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Supporting the Terrorist Mojahedin-e Khalgh Organization (MKO) is a Grave Blunder

Member organizations of *Iranian Democracy Front (IDF)* are outraged by the European countries, in particular France, support, recent visits of some U.S senators and last few years' actions of certain individuals and lobbyists to promote the agenda of the terrorist Mujahedin-e Khalq Organization (MKO), recently under cover of another name: National Council of Resistance of Iranian (NCRI). In fact the selection of the name "Mujahedin" means that they believe to spread their faith by Jihad. Some former officials of the American government have been participating in events that promote the terrorist MKO/NCRI group, in which a substantial amount of false information and propaganda has been presented. Unfortunately some media further promote this misleading propaganda.

In recent years France provides support to MKO/NCRI allowing them to profit from investing the sums stolen from Iranian nation or obtained from Saddam Hossein and spend it on theatrical demonstrations by hiring non-Iranian demonstrators and audience. As recent inhuman and tragic events in Paris and other European cities prove, supporting the extremists or terrorist groups like MKO/NCRI, Taliban, Al Qaeda, ISIS.. by shallow sided politicians, in order to promote a for profit foreign policy agenda, besides being immoral, flawed and short sided, also promotes extreme groups who create chaos and disorder in the world, in particular in European countries. MKO was listed as a terrorist organization by the United Kingdom and the European Union until 2008 and 2009, respectively, and by the United States and Canada until 2012. In recent years MKO/NCRI has been supported by Israel.

During the 1970s, MKO/NCRI terrorists killed many Iranians, and a number of American military personnel and civilians working in Iran. In 1972, the Mujahedin murdered General Saeed Taheri and Brigadier General Niktab, Lt. They also attempted to take hostage the US ambassador to Iran, Douglas MacArthur II, unsuccessfully, thanks to the Ambassador's heroic driver. In 1973, the Mujahedin assassinated Lt. Col. Lewis Hawkins, a U.S. military advisor in Iran. In 1975, MKO/NCRI terrorists shot and killed two U.S. Air Force officers in Tehran. The same year, the Mujahedin attacked a U.S. Embassy van in Tehran killing a local employee. And in 1976, In the same year they assassinated three American employees of Rockwell International working in Iran.

MKO/NCRI greatly supported by Soviet Union before and after 1979 since MKO/NCRI was actively spying for Soviet Union. MKO/NCRI was greatly supported financially and politically by Soviet Union. Their flag was almost a copy of the Soviet Flag. Before 979 some leaders of MKO/NCRI were condemned to death by the Iranian court for killing policemen, rubbing baks and other crimes and terrorism committed in Iran, but after the interference of the Leonid Brezhnev, the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Rajavi, the leader of the MKO/NCRI was not executed. In 1980, one of the MKO/NCRI leaders was arrested red handed dispensing information to the Embassy of Soviet Union.

MKO/NCRI received extensive terrorism trainings by supported Khomeini's cronies before 1979 and supported the terrorist regime after 1979. They actively participated in the crimes of the mullah regime against the Iranian people. In particular MKO/NCRI promoted the idea of the execution of all military officers' above the rank of Lieutenant. The MKO/NCRI also was instrumental and actively participated in the takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran in 1979. During the chaotic period of 1979, MKO/NCRI rubbed many banks and private citizens and collected remarkable wealth.

Only after Khomeini began to attack his former allies, the MKO/NCRI joined Iran's enemy Saddam Hussein. In Iraq, the MKO/NCRI were Saddam's mercenaries and participated in dreadful crimes against Iraqis. The MKO/NCRI received large amount of funds, weapons and training from Saddam for many years. After the fall of Saddam, MKO/NCRI's leaders travelled to Europe with a large sum of fund, once again leaving their followers in the camp. In their initial demonstrations, they used anthems containing hate against US and US political system.

With the large amount of funds in their possession, they created a network in Europe and US. The network involved in money laundering, fund raising even in the US airports, investing in dubious businesses which provided them more funds. They are also collecting financial supports from different institutions and countries by selling information and spying. By large contributions to retired or out of job western politicians and former officials, they lobbied for removing MKO/NCRI's name from the terrorist list of US and Europe.

MKO/NCRI's ideology mixes religion, communism and politics and is an Islamo-Communist one. The overwhelming majority of the Iranian people consider the MKO/NCRI to be an anti-Iranian terrorist cult, and they strongly oppose the group. Iranians have suffered horrifically from the Khomeinist regime's mixing of religion and politics, and they have no interest in MKO/NCRI's dubious ideology. Furthermore, Iranians consider MKO/NCRI's cooperation with Saddam during the Iran-Iraq war to be a betrayal. MKO/NCRI is a terrorist and fundamentalist Islamo-Communist cult which does not believe in democracy.

MKO/NCRI's claims to have repudiated violence are not credible. Those who pursue the delusional idea of promoting the terrorist Mujahedin as a tool against the mullah regime are making a grave blunder that will have disastrous consequences for Americans, Europeans and Iranians. Their original followers are mostly above 60's creating an army of seniors. MKO/NCRI's leaders even oppress their own members. They have almost no new followers in Iran since most Iranians hate the MKO/NCRI and consider it worse than the criminal regime in Iran and traitors since they joined with Iran's enemy Saddam in killing many Iranians and Kurds. Indeed any support for the group will be perceived as an attempt to replace the terrorist mullah regime with the terrorist MKO/NCRI. France, Giuliani, Gingrich, Ridge, Townsend, Mukasey and their cohorts should stop supporting the terrorist Mujahedin.

As the massive protests in Tehran and other cities in recent years proved, millions of Iranians oppose the illegitimate mullah regime and its criminal leaders. Despite the mullah regime's brutal campaign against pro-democracy activists, many Iranians inside and outside Iran continue the effort to bring freedom and democracy to Iran. Iranians are determined to get rid of the mullah regime and create a democratic government. This could be achieved much faster with the moral active international support. A democratic Iran will be an important factor in peace and security of the region and the world.

IDF believes that the visits of self-appointed president of Iran, Maryam Rajavi, by U.S. Senator McCain (R-AR), U.S. Senator Roy Blunt of Missouri, Vice President of the Republican Conference, the Assistant Majority Senator John Cornyn (R-TX), and Thom Tillis (R-NC) will endanger the future of the region by promoting the terrorist cult MKO/NCRI. IDF members also condemn the MKO/NCRI support by U.S. former officials Giuliani, Gingrich, Ridge, Townsend, Mukasey and their cohorts for money. IDF members furthermore denounce the double standards of the European countries, in particular France, to provide a convenient ground to the terrorist and anti-Iranian MKO/NCRI cult. Iranians expect these countries and individuals the moral and political support for the Iranian pro-democracy movement.

Member organizations of Iranian Democracy Front in alphabetical order:

Action for Iran's Freedom, Alliance for Democracy in Iran, Alliance of Iranian Women, Association of Wisdom and Tradition of Iran, Democrat Party of People of Iran, European Zoroastrian Foundation, Guardians of Iranian Territorial Integrity, Human Right Organization for Prisoners Release, Iran Society in Dallas, Iranian Cultural Society, Iranian Renaissance Movement-Ferdowsi, Iranian Secular-Democrat Organization, Iranian Society for Freedom Peace and Justice, Iranian Solidarity Congress, Iranian Unity and Solidarity Council, IRANPAD Organization – Dallas, IRANPAD Organization-Arizona, IRANPAD Organization-Houston, IRANPAD Organization-Los Angeles, IRANPAD Organization-North Texas, Kanoon Kherad, Movement to Support Freedom in Iran, National Patriotic Organization of Iran, Organization of Balouch Constitutional Monarchists, Organization of Constitutional Monarchists of Iran, Organization of Guardians of Iran, Organization of Iranian Solidarity, Organization of Young Iranian Constitutional Monarchists, Pan Iranist Party-Abroad, Payam Organization, Radio Azadegan, Sarbaz Organization, Society of Persian Women, Soldiers for Iranian Monarchy, Supporters of Democracy Movement in Iran, Tribe Alliance of Iran, Tribe Solidarity of Iran



Rajavi MKO leader-Saddam



Rajavi presents gun-roost flag to Arafat



Khiyabani-Khomeini-Rajavi MKO leader



Moahamadreza Saadati*

- Moahamadreza Saadati, a member of the MKO's executive committee, was arrested while spying for Russia. He was executed later on.