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Nejat Society wishes all readers a very happy New Year.

May all the expectations and goals for each day be fulfilled on the day itself!

May all the families of the MKO members staying in Albania acquire their most basic humanitarian right - the right that has been denied by the cult leaders for more than 3 decades - and be able to visit their loved ones and learn about their physical and mental health.

The time to change our old calendar with the new calendar which is completely filled with the new beginnings, new expectations, and new memories. New Year is celebrated by everyone across the world with great fun and joy. A New Year will begin with the calender's year count which increments the year by one. The Day is one but many cultures around the world celebrate the new year in their own ways but the ultimate thing all will acquire is happiness and fun for the whole year. Mostly the New Year is celebrated as per the Gregorian Calendar which falls on January 1st of every year.

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# How dogmatism stop the production of thought in the MKO

### Monday 19 Dec, 2016

There are certain characteristics such as dogmatism and close-mindedness in the sociological dimension of a cult. Cults believe that they alone have the truth

and they are the only ones to interpret the religion or politics correctly.

When the Mujahedin Khalq Organization (the MKO/the cult of Rajavi) became committed to armed struggle and eventually fell into the trap of dogmatism, replacing tol-

erance with violence, the violence against enemies was gradually extended to the entire existence of the group, even its own members. Dogmatism of Massoud Rajavi was elevated to absolute truth. His dogma was accompanied with deeply embedded emotions that compelled his followers to unquestionably adopt him as the absolute power. As a demonstration of their loyalty, followers of Rajavi devoted their whole life including their family, personal properties and even their minds to him.

Massoud Rajavi's deceptive political actions led to ideological dogmatism. This pushed his followers down to a path that has had disastrous results in terms of lost lives, lost personalities, suffering families and a lot more examples of violations of human rights. of a dogmatic character are very narrow-minded and fanatic. He usually refuses to engage in arguments or to participate in talks. That's why, none of the leaders of the Cult of Rajavi have been seen in TV talk shows or an-

> alvtic media programs. Even if there are allegations about the group in reports of mainstream media usually vou across come with this phrase by the journalist: "our calls to the group were not responded"!

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Deprived of thinking capacity, MKO members form a bunch of beliefs in their minds; they protect their beliefs, preach them and never question them. From the point of view of a MKO member --a dogmatic thinker-- anyone who does not share the same strong convictions is irrational and so an enemy, in other words, an agent of the Islamic Republic. Therefore, anyone in any side of the world with any kind of political view is labeled as the Iranian Intelligence agent if and only if he questions the MKO's beliefs or acts.

Dogmatism is usually founded on fallacy. The arguments

The claims of a dogmatic person usually lacks evidence. For example, the socalled revelations of the MKO's propaganda about the Iranian nuclear program almost always failed to present enough evidence. Although the MKO made efforts to repeat its fabrications on the so-called secret Iranian nuclear weapon sites, the world ignored it because it failed to support its claims with reliable evidences and often the group's claims turned to be fake.

In March 2015, Jeffrey Lewis of the Foreign Policy denounced the MKO's last alleged revelations on the Ira-



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nian Nuke as an evident effort to derail the then ongoing negotiations between Iran and the West. "Almost immediately, there were reasons to doubt NCRI's claim", Lewis writes. "A review of commercial satellite images reveals no evidence of large-scale excavation or tunneling during the 2004-2008 period identified by NCRI." The author also quotes the State Department spokesman stating, "Well, we don't have any information at this time to support the conclusion of the report."

It definitely is a different world now from three decades ago that people's access to the sources of information and knowledge was very limited. Today a quick google search and a lot more technical tools link people to a large source of information. However, nothing is absolute. Intellectuals know the truth and they are not naïve to accept dogmatic ideas. Cult of Rajavi is not able to deceive educated people any more. That is why so many members have disassociated themselves from the Cult.

The Rajavis should know that as far as they do not get engaged in true arguments, they will not produce thoughts and without thinking, they are inevitably in decline.

By Mazda Parsi

### **MEK's Fake Intelligence On Aleppo Only Hinders Fact-finding Bodies Finding The Truth**

# Huffington Post

### Saturday 24 Dec, 2016

An article published in the Washington Times Security section claims that (yet again) the Mojahedin Khalq (aka MKO, MEK, NCRI, Rajavi cult, Saddam's Private Army) has provided intelligence to the West on Iranian crimes and atrocities. However, in terms of actual intelligence revelations, the article should more properly have sat in the Opinion section.

In this post-truth era, it almost goes without saying that facts and fiction rub shoulders in most of the articles reporting on Syria and Aleppo from all sides. But if Western journalists had no presence in Aleppo and uncritically reported hearsay and opinion to support their own agendas, think then what the MEK's reporting is based on.

The MEK pretends it has some kind of insider knowledge which it can apparently tap into whenever it needs to make a point. Iran, however, has made no secret of its involvement in the Syrian conflict. Newspapers and state run media probably tell us in much greater detail than the Washington Times report about the deployment of fighters and how they are funded. The dead from this conflict are mourned very publicly inside Iran. It is disingenuous of the MEK to merely recycle this information as a 'revelation'

NCRI spokesman deceives gullible U.S. officials and journalists with misinformation

But the MEK is notorious for its role as a misinformation and propaganda outlet. Variously over the years, the MEK has been exposed for false reporting and intelligence in issues such as the P5+1 nuclear negotiations with Iran. After passing one piece of genuine intelligence in 2002 which it was given by Mossad, the MEK continued to pass fake information to the IAEA so as to disrupt the negotiation process, and to enable the US to impose severe sanctions against Iran. In 2015 the MEK 'shock revelation' of a secret nuclear facility in Iran – intended to derail ongoing nuclear negotiations – when subjected to just a little bit of investigatory journalism was soon revealed as sheer fabrication. The MEK similarly muddied the waters of truth during investigations into the bombing of a Jewish centre in Argentina in 1994 for which MEK supplied intelligence implicated Iran.

### NCRI 'shock revelation' turned out to be taken from an advertising brochure

Iran and Russia's behaviour and agendas have their own place in these issues which should be rigorously investigated and reported. But that can only happen if journalists and investigatory bodies (human rights, nuclear experts, war crimes, etc) are able to base their work on facts and not the fake and fictionalised fantasies of stooges like the MEK, which are clearly designed to misinform on these issues.

The information laundry cycle is not difficult to follow – the Washington Times takes its report from the NCRI site of Maryam Rajavi. The NCRI site then reposts its own report as though it originated in the Washington Times and both, without further verification, get taken up by Fox News.

By Massoud Khodabandeh Director at Middle East Strategy Consultants.

# MKO ex- members at the EU Press Club Conference

### Sunday 04 Dec, 2016

A delegation of MKO ex- members participated a conference held by the Press Club of the European Union in Brussels on the role of civil society in Europe and also Justice and human rights on 29 and 30 November 2016, Peyvand-e Rahayee Website reported.

Mr. Isa Azadeh , Mr. Ghorbanali Hossein-Nejad and Reza Sadeghi Jebelli participated the Conference.

During the conference the MKOex members met and talked to journalists, reporters and media staff of different European states such as Albania.

MKO defectors explained the situation of the MKO Cult hostages, esp. after their relocation in Albania. They also elaborated different aspects of the Cult manipulative techniques such as suppression, violation of human rights, complete mental and physical control over members, incarceration and torture and even assassination of dissidents, cutting members off



29 and 30 November 2016 Venue: Press Club, Rue Froissart 95, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

the outside world esp. their family members, celibacy, cutting off any access to the outside media,... . Former members of the MKO Cult shared their experiences as eyewitnesses of the Cult practices with the audiences.

Mr. Hossein-Nejad's case as a father whose daughter is held hostage in Albania by the MKO Cult deeply affected the audiences.

European Journalists and reporters, esp. those from Albania made reports of the defectors' delegation remarks. They got surprised hearing of the situation of more than 2000 Iranian individuals being held hostages by a cult in the European soil.

Balkan Free journalists interviewed Mr. Hosseinnejad , Azadeh and Sadeghi. The reporters hardly could imagine that the MKO members have no access to the outside world, media and phone. They took such a harsh censorship within the cult as a severe violation of citizenship and civil rights and condemned it.



# MKO ex- members at the EU Press Club Conference

By the end of this two-day conference, the MKO Cult defectors delegation participated the meeting of without-border journalists and explained how the Cult leaders deprive members of citizenship rights.





### Nejat Newsletter

# Yes. We Do Know the MEK Has a Terrorist Past

### Thursday 15 Dec, 2016

In his response to my article on the connections between a number of potential Trump Cabinet nominees and the Iranian organization known as the Mujahidin e-Khalq (MEK), Robert Torricelli does what the group's supporters always do: He rewrites history, and then smears the group's critics.

terrorist activities against Iranians or Americans."

But there's plenty of evidence out there. For decades, and based on U.S. intelligence, the United States government has blamed the MEK for killing three U.S. Army colonels and three U.S. contractors, bombing the facilities of numerous U.S. companies and about the MEK, Assistant Secretary of State Robert Pelletreau wrote:

We do not deal with the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran. This policy arises from our concerns about the organization's past use of terrorism, its continuing advocacy of violence, and a fundamental contradiction between its policy and our own.



With one MEK supporter already tapped to be a Cabinet secretary (Elaine

Chao at Transportation); several others, including John Bolton and Fran Townsend, still in discussion for senior jobs in a Trump administration; and a fourth, Newt Gingrich, taking the self-described role of "chief planner," the character of the MEK and, by extension, its well-paid supporters matters.

Let's start with the revisionist history. Torricelli, a former congressman and senator and for many years the MEK's lawyer, denounces my assertions about the group's violent past as outrageous and contends that he "has seen no evidence to support the assertion Benjamin makes that it took part in

Members of the Mujahedeen Khalq, or MEK, an armed Iranian opposition group in Iraq, guard the road leading to the group's main training camp near Americans [sic] officials Bagubah, north central Irag, in May 2003. | AP Photo

> killing innocent Iranians. Multiple administrations have rejected efforts by the MEK and its surrogates to claim that any bad acts were the result of what Torricelli calls "a Marxist group" that briefly ran the MEK while other leaders, who later rejected this cabal, were in prison.

So much was true when Torricelli himself was in the House of Representatives and served as a member of the Europe and Middle East Affairs Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. In a written response to a subcommittee question in 1992

First of all, the Mojahedin murdered several in Iran in the 1970s. This is not history to us, nor

do we accept the Mojahedin attempts to excuse such actions on grounds that some of the organization's leaders were incarcerated at the time of the attacks. The organization took responsibility for the attacks, and must bear the subsequent responsibility. They also supported the occupation of our Embassy in Tehran, in which American diplomats became hostages for over a year.

This is not a solitary reference. The issue came up frequently, and the answer was always the same. A 1992 Congressional Research Servicereport detailed the MEK's ex-

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tensive record of murder of Americans and Iranians. Although Torricelli denies that the MEK took part in Saddam Hussein's repression of the Kurds after Operation Desert Storm, the report, drawing on U.S. government sources, notes, "Iragi Kurds also claimed the Mojahedin had assisted the Iragi army in its suppression of the Kurds, 'a claimsubstantiated by refugees who fled near the Iranian border." The report goes on to cite the Kurdish leader-and first president of Iraq after the fall of Saddam-Jalal Talabani, as telling reporters at the time that "5,000 Iranian Mojahedin [MEK] joined Saddam's forces in the battle for Kirkuk" and points to Wall Street Journal reporting as well on the MEK's part in this bloody campaign.

There is also a rich scholarly literature on the MEK's misdeeds. Indeed, in 2011, distinguished Iranihistorian an-American Ervand Abrahamian (author of The Iranian Mojahedin) and three dozen other leading Iran scholars including Shaul Bakhash, Gary Sick and Juan Cole all signed a letter, published in the Financial Times, that opposed removing the MEK from the State Department's Foreign Terrorism Organization List because of its history of terrorism, cult-like behavior and lack of support among Iranians.

Additionally, the MEK's lawyer claims that in 1997, at the time of the designation, "The State Department gave as its reasons the MEK's long record of violence, but I can tell you that as a member of the [Senate] Foreign Relations Committee, I reviewed the State Department file on the MEK and found no evidence, no testimony and no reason for the designation except placating Tehran." But here, too, former Sen. Torricelli's statement is incorrect. The State Department never shares the administrative record that underlies the listing of foreign terrorist organizations with anyone outside the Justice Department, the FBI, the Treasury Department and the White House. He would not have seen any State Department "file" or any evidence it contained.

Torricelli dismissed my argument by labeling me, and those who pushed to designate the MEK as a terrorist group back in 1997, appeasers of Tehran. The MEK and its surrogates commonly use this attack against those who criticize the group, but it is nonsense. Those who worked on the designation have repeatedly refuted this claim about doing a favor to Iran, and I certainly carry no brief for Tehran.

Indeed, in my years on the National Security Staff and as coordinator for counterterrorism at the State Department, I've been devoted to combating Iranian terrorism. I pressed our European partners to designate Hezbollah as a terrorist organization, which they eventually did in 2013. I briefed other countries on the Iranian plot to kill the Saudi ambassador in Washington, D.C., an effort that led to an unprecedented U.N. General Assembly condemnation of Iran in 2011. MEK supporters simply believe that anyone who won't echo their calls for regime change in Tehran must be on the Islamic Republic's side. They also claim that the MEK has a future as the "true democratic opposition to the mullahs"-that if and when regime change comes about in Iran, the MEK will be able to fill the void. But this is just pure wishful thinking. With no support in Iran and a gruesome history behind it, the MEK has no serious political prospects.

Lastly, Torricelli implies that because several high-level officials such as Secretary Hillary Clinton and Secretary John Kerry have thanked prominent American MEK supporters for their help in pressing the remaining group members to leave Camp Ashraf and later Camp Liberty, they somehow approve of the MEK.

I can't speak for any private communications after I left State, but I would be surprised if the sentiment inside the building were any different from what it was when I was there-which is that gratitude was expressed to various American political figures for urging MEK followers, who were being used as pawns by their leadership, to start leaving Irag. We wanted to avoid them all getting killed-86 were slaughtered in attacks in 2011 and 2013. That's why I recommended, and Clinton signed off on, delisting the MEK—and doing so specifically as a matter of her discretion and not because of "changed circumstances," which would have been the reason of record if the State Department felt confident that the MEK had become a genuinely trustworthy, nonviolent and democratic group.

It's probably too much to ask that Robert Torricelli or any of the renowned political figures supporting the MEK reconsider their views. But others in Congress and the public ought to consult the abundance of evidence of the MEK's troubling history, including the abuse of its members relayed in reports by such observers as Human Rights Watch and the account of its efforts to buy influence on Capitol Hill contained in the memoir by former Congressman (and onetime Iranbased CIA operative) Robert Ney. A more informed debate about the MEK might start there.

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### Daniel Benjamin,

Politico Magazine,



# **About Nejat Society**

Rescue of former friends and co-fighters from terror cult of Rajavi and rebuilding broken relationships between them and their families.

Assisting the rescued members to join their family and begin a new honorable life.

Making contacts between families and their beloved ones captured in Albania and elsewhere.

Helping the families who are suffering the separation from their children for years and trying to conciliate their pains.

Denouncing the terror cult of Rajavi informing the passionate youth of the realities existing in the organization in order to prevent them from being captured by the evil hands of the cult.

# To my brother; Amir

Tuesday 27 Dec, 2016

Mr. Amir Hezbepour was taken as a hostage by the MKO elements during Iran-Iraq war in 1987. [During the Iran-Iraq War the Mujahedin-e Khalq fought as Saddam Hussein's army against their own countrymen.]

Mr. Hezbipour is transferred to Albania along with other MKO members. His brother has written a letter to him;

My dear brother, the Iraqi national TV showed your image after you were captivated by the Rajavi's elements in Haj Omran area. We were all sad.... It is now more than 29 years than we have had no



contact with you, no news, no letter, ... . we all miss you . we and esp. our parents have suffered a lot during these years. Wecant wait to see you again...

My dear brother, for years we thought that you have forgotten us . However when we heard the life story of those who have managed themselves from the MKO Camps we understood that the MKO leaders do not allow members to contact their families. Now we know that you have no access to the outside world. We are happy that you transferred from the war-torn country of Iraq to Albania. We are waiting to hear from you soon. We try our best to help you release yourself from the MKO Cult.....

Our parents are waiting impatiently to hear your voice....