Protection of Ashraf

International Recognition of the Iranian Resistance

Declaration of majorities of 30 parliaments
Maryam Rajavi and former Mayor of New York Rudy Giuliani (left). (Right) she is welcomed by delegation of French Mayors (from left to right), Mayor of Cergy Dominique Lefebvre, Mayor of Taverny Maurice Boscavert, Mayor of Villepinte Nelly Roland Iriberry, Mayor of Auvers-sur-Oise Jean-Pierre Béquet.

European delegations, from left: Yves Bonnet, Governor; Mrs. Mahine Saremi, political prisoner; Aziz Reza’i, the saint of Iranian Resistance; Anissa Boumediene, the former First Lady of Algeria; Rymond Aubrac, the member French resistance; Aude du Thuin, the founder of Women’s forum; Lord Robin Corbett of Castle Vale; leader of labor fraction in House of Lords, and Alejo Vidal-quadras the Vice-President of the European Parliament.

(1) Francois Colcombet, Judge; and Jacques Gaillot, Bishop; (2) Henri Leclerc; (3) the Canadian Delegation, Mouloud Aounit, Honorary President of MRAP; (4) Khalil Merroun and Sheikh Dhaou Meskine the rector of the Evry and Aubervilliers Mosques respectively.

Delegations of European Parliament and American February Frist
THE GRAND GATHERING

Presence of hundreds of politicians and parliamentarians from Europe, America and the Middle East

Declaration of support of 4000 parliamentarians majorities of 30 parliaments

Huge crowd celebrated French court order for dismissal of allegation of terrorism against the Resistance

Tens of thousands of Iranians gathered in Villepinte-Paris, France on June 18 to declare their support for the Iranian Resistance under the leadership of Maryam Rajavi. Dozens of parliamentary delegations from Europe, North America and Middle East attended the gathering on behalf of some 4000 parliamentarians from 40 countries worldwide who have supported declarations in support of the Iranian Resistance and the 3,400 members of the People’s Mojahedin Organisation of Iran, residing in Camp Ashraf, Iraq. They included the Parliamentary delegation from the European Parliament led by Dr. Alejo Vidal Quadrass, the Vice-president of the EP and the British Parliamentary delegation led by Lord Corbett of Castle Vale.

Several senior former officials and policy makers including Rudy Giuliani, former Mayor of New York; Tom Ridge, former U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security; Andrew Card, the White House Chief of Staff under President Bush; Robert Torricelli, former U.S. Senator; John Bruton, former Prime Minister of Ireland; Gier Haarde, former Prime Minister of Iceland; Sid Ahmad Ghozali, former Prime Minister of Algeria; and Rita Sussmuth, former Speaker of German Parliament.

In the first part of the event, Mr. Jean-Pierre Béquet, Mayor of Auvers-sur-Oise, welcomed the participants to the gathering on behalf of over 5,000 French mayors from across the country, who had declared their support for Ashraf and its residents. He invited some fifty mayors and their deputies who had attended the gathering to join him on the stage to display their support. Echoing the call by the mayors, he said the Iraqi forces must immediately withdraw from Ashraf and urgent medical services must be provided to the residents, especially to the wounded.

He emphasized that campaign for Ashraf will continue because freedom must be brought to Iran from Ashraf.

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PAYING HOMAGE

Paying tribute to the martyrs of Iranian Resistance and uprising, Maryam Rajavi is surrounded by elected French mayors, including the mayor of Auvers-sur-Oise John Pierre Bequet, the member Jean-Pierre Brard, the mayor of Villepinte Nelly Roland Iriberry and the Mayor of Cergy Dominique Lefebvre, Aziz Rezai, the Iranian Resistance Saint whose seven children were executed by the Shah and Khomeini (right), and Mahine Saremi (left), who just escaped from the clutches of her torturers in Iran and whose husband Ali Saremi the gallant Iranian political prisoner was executed on 28 December 2010.
Mahine Saremi: I come from Evin prison and the larger prison called Iran. I come from Evin prison and the great prison of Iran to give the greetings of political prisoners and families of prisoners and martyrs to you and to Ashraf residents and to my dear sister Maryam. I hope I can help in bringing their voices to you. In particular, I hope I can bring the message of the PMOI hero, my dearest Ali Saremi [the most prominent political prisoner of Iran], to the international community; I was honored to be his comrade in struggle. I, who have spent most of my life in the last thirty years in front of prisons or inside them, want to tell you that the mullahs’ regime is terrified and trembles by the name and the way of PMOI. Its enmity towards Ali was because he was a Mojahed [member of PMOI].

Ali had prepared himself for execution since a long time ago and knew that the regime would not let him live. Since my son Akbar went to Ashraf, the enmity of the regime towards Ali was doubled.

Because of his behavior and his belief in the ideals of PMOI, Ali deeply influenced everyone around him. He truly represented the real portrait of the PMOI. Inside prison, he was a supportive figure for all political prisoners and even ordinary prisoners.

Because of his behavior that truly represented the PMOI, he was respected by all and even his jailors respected him. During his imprisonment and even after he was martyred, people respected me and my children because of him who was a PMOI member. However, Ali is not unique; the ideals of PMOI and Ashraf has roots all over Iran.
On behalf of the French Parliament, for a secular and democratic Iran, I just like to express the support and solidarity of the majority of French parliamentarians. Solidarity in struggle as you lead Iran to get rid of dictatorship, tyranny and religious fascism. Our duty, as French MPs, is to relay this struggle waged by the Iranian people for its freedom. We, members from both left and right, stand with you, with Maryam Rajavi, the challenge of democracy and secularism. Our duty is to struggle together until the barriers faced by those who resist the barbarism of the mullahs worldwide, are removed.

The best way to show solidarity with the people of Iran is to provide full support for the NCRI

We need to double our efforts to eliminate this shameful label, manufactured, among others, by Judge Bruguière and the government prompted him to do that, on behalf of the mullahs against the People’s Mojahedin.

I am pleased to welcome you today to the city of Villepinte. Villepinte city officials are concerned about persecuted people in the world. You are organizing this rally to raise worldwide awareness about public summary executions, particularly about the last April’s massacre at Camp Ashraf in Iraq by the Iraqi government. Based on the reported facts, this may constitute a war crime that needs to be brought to the Justice.

The shared hope that Iraq and Iran become the rule of law, and free state

My presence here is to support you in condemning the committed crimes and also to support the hope shared by millions of democrats in Iraq as well as Iran for the rule of law and a free state in which people can freely express their choices for the future. The democratic aspiration is a choice of civilization shared by all of us. In Villepinte, with confidence, we support and hope for World peace and harmonious development of all mankind.

This is the first time I talk to so many people, so much emotion. It’s more than emotion, it is much desire to go for as much desire to find a solution. I am very impressed to be here this afternoon with you. For my part, as the founder of the Women’s Forum for the Economy and Society, I will try to get women in France and the world, to sign a petition for Ashraf.

A campaign for the protection of thousand women of Camp Ashraf

We call on the civil societies, NGOs, associations and women’s organizations in a broad campaign for the protection of Ashraf residents, including the one thousand Iranian women who chose to resist Islamic fundamentalism. I personally call on women to support the women of Camp Ashraf alongside men, because the world is never going to be better than in a balanced and complementary male-female situation. The world needs women to lead. Maryam Rajavi is one of them. Bravo, Madam, for your work!
Mayors in France, 1500 Italian Mayors and 300 Mayors in Belgium

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HENRI LECLERC, Honorary President of the League of Human Rights

I have attended these gatherings for at least seven years. Each time we have all protested against the shameful judicial prosecutions in France. Yes, we said that it was a disgrace to treat those who fulfill their right to resist against a tyrannical regime as terrorists. I have always fought against those who oppose resistance.

All my life, I have always seen those who resists tyranny called terrorists

How can one forget the support which we gave to the resistance in the past when the Shah and his secret police SAVAK used to persecute and abuse the people of Iran? Today, we know that the disgusting regime of the mullahs continues to kill, execute and torture those human beings who resist. Today, in the name of the French activists and fighters, and representing the lawyers of France, I would like to salute members of the resistance, all those who were killed and all the families who were executed or tortured. But, today, how can we forget those who lost their lives in Ashraf? How can we forget the complicity and silence of the rest of the world regarding these unacceptable killings?

I would like to address President Obama from here and say: “Yes, Mr. Obama, for some time, you were an example of the American dream for us here. We believe that the people of the United States are not complicit in these crimes. But, you cannot keep the residents of Ashraf on the terror list and thereby provide an excuse for their deaths.” I call on the American people, the American President, and the rest of the world to act. Of course, the residents of Ashraf are only a few thousand. But they are only being killed because they have chosen to resist. They are the representatives and spokespersons for all resistance activists everywhere. We must end labeling them as terrorists, and we must support the Iranian people with all our might. It is with certainty that they will attain their freedom. Long live the people of Iran.

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Ashraf is for Freedom for Iran

Today, the worldwide mobilization for protecting Ashraf residents is demonstrated here and we must all act accordingly. That’s why the mayors and elected officials are united here to appeal for Ashraf; appeal for urgent care for the wounded; appeal for the immediate withdrawal of Iraqi forces from Camp Ashraf; appeal more generally to UN and United States, to provide forces for protection of residents of the city of Ashraf. And finally, a call on UN to support the European solution. This is our very important fight, we are engaged and will continue to be mobilized for Ashraf because Ashraf has to live for Iran’s freedom, for democracy, and for the Iranian people.

MAURICE BOSCAVERT, Mayor of Taverny

Freedom! Freedom, Iran! Freedom! Last year you came in huge numbers to Taverny, but you are even more this year. This is proof that the Iranian Resistance is on the right track. Obviously, this year was a year full of actions by Mrs. Rajavi and the Iranian Resistance. Our colleagues have supported and will support you forever.

But obviously, there has been the case of Ashraf. Ashraf was tortured. Ashraf was attacked. Ashraf was dishonored, but Ashraf still stand tall! Ashraf must be free. Ashraf was attacked when murderous dogs dropped by; they were paid by the clerical regime of Iran. It is necessary that the clerical regime of Iran to go. We will stand with you every moment, to help you. Our people will help you. This is Human Rights. You can count on our action, our solidarity and commitment to advance freedom in your country. We want a democratic, secular and free Iran. Azadi (Freedom)!

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7 years ago today, General Charles de Gaulle, the leader of the French Resistance, announced the start of resistance against Nazism while in exile. His voice still resonates today: “Whatever happens, the flames of resistance must not be and will not be extinguished.” Indeed, the Resistance will not be extinguished and is intent on realizing the ideal of freedom.

So, we salute the women and men of Iran’s uprising; we hail the Resistance’s activists inside and outside of Iran, especially those staging protests in Washington, D.C., and Geneva month after month in defense of Ashraf and the Iranian people’s freedom.

We also salute the political prisoners across Iran. And representing those brave prisoners, my dear sister Mahin Saremi is here with us today.

She was repeatedly arrested since June 20, 1981, and sentenced to 10 years in prison after her final arrest. But she succeeded in escaping from the mullahs’ henchmen. We hail her courage and salute all political prisoners.

We honor the memory of her martyred husband Ali Saremi, the most prominent political prisoner in Iran, who spent a total of 24 years in prison.

I congratulate you on 30th anniversary of the resistance, the largest and most enduring resistance in the history of our nation. This is indeed a cause of honor and pride for all Iranians.

In the words of the resistance’s leader Massoud Rajavi,

- It has been proven that a viper will never give birth to a dove, meaning that this regime cannot be reformed.
- It has been proven that the notion of moderation within the velayat-e faqih regime [absolute clerical rule] is a mere myth.
- It has been proven that no alternatives can be found within the ruling theocracy.
- It has been proven that this regime lacks any social, historical and political legitimacy; that it is fundamentally alien to the people’s sovereignty and vote.
- It has been proven that this regime is demagogic and inhumane; that it cannot stay in power without committing torture, execution and hangings; without war and export of crisis and terrorism.
- It has been proven that the regime’s pleas for incentives, appeasement and conciliation, as well as the terrorist designation and the bombing of, and fabricating dossiers against, its most serious opponents acted as a lever to forestall the tide of change that would have brought the mullahs’ downfall.
- And it has been proven that while appeasement prolonged the regime’s rule for two decades, it does not provide it with the legitimacy and stability, which it can never attain.

Indeed, false hopes have vanished and it is Iranian history, society and the Resistance, which say no to appeasement, no to submitting to the velayat-e faqih constitution, and no to the totality of religious fascism. On the contrary, we yes to freedom, democracy and equality, yes to the separation of church and state.

A FALTERING REGIME

In the course of an endless cycle of eliminating other factions and increasingly closing its ranks, the regime is devouring its own factions, just as:

- Khomeini’s designated successor was purged [1988],
- His prime minister for eight years is under house arrest,
- The main pillar of Khomeini’s rule, [Ali Akbar] Hashemi Rafsanjani was humiliated and removed from the leadership of the Assembly of Experts at the end of 2010, and now a vicious power struggle has erupted between Khamenei and Ahmadinejad.

Through successive blows, the Supreme Leader has attempted to rein in his hand-picked president Ahmadinejad, who is no longer satisfied with having a limited role.

But by doing this, Khamenei is in reality shooting himself, and consequently the whole regime, in the foot.

All this is a byproduct of the discontent and crisis in the streets, the effects of which have been rattling the regime at the top.

It is the final tremor before the eventual downfall of the regime. Indeed, you are ready and the democratic revolutions of the Middle East have come to your aid.
The Syrian regime, the mullahs’ most important strategic ally, is on the verge of collapse. The regime’s alliances across the entire region are disintegrating. From Afghanistan to Iraq to Syria, everywhere, the people are calling for the eviction of the Iranian regime from their countries. Listen to the chants of the Arab Spring: The people demand the overthrow of the ruling regimes. Indeed, we say to the ruling mullahs: you cannot escape the inevitable fate of being overthrown. Indeed, the people of Iran also seek the overthrow of the velayat-e faqih in its entirety and they will ensure that it happens.

ASHRAF
The April 8th attack on Camp Ashraf was an attempt by the regime to contain the rising force of freedom in Iranian society, especially after the resumption of the uprisings in February 2011. For this reason, armored columns attacked Ashraf to destroy it completely. But the combatants of Iran’s freedom, albeit empty-handed, waged an unprecedented resistance in the face of the armored columns and neutralized the plan to massacre the residents and to destroy Ashraf. Your enemies sought to destroy Ashraf. But Ashraf has now been recognized across the world as the burning flame of resistance to attain the Iranian people’s freedom. They wanted to extinguish that fire. But Ashraf lit a fire in the hearts and minds of millions of Iranians that can never be extinguished. The assault on Ashraf also brought to light an important reality: the need to protect the residents of Ashraf as a national and international duty and responsibility.

The world community, in particular the United Nations and the United States, are responsible for the protection and security of Camp Ashraf residents. The introduction of popular sovereignty and democracy is our greatest mission.

And we tell them that you have no right to invoke Iraqi sovereignty to justify your inaction in the face of crimes against humanity and war crimes. This blatantly violates your international obligations. One hundred days ago, the European Parliament declared that the concept of sovereignty and domestic laws cannot override the need to prevent human rights violations. The UN Security Council resolutions on Libya have obligated UN forces and UN member states to protect citizens and unarmed residents subjected to violence. Invoking Iraqi sovereignty as an excuse to attack Ashraf has been soundly rejected by nationalist Iraqi leaders as well. Indeed, the attack on Ashraf had nothing to do with Iraq’s national sovereignty. The massacre was planned in Khamenei’s office and was meant to defend the velayat-e faqih rule [in Iran]. It was an attack on the pillar of the Iranian people’s freedom.

I want to emphasize: As the European proposal has reiterated, the siege of Ashraf must end immediately. Armed forces must withdraw from the Camp and an impartial investigation into the April 8th massacre must commence at once. So, until the final resolution of this matter, it is doubly important for the UN to assume the protection of Ashraf and for UN observers to be stationed in the Camp. We ask the US and the EU to only provide the protection for these observers. This is the least costly and the most urgent demand to protect the lives of the Mojahedin in Camp Ashraf. Majorities in the French Senate and National Assembly as well as 5,500 French mayors have announced their admirable position in this respect. Lawmakers and the elected representatives in 40 countries from five continents have also made their position known. This is the most vociferous affirmation of the righteousness of the struggle of the Iranian people and their brave children. I must also emphasize that the US bears the responsibility for handing Maryam Rajavi’s speech continue on Page11
Thousands of Iranians Mujahedin demanding protection for Ashraf

By Fabrice Randoux

“Iran, Ashraf, Azadi (freedom)”. Tens of thousands of supporters of the People’s Mojahedin celebrated Saturday near Paris the “30th anniversary of resistance” against the Iranian regime and called for international protection of Camp Ashraf in Iraq. “No, the resistance will not die,” Maryam Rajavi the told the cheering crowd, and many personalities such as former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

From all over Europe, the United States and Canada, tens of thousands of people, according to the organizers, dressed in yellow, gathered in a huge exhibition hall in Villepinte, north of Paris, to cheer Mrs. Rajavi while they were waving yellow flags and balloons bearing her image.

This meeting, held every year since 2004, has a special meaning this year for the Mojahedin after the attack in early April by the Iraqi army on Camp Ashraf, north of Baghdad, which left 36 dead and over 300 injured, according to the latest report of the organization. “We are here to defend the rights of people of Ashraf,” Fereshteh, 48, told AFP; she is exiled for 25 years in Canada, who comes every year “even if the aircraft cost her and her four children $ 7,000.” In her speech, Maryam Rajavi as well as the monitoring team of Ashraf urged the move by the United Nations. «We urge the U.S. and the European Union to ensure the protection of the monitoring team only. The least thing is to protect the lives of Mojahedin in Ashraf,» asked the President of the National Council of Resistance of Iran (whose main component is the the Mojahedin), the main opposition movement outside the regime in Tehran.

“The United States is responsible to have transferred responsibility of the protection of Ashraf. Because they transferred it to a government whose intention to punish the inhabitants was confirmed in advance Mrs. Rajavi said. At the forum, moderated by former U.S. Congressman Patrick Kennedy, several personalities, including former Mayor of New York Rudy Giuliani and former Irish Prime Minister John Bruton addressed the meeting. Rudy Giuliani called for PMOI to be «immediately» delisted from the blacklist of terrorist organizations in the United States, as it has been delisted by the EU in 2009. The United States should make a decision about it in less than six months, a U.S. official in early May said.

French local elected officials also came to support. They were especially pleased with the French court’s dismissal eight years after a spectacular police operation that led to the arrest of 164 activists in Auvers-sur-Oise in June 2003, including Mrs. Rajavi, «for association with a terrorist enterprise». «Mrs. Rajavi welcomed the record of conspiracy that has finally collapsed. «All my life, I always heard those who resists tyranny called terrorists,» said the Honorary President of the French League for Human Rights Henri Leclerc, alongside the former resistance personality Raymond Aubrac.
Your gathering today, therefore, is being held to celebrate victory and to feel proud. For eight years, they conspired to block the path of an enchained people’s resistance movement. But, this Resistance prevailed and was vindicated.

Indeed, now, in its remarkable judgment, the French Judiciary has attested to the legitimacy and the righteousness of the Iranian people’s just resistance against religious fascism.

This judgment is a source of pride for the people of France who supported the Resistance, especially the honorable and renowned lawyers, jurists and other personalities.

Throughout the past three decades, these allegations justified the hanging and torture of the Iranian people and the suppression of their Resistance.

But your Ashraf-like perseverance crushed this venomous onslaught.

Now, it is time to address the files on the mullahs’ crimes. The UN Security Council must take up this dossier so that the Iranian people come to know who is standing with them and who is standing with the mullahs on the international scene.

The Security Council must refer the mullahs’ file to the International Criminal Court at The Hague.

The Iranian people want an arrest warrant issued and enforced for Khamenei and that will become reality.

The age of advancement and victory for democratic revolutions has dawned.

In our efforts to create a prosperous society, we are pursuing a power that is a million times stronger: The power of free choice, with each and every Iranian citizen, especially women and youth, playing their part and assuming responsibility in the affairs of their nation.

Our goal is to establish a free and democratic republic based on the separation of church and state and gender equality and with emphasis on women’s equal participation in political leadership. We want a non-nuclear Iran.

Our platform could be summed up in three words: Freedom, Equality and the supremacy of the people’s vote.

We have not even set our sights on sharing power and the ability to govern.

We are not fighting and making sacrifices to be able to grab on to power.

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Our biggest mission is the establishment of the people’s sovereignty and democracy.

Having learned from Massoud Rajavi, we would be content to remain in opposition and would feel honored to sacrifice ourselves for the sake of giving the Iranian people the ability to choose freely.

The path to change and to revolution, the path chosen by the generation of the uprising, is glowing brilliantly. And by virtue of its glorious perseverance, Ashraf stands as the proof of victory.

Maryam Rajavi’s speech continue from Page 9

over the protection of Ashraf to a government in Iraq whose intention to suppress the residents was already made clear.

Similarly, the US is responsible for blocking the path of change in Iran by shackling the main force for change through an unwarranted label.

I call on the US to abide by its Court’s judgment and heed the call by Members of Congress and senior former US government officials, who do not lend any credibility to the terrorist label.

Accordingly, we call on the US to end this scandalous designation and abandon the failed policy of engagement with the Central Banker of terrorism. This would also serve the interests of the American people.

Indeed, the right of the Iranian people to bring down this brutal dictatorship should not be trampled upon more than it already has been.

I remind you of the words of Abraham Lincoln, who said, “The government, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or their revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow it.”

We call on the US to end this discredited label and to change the policy that has so far acted as a barrier to achieving the Iranian people’s freedom.

**VICTORY OF JUSTICE**

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1/ Rudy Giuliani

Rudy Giuliani expressed his admiration for the great turnout at the rally and suggested: “How about we follow an Arab Spring with a Persian Summer?”

“The regime in Iran is more dangerous to the United States than Egypt or Libya,” said Giuliani stressing that, “They’ve held hostages. They’ve killed millions. They’ve intervened in Iraq and perpetrated the murder of American soldiers. They are the biggest state-sponsor of terrorism in the world, and they want to be a nuclear power.”

“What more do we need to say that in this era, where we are embracing freedom, about time to get rid of Ahmadi Nejad, to get rid of Khamenei, to get rid of the mullahs and to give Iran a chance for freedom,” asked former Mayor of New York.

He said: “We need regime change in Iran more than we do in Egypt or in Libya and just as much as we need it in Syria “About Iranian Resistance and its FTO listing, Giuliani asked: “How can it be terrorism to support freedom of religion, freedom for women, a free election, a rule of law and a nuclear-free Iran?”

Referring to a ruling by the Paris Investigative Magistrate that was written on May 11th he considered terror tagging the Mojahedin a “mistake of history.” He said: “I believe with both rt. General James Jones and General Peter Pace, that we should delist the PMOI immediately. We must recognize this mistake of history that has been rejected by the he read, «Activities of the PMOI reflect the natural and inalienable right to resist tyranny stated in section 2 of the Declaration of Human Rights and Citizenship.»

European Union, rejected by the United Kingdom, rejected right here in Paris, that this mistake of history is being used as an excuse for murder.”

Condemning the April 8th massacre of the residents of Ashraf he added “part of the justification for this massacre is because we still list in the United States the PMOI as terrorist organisation.”

2/ Bob Filner

I want to tell all of you that are gathered here today and the millions who are watching in Iran and across our world, the freedom fighters in Camp Ashraf, that the Congress of the United States stands by you in the struggle for democracy.

We ask our President to more openly reach out to the Iranian people and their democrat and organised opposition, which today is represented by all of you, by Madam Rajavi, and by the 34 brave residents of Camp Ashraf. And we especially ask that the MEK be removed from the State Department list of foreign terrorist organisations. This will happen. This will happen. The laws, the facts are on our side.

Following the removal of the MEK from the list in Great Britain and the EU, we should immediately remove PMOI from the list. We must recognize this historical mistake which was rejected by the EU, the UK, and here in Paris, as it is used as an excuse for murder.

We are responsible for what is happening there. Mrs. Rajavi laid out our international obligations. We must avert another tragedy, so the State Department of the United States must do two things: It must delist the MEK and ensure the protection of Camp Ashraf.

So I want to congratulate Madam Rajavi. I want to congratulate all of the thousands of people who are here. We will succeed. In the American Civil Rights Movement we would sing «We shall overcome.» And I know in Farsi you say «Mitavan va bayad.»

The Congress of the United States stands on your side in the struggle for democracy.
This gathering is empowering to the people who pray and want to bring democracy to Iran. It is also a great reflection of support for the people of the MEK. It is truly time, it is truly time for the people all over the world who care about democracy to stand with the Iranian people and the MEK in the struggle for democracy.

My country, the USA, was founded respecting inalienable rights. You have those same rights. My country, the U.S.A., is a secular country with a lot of faith. I practice my faith. I respect your faith, and I know that you want to practice your faith in a secular country called Iran.

My country respects free speech. I am proud to speak for democracy in Iran. My country respects free association. I am proud to associate with the MEK and with all of you. My country allows you to participate by petitioning the government to address your grievances. Your people who are citizens of the United States have petitioned the U.S. government for the MEK to be delisted at the State Department. It is time to act. Delist the MEK. Reflect the democracy that the MEK practices and that they want to bring to the people all over Iran.

Regarding the people in Camp Ashraf, whom I have addressed before, the United States promised to protect you. We kept that promise, but when the reins of power were given to the people of Iraq, their leaders did not keep our word, and I am embarrassed, and I’m ashamed. I want the people of Camp Ashraf protected consistent with the promise that America made. It is time for the Iraqi government to respect the word that was given by America and to protect the people of Camp Ashraf, and the Iraqi government has got to stop the harassment of the MEK.

Finally, the relocation of the people who are in Camp Ashraf is terribly important, but that relocation should not be in Iraq. It should be opened up for people in the MEK that are in Camp Ashraf to come to Europe, to come to the United States, to be a loud voice for freedom and democracy in all of Iran. In the meantime, the United Nations should set up a permanent monitoring team in Iraq to pay attention to what happens at Camp Ashraf.

"This gathering is an illustration of the size of popular support for PMOI."

3/Andrew Card
4/ Patrick Kennedy

Salaam Ashraf!
Viva Ashraf! Viva Ashraf!
Welcome, everybody. Man Irani Hastam (I am Iranian). Man Ashrafi Hastam (I am Ashrafi).
I welcome all of you. We have many distinguished guests coming from across the world, from the United States, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.
I welcome all of you to this historic occasion, gathering support for the Iranian People's Resistance for Democracy under the leadership of Madam Rajavi.
Viva Madam Rajavi! Viva Ashraf!
Today, all of you who are gathered here are speaking with one voice and that voice can be heard all the way to Tehran. Today is a day of solidarity. Today is a day of camaraderie. Today we all are behind the campaign to free Ashraf and to protect its residents.
Ashraf azadi! (Ashraf Freedom)

Patrick Kennedy, member of US Congress (1995-2011)

5/ Michael Mukasey

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In July 2010, the MEK won a ruling from the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia circuit that the Secretary of State must reconsider the designation of MEK as a foreign terrorist organisation because the information she was relying on was not sufficient.
And where do we stand today? Well, this brings me to my second task, because in Ashraf, the organisation that surrendered its arms and placed itself under international protection in 2003, to the point where residents of Ashraf each received a registration card designating her or him as a protected person, have been attacked twice by Iraqi troops, once in July 2009, once in April 2011, and both times when the Secretary of Defence of the United States was present in Iraq, the last time resulting in the murder of more than 35 defenseless women and men using weapons and vehicles that were supplied by the United States and were operated by troops trained by the United States and the United States has done nothing about it.
There is one organisation and one alone that stands for immediate democratic change in Iran, and that is MEK. The only way to enable MEK to function is to remove it from the list of foreign terrorist organisations.
If that listing were removed, not only would there be no further excuse provided by the United States for Iran and Iraq to mistreat MEK members, but also MEK could rally the support of the American people. For example, we could allow the American people to see and hear Mrs. Rajavi, whose eloquence and dignity give her a star power that puts hope in your hearts and fear in the hearts of the mullahs.
That power could be unleashed to do a world of good.

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It's an extraordinary honour for me and a great privilege for my colleagues from the United States to have the opportunity on several occasions to work with an individual that we believe clearly is one of the most inspirational, great leaders of the 21st century. “Viva, Maryam.”

One of these days, one of these days, hopefully in the not too distant future, we will be able to welcome you to the United States of America, representing the democratic aspirations of the people of Iran.

I would like my fellow citizens to compare your vision for the people of the great country of Iran with its great history and its great culture with the distorted vision of Ahmadinejad and the radical mullahs. I'm quite confident that if Americans heard your vision, they would raise their voices in loud and sustained support for Maryam Rajavi and the democratic opposition in Iran.

I must say, ladies and gentlemen, that Camp Ashraf and those 3,400 men and women are very much your inspiration, but as I look at this assembled crowd, I must say to you I believe you are their hope. I commend and congratulate you for convening at this session today.

Every single day that I had the privilege to serve in public office in Washington, DC, just about every day, and I worked with my colleague Andrew Card, the preceding speaker, we would get a list of threats against the United States. And I must tell you, during that entire period of time as we looked at threats and we looked at terrorist organisations, those individuals or those groups that were threatening the security, the safety of the United States of America never once, not once, never ever, ever, ever did MEK appear on a list as being a threat to the United States of America. They are not a terrorist organisation.

And finally, I say with great respect to the men and women that are leading my country, my President, my Secretary of State, “honourable” decent people, as previous speakers have alluded to, intelligent people, people committed to do the right thing, facts are stubborn things. MEK is not a terrorist organisation.

Delist the MEK, provide them safe haven, protection at Camp Ashraf until we can find them safe haven elsewhere, and let’s assemble soon in Tehran and rejoice for the implosion of democracy throughout the country.

“Men and women of Ashraf, you are the first heroes in the new revolution for democracy in Iran. You are our heroes, Camp Ashraf. Always remember it and we stand with you.” The Persian people are too proud, their culture is too rich, their history is too long to have their dignity and their freedom stolen by some cheap dictators who have stolen their faith and stolen their history. Your time is up. We’re coming for you.

“I know that a lot of years have passed. A lot of lives have been lost, but I want to share with you a personal story. As a young Congressman in New Jersey, I had many people who lived near me who were Polish, and Romanian, and Czechoslovakian, and every year I would go to their ceremonies where they would talk that one day Poland would be free. And I always said the right things, but in my heart the Communists were so strong and they were so weak, the government was so big and they were so few. I will tell you the truth. I did not believe. What I did not understand is the power of an idea, the inevitability of human freedom. This fight is inevitable. They will fail. We will win. It is only a matter of time.

Maryam Rajavi, one of the greatest inspirational leaders of the twenty-first century
Mrs. Rajavi so well said, arguments that be allowed to win. Ashraf will live. And as massacre. neither he nor the mullahs can adds up to a bloody Srebrenica-style Maliki has ordered and carried out. It from the crimes against humanity that residents indiscriminately. killing and wounding female and male his mullah masters to demolish Ashraf, they voted. Mr. Maliki is now helping Mr. Maliki is now helping his sponsors in Tehran, stole the parliamentary election, denying the Iraqi sovereignty must be respected are merely an excuse for not taking action to end the war crimes committed at Ashraf and to prevent those others now being planned. I tell Mr. Maliki this: Iraq, like every other member of the United Nations, has a solemn duty to assist in preventing crimes against humanity, yet let alone a humanitarian obligation. The world can no longer avert its eyes about the security and safety of the residents of Ashraf. The US government must fulfill its commitments about the security and safety of the residents of Ashraf.

A realistic option for democratic change in Iran

In my country, Iceland, as in the other Nordic countries, there is a lot of support for your cause. A majority of our parliamentary members have signed that statement that was announced and introduced here today along with the statements by many other parliamentarians. We stand behind you. We know, dear friends, that the people of Iran want a regime change. They all desire a peaceful transfer of power. The Third Option proposed by Madam Rajavi is a realistic option for democratic change by the Iranian people and their resistance. A magnificent blueprint for the peaceful transfer of power under the rule of law with unimpeded freedom of expression, freedom of assembly, religious freedom, and other such basic rights that are sought and cherished by supporters of democracy all over the world, including and not least all the basic rights for women in all walks of life. We must support all the relevant moves in this direction and push for the regime change that has become so necessary.

This assembly is convincing that people, are able to make a change.

Dear people from Iran and non-Iranians, all supporters of human rights for every human being, you are fighting not only for your own country, for your compatriots, you are fighting for all human beings in the world. Let me express to be a participant of this assembly that is convincing me once more human beings, people, are able to make a change. Thanks, big thanks to your great leader Maryam Rajavi, and I think that she has overcome all the attacks, not only from the U.S., also from other countries. For a short time, MEK was also on the German list, but it's no longer, and there you can see law, rights have such a power that you can overcome all these attacks. Let's work, not only speak about Ashraf, because as long as they can continue what they did with Ashraf, killing people, bomb attacks, torture, we can't be silenced. Let's stand up in the European Parliament, in our national parliaments, within the NGOs, and let's overcome this awful dictatorship against human beings. I am really convinced what I heard today, what I saw today. Let's go for overcoming these miserable dictators and be strong and let's fight together. We need one another.

The US government must fulfill its commitments about the security and safety of the residents of Ashraf.

I would like to say that I bring you greetings and solidarity from the members of Italian Parliament. Today, accompanied by an extensive delegation representing more than 500 representatives of the Italian Parliament and Senate, the Majority of whom are here, we support the platform of the President-elect Maryam Rajavi and Ashraf. In a resolution, we are calling on our government and the Italian Parliament to recognize the National Council of Resistance of Iran. We have witnessed for a long time how the regime has advanced its nuclear program and has succeeded in having the P莫I on the terrorist list through the manipulation of trade relations, economy, politics and export of terror. The Iranian regime's attempts to exploit the European community is clear. Europe, the UN and the US must be reminded that the policy of appeasement vis-à-vis Iran has failed and it is time for the US government and the Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to review their policy and remove the PMOІ from the terrorist list. In addition, the US government must fulfill its commitments about the security and safety of the residents of Ashraf.
The siege and massacre at Ashraf is a shame for the Iraqi government

Ambassador John Bruton, former Prime Minister of Ireland and the EU Ambassador to the United States, in his speech, Bruton said: “The Iranian regime devaluates the great civilisation and heritage that the Persian and Iranian people carry, by oppressing people and suppression of religious freedom and using torture and executions.”

“The present regime in Tehran offers no constructive vision of the future, just a futile attempt to return to an imaginary conformist past, a past that never actually existed and never will. Their policy of blind conformism is a cul-de-sac and a dead end,” said Ambassador Bruton. He shamed the Iraqi government and Iraqi Army for the siege and the massacre at Ashraf “It was a breach of the Geneva Convention,” Burton said adding that it was also “a betrayal of all those who put their lives at risk and lost their lives to bring freedom to Iraq.” “I say as a European, and a proud European, that the European Union should cease to give all financial and technical assistance to the government of Iraq until it allows the people at Camp Ashraf to be free.”

We will not allow another tragedy to ever strike Ashraf

Swiss Representative Reille said that a majority of members of the Swiss parliament has once again declared its support for residents of Ashraf as symbols of resistance under leadership of Mrs. Rajavi. Reille reminded the Swiss government of guarantees of rights of Ashraf residents. “Switzerland is the protector of the Geneva Conventions. The Conventions have been violated regarding the residents of Camp Ashraf. For this reason the Spanish National Court has decided to investigate Iraqi officials,” said Reilly. Mr. Reille described the incident on April 8 in Ashraf as a “Crime against Humanity.” He expressed hope that the High Commissioner of Human Rights would realize its obligations and station an observing team to prevent another deadly attack on the camp. He also called on Mrs. Pillay to initiate an independent investigation into April 8 assaults on Camp Ashraf. He stressed that the “High Commissioner of Human Rights has the legal and political power necessary to confirm the refugee status of all Ashraf residents and to neutralize any excuses by Iraqi government to perpetrate another massacre against the residents.” Mr. Reille then directed his speech at the residents of Ashraf and said that, “We stand beside you to protect our own humanity, democracy and values. We will not allow another tragedy to repeat in Ashraf.”

Your movement is powerful

Every year when I come to Paris in late spring to meet you and I look to the many thousands this year, more than 80,000 good Iranian people here, united in their common purpose to bring freedom and democracy to their country, I realize how powerful your movement is, and I understand why the tyrants that have been oppressing Iran for the last three decades are so afraid of you and dedicate so much effort to build around you a wall of lies and fabrications. Let me embrace you, separated by the physical distance but close in the heart to the men and women in Ashraf city. Their generosity, their courage, their determination are an inexhaustible source of inspiration for all of us. We in the European Parliament, are urging the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign and Security Policy Catherine Ashton to lead the implementation of the plan proposed by the European Parliament delegation for Iraq, in full co-ordination with the United Nations and the United States, to transfer the residents in Ashraf to democratic countries accepting to welcome them and ensuring in the meanwhile their security and the respect of their rights as protected persons under the Geneva Convention. The NCRI and the PMOI are not terrorist. They are our allies and friends, and they are the strongest, best organised, motivated democratic opposition to the fanatical and aggressive dictatorship of Iran as the great Spanish poet Salvador Espriu wrote once, «A man is not a man if he’s not free.»
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Exiled Iranian group wants UN to watch Iraq camp

June 18, 2011 – A leader of an exiled Iranian opposition group says the United Nations must monitor its camp in Iraq after a deadly April attack by the Iraqi army. Maryam Rajavi of the People’s Mujahedeen of Iran told thousands of followers at a gathering Saturday outside Paris that U.N. monitors in Camp Ashraf is the most expedient short-term way to protect the 3,400 people living there. The U.S. has labeled the Mujahedeen a terrorist group, and Rajavi says Washington is responsible for the situation in Ashraf because it has “shackled the main force for change in Iran.”

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Iranian Mojahedin in France calls for the protection of Camp Ashraf

EFE (Spain), June 18 - Supporters of the Organization of the People Mujahedin of Iran (PMOI), dressed in bright yellow, gathered in an exhibition hall with dozens of politicians like former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and the Spanish MEP Alejo Vidal-Quadras on Saturday.

This year, the annual gathering insisted especially on the events of April at Camp Ashraf.

On 8 April, 28 people were killed and 300 others were injured when the Iraqi army tried to destroy the camp.

The leadership of PMOI, Maryam Rajavi, called for the establishment of observers at the camp and she said she wanted the United States and the European Union to guarantee the protection of the residents.

The camp currently has 3,400 population and their safety is in the hands of Iraqi authorities. The opposition believes that the suppression of camp is designed to meet Tehran, friendly relations with the Iraqi government.

Thousands gather in Villepinte to support Iranian opposition

June 19, 2011 – Thousands participated in a gathering in Villepinte north of Paris to express their support for the Iranian opposition.

Iranian dissident Maryam Rajavi called for UN supervision over a camp of People’s Mojahedin Organization north of Baghdad since this camp was attacked April of this year.

European and American political figures along with a large number of Iranians living in various European countries took part in this rally.

Maryam Rajavi: “I believe the Iranian regime is weaker than before and we are optimistic that uprisings can continue in Iran, and I believe protecting Camp Ashraf residents is necessary for the Iranian people because they are the symbol of perseverance, hope and will. Therefore, to continue protests in Iran we must protect the camp’s residents.”

Massive protest by Iranian exiles

DPA (Germany), June 19 - Dozens of thousands of Iranian exiles have called at a rally on Saturday in Paris, for an international protection of refugees at Camp Ashraf in Iraq.

They called on the United Nations, the U.S. and EU for the protection of 3,400 members of the Iranian opposition against further attacks by the Iraqi security forces.

In addition, it is imperative to exert more pressure on the Iranian regime, they said. They were supported by Iranian exiles, and among others, Rita Sussmuth who chaired the German Bundestag for many years, and the former mayor of New York Rudy Giuliani.

Ms. Sussmuth said: «The people of Iran are suffering. We would be guilty if we did not support their fight for freedom.»

In Iran, it is not just the nuclear issue, but also serious human rights violations of man, the 74 year woman politician, a member of the UDC (Union of German Christian Democratic) said. The huge rally mainly was concern of Iraqi military attack of early April on Camp Ashraf.
4000
Parliamentarians
Call for Protection of Ashraf

It is an honor and a privilege to be here this afternoon among the 100,000 people in this gathering. So you proved that Iran is up to you and not the mullahs. I am pleased to announce that 4000 parliamentary countries have declared their support for the resistance of Iran under the leadership of Mrs. Maryam Rajavi. I am delighted to announce that at this meeting we have the support of 5500 French Mayors, 1500 Italian Mayors and 300 Belgian Mayors. In fact, we have the support of everyone around the world who has a little common sense. All these people have expressed their support for Camp Ashraf and the statements were endorsed by majorities in 30 parliaments. So I’ll now called on foreign delegations to come to the scene.

All these MPs have called for the recognition of the National Council of resistance of Iran. They called for the protection of Camp Ashraf by the United Nations, the United States and the European Union. They asked to prohibit any movement of inhabitants of Ashraf in Iraq.

The delegation of the European Parliament, which has a leading role in defense of Ashraf, led by the Vice-President Alejo Vidal-....

The Italian delegation presented support of the parliamentary majority and 1500 elected Mayors, by Isabella Rauti, Regional Councillor and First Lady of Rome, Gianni Alemanno.

The National Council of Switzerland Jean-Charles Rielle and the Swiss delegation.

Czarnecki Ryscard MEP presenting the support of the majority of the Polish Parliament.

The German delegation presents the support of members of the Bundestag.

Representative Bob Filner and support of U.S. Congress.

MP, Apeleto Albert Likuvalu and support of the majority Assembly national French.
Quadrances. The delegation of the United States led by Bob Filner with the support of Congress, the delegation of Great Britain, led by Lord Corbett of Castle Vale, The delegation of the Netherlands, led by Henk de Haan, the delegation of Belgium led by the MP, and MP David Clarinval Ham in January, the German delegation led by Hermann-Josef Scharf and France delegation led by Albert Apelto Likuvalu, the parliamentary delegation of Italy, which represents majority MPs and senators of Italian parliamentary delegation, the Czech Republic whose Foreign Affairs Committee passed a resolution in support of Ashraf are led by Barbara Jiojaki, the delegation of Poland, led by Deputy Adam Gavda, the delegation of Estonia, led by Deputy Juku-Kalle Raid, delegation of Sweden led by Kent Olson, the Danish delegation led by Deputy Jens Christian Lund, the delegation of Iceland, led by Stefan Gudsteinsson, the delegation of Norway led by the Parliamentary Inval Godal, the delegation of Finland led by Sara Ruokonen Women's Christian Democrats, San Marino delegation led by deputy Giuseppe Morganti, the delegation led by the Swiss National Councillor Jean-Charles Rieille, the delegation from Spain led by Senator Jose Cami, the delegation Australia led by Meredith Bergman, the Delegation of Canada led by MP Raymonde Folco, parliamentary delegations of Arab countries; Algeria, led by former Prime Minister Sid Ahmed Ghozali, Jordan led by Nariman Rouassan, Palestine led by Ms. Nejat Al Astal and Morocco led by MP Fatiha Baghali.
International gathering in Villepinte near Paris on June 18th. This gathering was in support and in solidarity with Camp Ashraf residents in Iraq.

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3899 leaders of Iraqi tribes strongly condemned atrocities against the Ashraf residents.

I have to provide a statement important leaders of the National Council of Iraq. 3899 leaders of tribes strongly denounced the atrocities committed against the residents of Ashraf. They call on the international community, including the UN, the Security Council, the High Commission for the Defense of Human Rights, and the United States absolutely protect residents of Ashraf. This is the eighth time we meet, from all over the world, commemorate a serious offense that was committed against the Iranian people, through the round-up rogue which was conducted against the management of WIPO. But France took over the image we love, that is to say, the recognition of the national resistance of PMOI.

Finally what about these builders of the city of Ashraf who built a jewel foreshadowing what will be tomorrow, Iranian cities. What about the residents of Ashraf and Ashraf, what to say to those people who challenges, bare hands, tanks, machine guns and heavy weapons? Suffice to say, Ashraf, Ashraf, you save the honor of humanity.

We came to shake hands with the pride and joy of the East, Mrs. Maryam Rajavi

We met with two images in front: that of honor and dignity painted with the blood of residents of Ashraf, and that of the shame and disgrace characteristic of the mullahs and their cohorts in Iraq. The wind of change comes and people will not remain hostage to leaders who do not understand the logic the massacre and repression. The people want to overthrow the regime. The Arab peoples, in the conduct of their parliamentary majorities, oppose the domination of the clerical regime which is now a threat to our countries, especially in the Gulf. Despite warnings from the government of Maliki and although he called our governments to order us not to come to this gathering, we are here to support and honor the martyrs of Ashraf, the symbol of uprising of the Iranian people and all who love freedom, Neda, and our dear sister Saba, whose name means ‘the east wind’ in Arabic, and any drop of blood shed on the floor in defense of justice and dignity. We came to shake hands with pride and joy of the East, Mrs. Maryam Rajavi and her friends. We are with you to help to eliminate injustice, repression and terror that the Maliki government and his masters, the ruling mullahs in Iran are doing to Ashraf residents.

Iranian opposition group urges protection

Aljazeera TV, June 19, 2011 – Rudy Giuliani, the former mayor of New York City, was one of the US leaders supporting the MEK at the rally. The leader of an Iranian opposition group has called for the United Nations to protect a camp of its disarmed fighters in Ashraf, Iraq, after as many as 35 people were killed there in an Iraqi army attack in April. The US politicians present included Tom Ridge, who served as Secretary of Homeland Security under President George W. Bush; Andrew Card, who was chief of staff of the Bush White House.

"The terrorist organization that the United States should be worried about is Iran, not the MEK... When I think of Iran, I think of Hamas and Hezbollah and the Palestinian Islamic jihad. I think about their advance towards a nuclear state," Ridge said.

Card said at the rally that he hoped his government would act to delist the MEK as a “terrorist group” and protect its members.

Iranian dissidents demand international protection

Al-Arabia TV, June 19, 2011 – Iranian dissidents demand international protection following raid against their camp in Iraq. Thousands of PMOI supporters gathered near Paris demanding international protection for Camp Ashraf in Iraq. PMOI movement leader Maryam Rajavi called on the UN to provide protection for the base of her forces. This base was attacked by Iraqi security forces this April.

Nariman Rouassan called on the United Nations to send observers to Camp Ashraf in Iraq. Rajavi also called on the European Union and United States to provide protection for Ashraf residents.

International gathering in Paris in solidarity with Ashraf

Al-Dastoor Daily - June 19, 2011 – Tens of thousands of Iranians and members of the U.S. Congress, along with parliamentary groups from various European and Arab countries and a large number of political figures and activists and former senior officials in the current and former U.S. governments attended a large gathering in Villepinte near Paris on June 18th. This gathering was in support and in solidarity with Camp Ashraf residents in Iraq.

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A number of delegations and Personalities at the June 18 Paris gathering

(1) Finnish delegation; (2) Former Speaker of the German parliament Rita Sussmuth; (3) Former Minister Dini Nassur Comoros (center); (4) Raymond Aubrac French resistance symbol; (5) [from left right]: Icelandic Stefan Gudsteinsson MP, and Norwegian MPs Ingval Godal, Estonian Juku-Kalle Raid, Danish MP Jens Christian Lund and German MP Hermann-Josef Scharf waving their respective parliaments support; (6) the president of the New Human Rights Peter Rocking; (7) Father Arthur Hervet; (8) Odile Favrat co-director of FAST; (9) Giuseppe Morganti San Marino, MP; (10) Betoul Fekkar-Lambiotte and Hassan Chalghoumi (11) Italian delegation, Carlo Ciccoli and Elisabetta Zamparutti MPs.