cities across Iran, informing and assisting the public on ways to resist the regime.

Their demonstrations include setting fire to large photos of Khamenei and Rouhani in busy districts of Tehran and other cities, and destroying other regime symbols, such as Bassij and IRGC centers.

The units are also active in writing slogans against the regime or hanging Mrs. Rajavi's photos from bridges in busy district of Tehran.

In response, the regime is very concerned about the impact of these activities on the population, especially on efforts to further rise up against the regime.

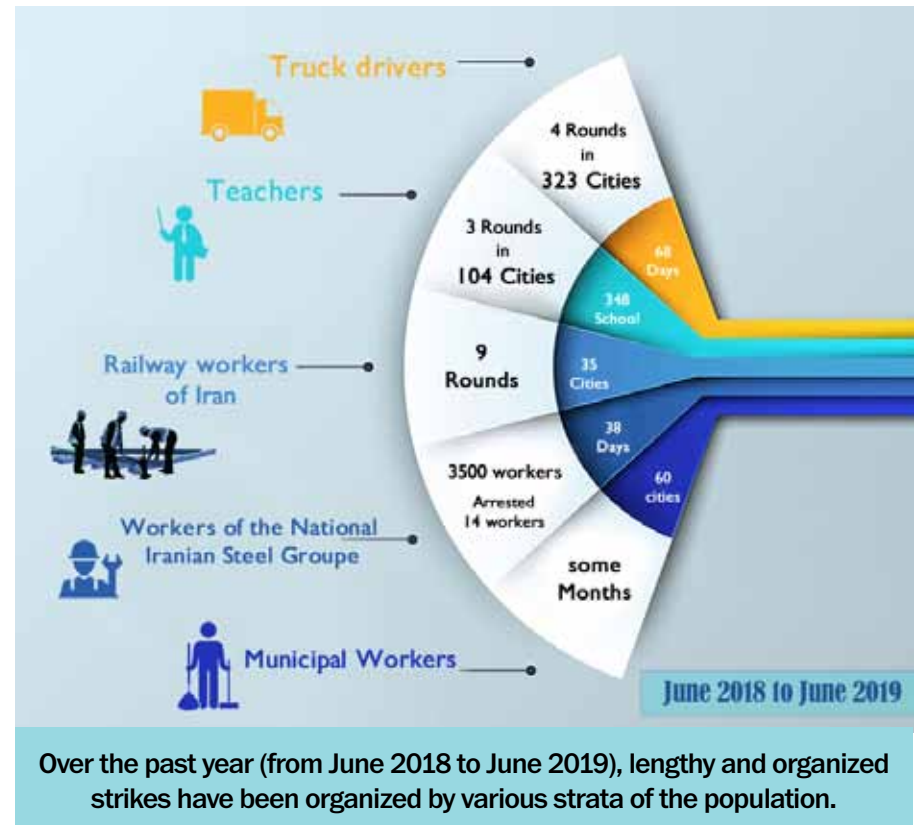
The MEK has also organized “People's Councils” to encourage public resistance to the regime. While members of Resistance Units are generally

the younger generation, members of People's Councils span age groups and sectors of the population. Their goal is to voice resistance through certain social activities.

The regime has gone to extremes to try to silence these efforts, and news of sentences of MEK activists have been frequently surfacing in the news media.

On May 20, a so-called revolutionary court in Tehran sentenced to death a 34-year-old MEK activist and member of a resistance unit, and gave three others five years in prison for engaging in nonviolent dissemination of anti-regime literature.

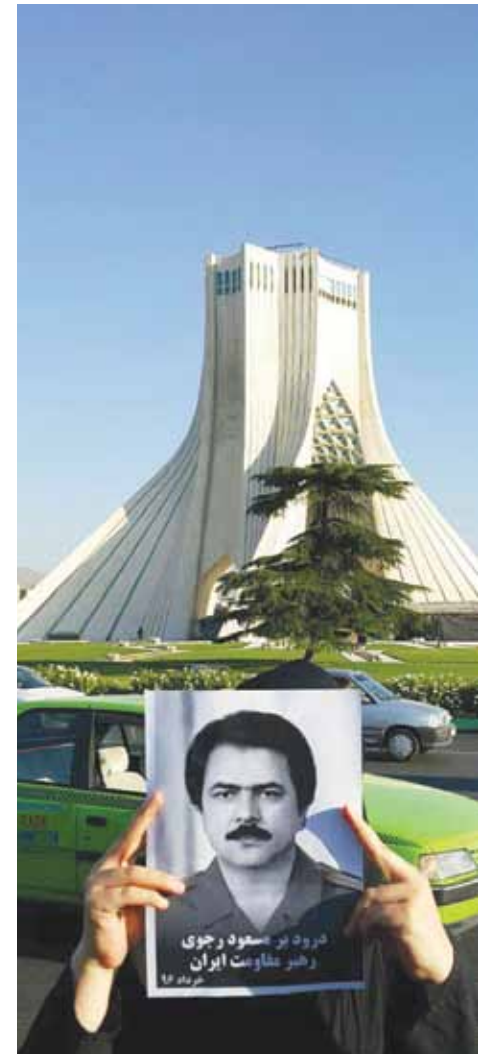
Despite the regime's brutal responses, MEK Resistance Units and People's Councils will continue their daily protest activities. They have thousands of dedicated members in over 150 cities and towns, and they will not stop organizing and campaigning for regime change in Iran.



A Maryam Rajavi poster hangs from an overpass in a major expressway in Tehran.



A Kurdish woman holds up an MEK emblem in Sanandaj, the capital of Iranian Kurdistan.



Resistance Unit member holds a Massoud Rajavi picture in Tehran's Azadi Square.

A record of protests in Iran

The January 2018 uprising in Iran spread into 31 provinces and 142 cities in the span of two weeks with the slogans, “Death to Khamenei,” “Death to the principle of the velayat-e faqih,” “Reformers, hardliners, the game is now over,” and “Our enemy is right here; they lie to say it is America!”

More than 8,000 people were arrested and 36 people were killed. Eleven of them were martyred under torture.

From June 2018 to June 2019, there have been popular protests and uprisings in 556 cities and 1,354 workers’ protests in 146 cities, industrial centers and business districts.

These included:

Four rounds of major and nationwide strikes by truck drivers in 323 cities.

Three rounds of nationwide strikes by academics in 104 cities and 348 educational centers.

Strikes by bazaar merchants in 12 provinces of Iran.

A 38-day strike, gathering and march by workers of the National Steel Industrial Group (INSIG) in protest against the nonpayment of their salaries and benefits.

A 28-day strike, gathering and march by workers in Haft Tappeh sugar cane factory in Shush, southern Iran, in protest against the privatization of the company and not receiving salaries and benefits for months.

A strike and gathering by railway workers in 35 cities to protest against months of nonpayment of their salaries and benefits.

A strike and gathering by municipal workers in 60 cities to protest against months of nonpayment of their salaries and benefits.

The activities of MEK Resistance Units is a decisive factor in the protests and uprisings against the regime, forcing the regime to acknowledge their role. On April 24, 2019, the Intelligence Director General of East Azerbaijan Province, said, “In 2018, the PMOI’s activity in the country was more than in the past years. One hundred ten people in connection with the PMOI have been dealt with; 60 were identified and arrested, and 50 others were ‘warned.’” On April 19, 2019, the Intelligence Minister Mahmoud Alavi announced that “over the past year, 116 team related to the PMOI have been dealt with.”

The Iranian regime, through its media outlets, has acknowledged the role and presence of PMOI/MEK and Resistance Units in Iran:

Fars News Agency, affiliated with IRGC, August 5, 2018: “In the turmoil of January 2018, MEK identified the opportunities and capacities inside the country and formally ordered operations to be launched through Resistance Units. These units consisted of 2 or 5 PMOI members.”

State-run Baharestaneh website, August 28, 2018: “Today, the PMOI have infiltrated in all walks and are conducting them, including truck drivers, bazaar merchants, teachers and workers.”

State-run Baharestaneh website, August 28, 2018: “The PMOI have formed groups called ‘Resistance Units,’ which have the power of reproduction, and the potential and the ability to replace the scene leaders.



MEK Resistance Units active nationwide



A Maryam Rajavi poster hangs from the overpass of a major expressway in Tehran.



2018 Protests in Iran



'Year of the Ashraf Resident'

Statement by American Dignitaries to the July 13, 2019 rally at Ashraf III, Albania



As members of the American team, we call on our friends and colleagues from all over the world to recognize 2019 as the “Year of the Ashraf Resident.”

The members of the Mujahedin-e Khalq (MeK) residing at Camps Ashraf and Liberty in Iraq from 2009 to 2016 suffered three ground assaults, five rocket attacks, deprivation of basic life support (such as food, water, and proper sanitation), and denial of reasonable access to timely medical treatment. One hundred and sixty-eight members lost their lives and 1,487 suffered injuries. For all they endured, and for their unwavering commitment to the cause of freedom, justice and a democratic Iran, they have not only earned our admiration, but they have also earned their place in the history of Iran and the world.

Now residing in central Tirana, Albania, at their new encampment, appropriately named Ashraf III, on July 13, 2019, the residents will host many of their supporters and defenders from around the world. American team members participating in the event will carry with them the message of respect from all of us.

The residents demonstrated their fierce determination to survive and show the world what people dedicated to democratic principles can achieve.

These democratic principles prioritize the return of Iran to its rightful owners, its citizens. The instruments of government power have been seized by religious extremists who have subjugated the Iranian people and others across the region. These religious extremists have become the number one state sponsor of terror.

The MeK and coalition of the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI) are committed, through peaceful political means, to building a viable and democratic alternative to the current regime in Iran. The foundation of this commitment is the Ten Point Plan developed by NCRI President-elect Mrs. Maryam Rajavi.

The MeK and the NCRI are determined to create an environment in Iran that creates a government dedicated to bettering the lives of its people, not exploiting them.

The fundamentalist government of Iran fears the MeK and the NCRI more than any other organization in the world. The regime’s days are numbered, and every day that number becomes smaller.

NCRI is not dedicated to achieving power in Iran; it is dedicated to achieving democracy in Iran for all Iranians consistent with the four freedoms articulated by U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt: freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want, and freedom from fear.

Despite the efforts of the Iranian government to discredit the MeK and the NCRI, the truth about the regime is emerging throughout the world. Nowhere is this more evident than the MeK having been removed from its wrongful designation on the U.S. Foreign Terrorist Organization list and being replaced by the Iranian Regime’s Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps.

Ashraf III is evidence of what can be created in Iran. At the original Ashraf, the residents built a city out of the Iraqi desert. Now at Ashraf III, the residents have built a modern city in the Albanian hills. This quality of life will become available to all citizens in Iran, once the religious extremists in Tehran have been removed from power.

History is on the side of the MeK and the NCRI. When that history is written, a special chapter will be dedicated to what was endured and accomplished by the MeK residents who were in Iraq and now are in Albania.

Again, we call on our colleagues from all over the world to recognize 2019 as the “Year of the Ashraf Resident.”

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