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Delayed Happy New Year!

Although it is a bit late, but we wish all our readers a very successful and flourishing New Year. We do hope that the year 2008 is a prosperous and thriving year for you and every member of your family.

On the first month of the year 2008 we present you the 18th edition of the Nejat Newsletter. We do hope that by now we have managed to meet our goal to satisfy your demands on information about a destructive terrorist cult.

The aim of Nejat Society which con-

sists of former members of the Mojahe-din-e Khalq Organisation (MKO) and the families of the present members based in Ashraf Camp in Iraq is to try to arrange meetings between the families and their beloved ones. This, of course, when you are dealing with an isolated established cult, is by no means an easy task.

This society and its associates strived through the years to reveal the nature and deeds of the MKO in order to draw the attention of the international public

opinion to its cause.

We made every possible effort in our capacity to put pressure on the MKO to make them yield to the demands of the families. Obviously the MKO, like all other cults, is not welcoming any sort of contact between their members and the outside world.

In the coming year we are continuing our efforts and we do it until we reach our aims. Please contact us and let us know your opinions and demands. We would be more than glad to see or hear from you.

How desperate can you get to use a Terrorist cult as a witness?

Another exposing article by WSJ, December 11, 2007



...A former U.S. intelligence official who

works closely with the White House on Iran said that all the intelligence related to the NIE was being reassessed and that information coming from sources such as the NCRI would be included. "You have to take seriously what they say, but you also have to realize that they have gotten things wrong," the

official said...
...The NCRI is the political wing of the Mujahedin e-Khalq, a group that still has as many as 4,000 members in a disarmed military camp just inside Iraq's border with Iran. The MEK has its roots as a Marxist-Islamist body that fought to overthrow the Shah and has been seeking to

overthrow the current government since the mid-1980s. The U.S. and the European Union list both the NCRI and Mujahedin e-Khalq as terrorist organizations. The NCRI has had a mixed record in the accuracy of its claims concerning Iran's nuclear program...

Gordon Brown: No evidence that MKO has given up terrorism

House of COMMONS, December 13, 2007

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200708/cmselect/cmliaisn/uc192-i/uc19202.htm>

Link to the video broadcast of the session:

<http://www.parliamentlive.tv/Main/VideoPlayer.aspx?meetingId=665>

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TAKEN BEFORE
LIAISON COMMITTEE
THE PRIME MINISTER

Thursday 13 December
2007
RT HON GORDON
BROWN MP

Evidence heard in Public
Questions 1 - 120

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Q97 Malcolm Bruce: Just on that, Prime Minister, the main democratic opposition to the Iranian regime is the People's Muja-

hideen organisation of Iran, which has been proscribed in this country. The proscribed organisation's appeals committee have said that they are not involved in terrorism and that the refusal of the Home Secretary to deproscribe them was flawed, perverse and must be set aside. Why does the Government not accept that?

Mr Brown: I have looked at that issue that you raise. It is certainly, however, the case that the organisation that you describe has been, in the past, involved in terrorist activity, and I do not think there is any doubt about the evidence that has been the case. Therefore, to proscribe an organisation that has been involved in terrorist activity seems the right thing to do by the decisions of this Government to be consistent with other decisions that we make.

Q98 Malcolm Bruce: We have accepted sometimes that terrorist organisations can change their ways?

Mr Brown: But I do not think we have that evidence.

Baroness Nicholson: Mojahedin Khalq Organisation (MKO) still on terrorist list in UK

In an exclusive interview with Press TV, member of the Human Rights Subcommittee of the European Parliament, Emma Nicholson, said that a special new court has been convened and decided that the British government acted in haste in putting the Mujahedin Khalq Organization on the terrorist list.

Press TV,

December 12, 2007

<http://www.presstv.ir/Detail.aspx?id=34645§ionid=351020101>

EU lawmaker, Emma Nicholson has proclaimed that a British court, not government, believes in lifting the ban on MKO terrorist group.

In an exclusive interview with Press TV, member of the Human Rights Subcommittee of the European Parliament, Emma Nicholson, said that a special new court has been convened and decided that the British government acted in haste in putting the Mujahedin Khalq Organization on the terrorist list.

Nicholson said the findings were that the British government's actions on putting the MKO on the list had not been carried out properly.

"But the British government does not agree. The British government



is appealing and is against that judgment," she added.

Concerning the MKO presence and operations in Iraq, Nicholson said the sovereign nation of Iraq has to decide about this terrorist group's presence in the country.

The situation requires a dialogue between the Iranian and Iraqi governments, adding that the expulsion of MKO members has nothing to do with the US or UK forces in Iraq.

When asked why Britain still supports tougher sanctions against Iran

with respect to IAEA and NIE reports proving that Iran is not involved in a military program, Nicholson stated that Iran did not fully explore the European Union's offer in 2006 which suggested Iran stop its uranium enrichment and in return, the European Union would lift sanctions.

In response to a question regarding the West's increasing pressure on Iran to stop nuclear enrichment which is completely in line with IAEA regulations, Nicholson answered, "There has been a loss of confidence on both sides - a loss of trust."

When asked if Britain is following US policy and not making independent choices, Nicholson replied that Britain, Germany and France began negotiations with Iran from "a specifically European Union position".

Asked if the International Atomic Energy Agency is not the legal referee in decisions about Iran's nuclear case rather than the UN Security Council, she replied, "Because the nuclear issue is so important, it has gone up to the Security Council level."

Brainwashing: Crime against Humanity (Tabriz University)

Nejat Society, Tabriz University, December 04, 2007
http://www.nejatngo.org/index_en.php?news_id=755

Gathering and Speeches in the city of Tabriz in Iran On Tuesday 4th of December 2007, a meeting was held in the Law Department of Tabriz Islamic Free University. The topic was "Brainwashing: Crime against Humanity".

The meeting started at 1600 hours with the attendance of hundreds of students and scholars. Dr Samad Azizi the head of the Law Department opened the meeting and welcomed the students and participants. He introduces the presenters and discussed the importance of the topic in the world today.

Then Dr Hassan Movassaqi a senior lecturer in the Law Department started his speech. He gave a background of brainwashing in the history and discussed its consequences on human life in details. He went through many past examples of brainwashing and showed how it abuses human rights and why it must be considered as a crime against humanity. He scientifically showed the psychological aspects of brainwashing and explained how someone could hold control over other people's minds and change their thoughts and persuade them to do deeds against their own will. He referred to the Davidian Cult lead by David Koresh in Waco in Texas and their final fate and called upon the International community to adopt serious measures to tackle

this global difficulty urgently.

The next presenter was Mr Ebrahim Khodabandeh a former member of Mojahe-din-e Khalq Organisation (MKO) lead by the cult leader Mas'ud Rajavi. He spoke about his experiences of 20 years membership in the MKO and gave many examples of how a person could practically be brainwashed.



He mentioned that he has been studying about cults and their common techniques of thought reforms since he left the organisation in 2003 and returned to Iran. He went into details of the process used by the MKO and many other cults to manipulate their members using psychological methods in order to recruit, preserve and control their followers.



He concluded that the leader of a cult is the only person responsible for the crimes committed by the cult and all followers are themselves the prime victims of the brainwashing practiced inside the cult. He explained how followers of a cult are mentally captivated and why they see no

way out of their misery. He therefore concluded that the followers must be helped and the leaders of all destructive cults must legally and internationally be prosecuted and brought against justice.

Then Mr Arash Sametipur another former member of the MKO started his speech. He too explained his own experiences within the Rajavi's Cult. He mentioned that many former members of MKO have organised themselves into an NGO called Nejat (Salvation) Society and their aim is to free the present members held captive in the Ashraf Camp in Iraq. He emphasised that many families of members who are brainwashed by the MKO are extremely worried about the destiny of their beloved ones and they need urgent help. In the end Mr Khodabandeh and Mr Sametipur answered the students' numerous questions. Apparently the topic of the meeting and the speeches had extremely drawn the attention of the students. They demanded that more of such sessions be held in the future. This meeting finished at 1830 hours.

The students were ever so eager to learn more about the methods of brainwashing utilised inside the MKO and hours after the termination of the meeting they had circled around the two former members and asked them various questions. Some students showed interest to be in contact with the Nejat Society. Some reporters and photographers from the media were present in the meeting too.

Documents of 16000 victims (over 80 percent civilians) of Mojahedin Khalq Terrorism were presented to European Parliament Reps.

IRNA, December 17, 2007

<http://www2.irna.ir/en/news/view/line-17/0712175220191301.htm>



Members of Justice Advocacy Group comprising families who fell victims to terrorist Mujahideen Khalq Organization (MKO) met with Members of European Parliament (MEPs) in Tehran to remind them of the human tragedy perpetrated by the MKO.

Families of Sepehri, Sobhani and Rezaei, victims of MKO terrorist assassination, told the MEPs led by Mrs. Angelika Beer that their loved ones were assassinated in 1980s just for supporting the revolutionary government and having faith in God.

They called on the European delegation not to allow the western war-mongers to divide terrorism into good and bad or provide the MKO with an opportunity to repeat its terrorist operations once again.

"If the MKO which em-

barked on terrorism as its tactic, strategy and ideology, are used as tools, be sure that they would use this opportunity to launch terrorist operations against

of the non-governmental organization (NGO) saying that the group advocates justice and fights violence as its platform.

Member of European Parliament from Spain Mr. Callie said that Spain has fallen victim to terrorism and knows it well.

"We share the same sufferings," he said.

The Justice Advocacy Group delivered documents to the MEPs putting the number of families falling victims to the MKO terrorism at 16,000 and that over 80 percent of those assassinated were civilians.

Italian Member of the European Parliament who was among the delegation asked whether those remaining from MKO at Ashraf camp are dangerous? The spokesman for the Justice Advocacy Group responded that Iraqi dictator

the European citizens too, because, terrorism is the innate nature of the group," member of one of the families said.



Mrs. Beer and Baroness Nicholson sympathized with families of the MKO victims and said that the European Union listed MKO as terrorist because of its practices. The Justice Advocacy Group briefed the MEPs on goals

Saddam Hussein had provided them with shelter to use them against Iran whenever he wanted.

"Of course, they are dangerous, because they were under Saddam's protection," he said.

The failed abduction of a Canadian Iranian family in Iraq by MKO

C.T.D.H.R.,

December 18, 2007

<http://cdhriran.blogspot.com/2007/12/failed-abduction-of-canadian-iranian.html>

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The Mohammadi family, Mostafa Mohammadi and Mahbobeh arrived in camp TIPF/(Camp Ashraf) in Iraq on December 6, 07.

On December 8, at 3:15 local time, after constant requests from US authority, they were able to meet with their daughter, Somayeh, for 45 minutes during which time Somayeh, out of fear, refused to speak to her father but talked to her mother and refused to acknowledge that she wants to leave camp Ashraf and return back to Canada. Somayeh, told them that "she is in touch regularly with his uncle, Hassan Hamzeh, an active member of MKO in Canada, is passing information on her parents activities in Canada on their collaboration with I.R.I. security services.

In our opinion since she does not have any legal status in any country and the Canadian government refused to recognize her status so far she has been convinced that if she leaves the camp she has only the option of going back to Iran.

distance they were suddenly confronted by a group of people, confirmed members of MKO who are residing in the adjacent camp Ashraf under the watch of American forces, who pretended to be passing drivers and offered them a lift. Base on their prior knowledge and experiences of the ways of



However, on the morning of December 9 the U.S. forces in charge of TIPF asked the Mohammadi family to leave the camp since they met with their daughter and received her answer to their plea. Following that, the Americans escorted them to the gates and let them out while still watching them from behind their gates. (mind you that the location of camp is in a deserted area with the closest access to a road and public transportation being 6-7 kilometers away from the camp).

As they started walking the

MKO, Mr. Mohammadi and his wife refused to take their offer and kept walking towards the main road. At this point, realizing that they are vigilant about the intention of the MKO members, the guys grabbed Ms. Mohammadi by force and pushed her into a car trying to kidnap her. When Mr. Mohammadi, who was at the same time defending himself against their physical attacks and also trying to secure their bags since they were slashing them by knife and managed to break open their camera trying to remove the memory card by knife, started shouting for help one of the

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guys pulled a gun from under the driver's seat and put it on his head.

Realizing the seriousness of the situation the Americans who were watching from a short distance interfered and rescued them from the scene and arranged for a ride to Baghdad for them

the Canadian Consul, Ms. Sonia Hooykaas in Jordan, to report the situation. At the same time Ms. Hooykaas kindly informed our Centre that she will report the case to Ottawa and will reflect our concerns regarding this situation.

Mohammadi family are still

We urge every Human Rights organization as well as the authorities of the Canadian and American government to use their power and influence to help this family.

For the full story on Mohammadi family you can read the Stewart Bell 's articles published by National post on Saturday, September 23, 2006.

<http://www.nationalpost.com/news/story.html?id=94a2aa55-56ab-4786-93a1-5f5ed073b98e&k=7636>

We also demand that the case with the MKO be investigated immediately and proper control be enforced with regards to violent and illegal activities of MKO members since the continuation of such acts endangers the reallocation of over 200 people, residents of TIPF, who were also the prisoners of MKO and currently recognized refugees of the UNHCR.

In the past week eight people who were released from TIPF in order to obtain visa and arrive in Turkey to continue with their legal procedure with the UNHCR for final reallocation have disappeared and there is no sign of them anywhere.

We hold MKO and American Forces and Iraqi government liable for the safety of the above people.



Mohammad

Somayeh

after making a report of what happened and also kept their broken camera as an evidence of the incident. Though, the Americans were helpful in many occasions they were unable to answer the question of: how these people who are supposed to be disarmed and confined inside the camp are armed and free to carry their operations under the authorities watch.

After arriving in Baghdad Mr. Mohammadi and his wife had to receive medical attention to their injuries and then started contacting the authorities including

in Iraq and trying all that is possible to rescue their daughter from the MKO camp/influence and also take a legal action against the leaders of MKO for all the damages to their family including this last case.

Since this is their 9th trip to Iraq since 2003 and the family has exhausted all its limited resources in order to free their child from the clutch of MKO they feel that they need to stay in Iraq in order to finalize this important issue and bring peace to the life of their shattered family and other three children.

The Iranian Pen Club Letter to Ms Megevanal Roggo

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International Committee of the Red Cross The Middle East Department

Dear Ms Beaterice Megevand Roggo

According to the news received in the last few days by Iran-Ghalam (IRAN-PEN) association, the condition of disaffected members of Mojahedin Khalq Organisation who are now accommodated in the TIPF part of Ashraf Camp is critically dangerous. Some personalities have already raised concern not the least Mr. Mohammed Hasibi who has written an open letter today, 21 December 2007 raising his deep concern about the situation of these people. A copy of this letter is attached.

You are aware that after the fall of the former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, and since September 2003, TIPF was established provisionally alongside Ashraf Camp. The purpose was to locate those who defect the organisation at the first instance interviews by the American Forces. In those days the total number of people confined within the Ashraf Camp was 3855 while today only 3450 are remaining there. From those defected members who managed to get themselves to TIPF, more than 350 have succeeded being sent to their own country (Iran) or some European countries with the help of various governments, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and the Iraqi ministry of human rights. But unfortunately it is more than a year now that the process of freeing from the Camp – the total number makes to

around 200 so far – has been stopped or intensely slowed down.

As you are aware, in various reports by the Human Rights Watch, the European Union, the British Government, the US State Department, the Canadian Foreign office, and many other sources as well as the worldwide media, the deeds and practices of the MKO and its leader Mas'ud Rajavi have been categorised as terrorist, cultic, and violating the bases of human rights. Some documentation is enclosed to this letter in this regards. Therefore, we urge you to pay attention to our concerns as well as those of the families of the MKO members for the destiny of our offspring, our siblings, our spouses, and our friends who are held in Ashraf Camp by a destructive cult. Those who have defected from the organisation and are held at the Temporary International Presence Facilities (TIPF), as well as those who for any reason have not been able to flee the MKO and are still kept in their base, must be protected by the ICRC and the World Declaration for Human Rights; and we urge you to help them by any means you can.

It is also worth mentioning that the MKO is considering the freedom of its members and their departure from Iraq as a grave threat to its existence and consider it as an encouragement to the remaining members to defect this terrorist cult.

It is essential to point out the fact that the Amnesty International (AI) has expressed its concern over the events carried out inside the Ashraf Camp. Also, the Human Rights Watch (HRW) has is-

sued a report on 18 May 2005 which points out many cases of systematically violating human rights inside the MKO since 2002. The report done by the HRW is based on the former members' testimonies now living in Europe. A copy of the report is enclosed

You are aware that self-immolations done by some members in European capitals after the arrest of their leader Maryam Rajavi in Paris on 17 June 2003, is one obvious example of the kind. Like all cults, this organisation needs a remote site to be able to isolate the members from the outside world. The residents of Ashraf Camp have no contact with the real world, not even with their relatives or old friends. The members are forced to participate in the daily ideological sessions called "the Current Operation". In these sessions members are systematically subject to peer pressure and coercion methods.

According to articles 25 and 26 of the fourth convention of Geneva which had enabled the MKO's presence in Iraq, the members could freely have contact with their families. But unfortunately, both the members and their worried and suffering families have been deprived from such benefits. Therefore, we insist that the pressure be mounted against the MKO to lift any obstacles. The Iranian Pen Club has become aware through its corresponding about the efforts made by the Iraqi ministry of human rights for preventing the violation of human rights within the MKO. We would be more than pleased to learn that we could benefit from your cooperation and assistance too. We are prepared to hand over

Department Spokesman Sean McCormack :

the MEK, the Mujahedin-e Khalq is considered a terrorist organization

**Daily Press Briefing
Sean McCormack,
Spokesman
Washington, DC
December 11, 2007**



QUESTION: Today an Iranian dissident said that the military program -- the military nuclear program was suspended in 2003, but it -- that it restarted in 2004. So that actually it was alive. It was still working -- it's working. Do you have any information about that?

MR. MCCORMACK: I don't, Sylvie. I can only just refer you back to the consensus intelligence estimate that we released last week from

our intelligence community.

QUESTION: But this guy is the one who actually made revelation in 2002 about (inaudible).

MR. MCCORMACK: Sylvie, I can't -- you know, can't offer any comment beyond the fact that our intelligence community -- 16 intelligence agencies in that community -- came up with a consensus assessment. This was what it was. And I can't speak to this. And you know, they had access to a whole variety of different information. They actually went back and carefully went through all the information that they had and came up with this assessment.

QUESTION: Okay. I have a small question. This guy is the former spokesman from the Na-

tional Council of Islamic Resistance.

MR. MCCORMACK: Mm-hmm.

QUESTION: Is it a group that you consider as a terrorist?

MR. MCCORMACK: Well, the MEK, the Mujahedin-e Khalq is considered a terrorist organization.

QUESTION: But not the National --

MR. MCCORMACK: Sylvie, I can't tell you --

QUESTION: You don't know.

MR. MCCORMACK: -- off the top of my head, you know, where they fall. I think this is a group that was in some way constituted in the United States. I can't tell you exactly how we view them. You'd probably get a better read on that from the Department of Justice or the FBI.

The Iranian Pen Club Letter to Ms Megevanal Roggo (cont)

the names and particulars of the discontented members and those who wish to defect from the organisation as well as necessary files and documents. We would be most pleased to have a meeting with you or your colleagues in the office of the ICRC in European countries and be able to present our stories and documents in person.

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the violation of human rights within the MKO. We would be more that pleased to learn that we could benefit from your cooperation and assistance too.

With many thanks and regards

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Neocons Find New Exile Group Patsies to Push War with Iran (1)

Many of us remember the Iraqi exile groups whose tall tales the Administration used to justify the invasion of their country in 2003. Fewer people are aware that similar groups from other Middle Eastern countries frequent the halls of Congress and editorial board rooms carrying their frightening ghost-written books with guidance from pro-war think tanks. The organized challenge against the 2007 National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) summary on Iran this month included such a group, which for years cried wolf about Iran.

The NIE's critics are complaining that it falsely weakens the Bush administration's campaign against Iran. Trusting that Iran is not developing nuclear weapons is suicidal, warn the neo-conservatives who prompted the invasion of Iraq in search of imaginary banned weapons. As in the period that preceded the Iraq War, the hawks are now validated by an exile entity dedicated to violent regime change. The Iranian enabler group that has replaced the old Iraqi National Congress is the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI). In cooperation with leading neoconservative

figures, NCRI has for over a decade spared no effort to destroy any chance of a U.S.-Iranian détente.

Eight days after the NIE summary assured the world that Iran is not developing nuclear weapons at this time international media reported that NCRI dismissed the report's findings. No other Iranian opposition group has actively challenged the new NIE's credibility.

Going even farther, NCRI's Washington spokesman, Alireza Jafarzadeh, claimed that Iran's nuclear program is managed by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corp's (IRGC) scientists during a Fox News interview. As the most trusted branch of Iran's armed forces, the IRGC was late this year designated by the White House as a sponsor of international terrorism. The exile group has also echoed the Washington war party's claims that Iran is arming Iraqi resistance groups with advanced weapons resulting in U.S. casualties.

NCRI's scare campaign against Iran is an attempt to overcome its own infamy. The "Council" is a front group based in Paris for the Mojahedin-e Khalgh

Organization (known also as MEK, MKO, or PMOI), according to the U.S. State Department, which bans both as a single terrorist organization. MEK's pariah status makes it entirely dependent on the goodwill of the U.S. military, which has since the spring of 2003 sheltered its 3,500-plus fighters in northern Iraq after they disarmed.

The militia has for a quarter-century topped Tehran's "most wanted" terrorist list and is now sought by Iraq's government for atrocities it allegedly committed in Saddam's service. It fled Iran in the mid 1980s and fought on the Iraqi side during the Iran-Iraq war, hoping to overthrow the young Islamic Republic. Its campaign to deepen Western distrust of Iran is motivated primarily by the real possibility that its key figures will face capital crimes charges in Iraq and Iran if a U.S. accommodation with Iran ends the militia's utility to U.S. strategists as a bargaining chip. The latest sign of MEK's vulnerability emerged December 16 when Iran asked that the next round of U.S.-Iran negotiations in Baghdad address MEK's status. (next page)

Mojahedin Khalq supporter "Struan Stevenson" undermines efforts to promote democratic values

The European legislator said ignoring the terrorist group's violation of human rights and inviting it by Struan Stevenson would undermine the European Parliament's efforts to promote democratic values

Press tv, December 19, 2007
<http://www.presstv.ir/detail.aspx?id=35653§ionid=351020101>

A senior member of the European Parliament, Angelika

Beer, condemns the invitation of the MKO terrorist group to a parliament session.

Beer slammed the Greens Alliance in the European Parliament for providing the outlawed Mujahedin-e Khalq Organization (MKO) with an opportunity to attend a parliament session.

The European legislator said ignoring the terrorist group's violation of human rights and inviting it by Struan Stevenson

would undermine the European Parliament's efforts to promote democratic values.

Beer expressed strong opposition to lifting the ban on the outlawed group.

The MKO has carried out countless terrorist acts against the Iranian nation, including the assassination of a president, a prime minister, 80 senior officials as well as thousands of defenseless civilians.

Neocons Find New Exile Group Patsies to Push War with Iran (2)

Groups like the ones that sold the Iraq war still frequent the halls of Congress with plenty of guidance from pro-war think tanks.



Like the old Iraqi National Congress headed by Ahmad Chalabi, the MEK has powerful conservative backers in Western capitals that promote it as a democratic alternative. In Washington, these have included John Ashcroft, Dick Arme, Richard Perle, and members of Congress Ileana Ros-Lehtinen and Tom Tancredo, all of whom were and remain advocates of the Iraq invasion. Among officially designated foreign terrorist organizations, MEK is the only one that can obtain street demonstration permits in Washington through its thinly disguised front operations. Poster-size portraits of the husband and wife team that have headed MEK for a generation are in abundance at such rallies, including one held on the

grounds of U.S. Congress in 2004.

The surest way for the MEK to stay in business appears to be just the path they are following. They need to make themselves indispensable to the warmongers in the United States by helping subvert accommodation with Iran. (In this, they share the predicament of their neocon masters, who will be out of a job if peace prevails for too long.)

If Washington decides against an all out war on Iran and opts instead for a "low intensity conflict," as Ronald Reagan's wars of attrition in Central America came to be known, the MEK can well be the core of a Contra-style mercenary force. Claiming the mantle of the "Reagan Revolution," the neo-conservatives would certainly welcome that as the next best thing to the war that they want badly even after the NIE largely vindicated Iran. There have been persistent rumors over the past year that American military or intelligence agencies have trained selected

MEK operatives for clandestine missions in Iran, after having them renounce terrorism and swear allegiance to "democracy."

If, on the other hand, the Bush administration or its successor chooses sustained dialog instead of confrontation with Iran, the future of the MEK will never be far from the minds of Iranian negotiators. The White House has stressed its twin objectives of strengthening the government of "liberated" Iraq and limiting Tehran's influence there. Iranian leaders see an inherent contradiction in that policy. They are anxious to find out whether the U.S. will continue to shelter the MEK as an irritant to Iran or will transfer custody of the militia to Iran's trusted Iraqi authorities as an affirmation of Iraqi sovereignty. As Washington prepares for its next round of talks on Iraqi security with Iran in January, a sure way it can build confidence would be to agree to discuss this sensitive matter.

<http://www.alternet.org/>

The EU keeps Mojahedin Khalq Organisation (Rajavi cult, MKO, MEK,...) on its terror list

Official Journal of the European Union, December 2007

On Thursday, December 22nd, the European Union updated the Common Position 2001/931/CFSP on the application of specific measures to combat terrorism and repeated [Common Position 2007/448/CFSP](#).

The document published the official Journal of the European Union on December 22nd included the list of persons, groups and entities referred to in Article 1 of the document.

On page 113 of Legislation 340, you can consider Mujahedin-e-Khalq listed as a proscribed Organization by the EU. However on De-

cember 18th Maryam Rajavi addressed the European Parliament urging on the removal of her terror cult from the EU terror list. The EU listed MKO as a terrorist entity once more.





EP Delegation to Iran visits Nejat Society

Nejat Society, December 12, 2007

http://www.nejatngo.org/index_en.php?news_id=758

On Sunday 9th December 2007, the European Parliamentary Delegation to Iran met with the members and associates of Nejat (rescue) Society in their office in Tehran.

The Delegation which was headed by Ms Angelika Beer MEP from Germany (the Chairwoman of the EP Iran Delegation) consisted of 24 MEPs from various groups from different European countries.

Mr Arash Sametipur a former member of the military section of the Mojahedin-e Khalq Organisation (MKO) and one of the administrators of the Nejat society welcomed the delegation and introduced the goals and activities of the society. He discussed how he was recruited in the USA and sent to Iraq to receive military trainings as well as ideological teachings and then sent to Iran to carry out assassinations. He explained that since the Iranian authorities have a good understanding of the cultic nature of the MKO and they are well aware that the followers are brain-washed, they consider the members of the MKO as the prime victims of the organisation which must be helped rather than be punished.

Then Mr Sametipur invited Mr Ebrahim Khodabandeh and Mr Jamil Bassam former members of the MKO from the political section to talk about their experiences with

the activities of the organisation in the western countries. Mr Khodabandeh referred to the absence of Mr Paula Casaca MEP from Portugal who dropped his name from the list of the delegation in the last minutes due to the pressure imposed by the MKO. He said that he was really willing to visit Mr Casaca today and tell him some mere facts about Iran and about the MKO. He mentioned that surely Mr Casaca missed an opportunity to face the truth

Next was Ms Hura Chalchi another administrator of the Society and also a former member of the military section of the MKO who went into the details of the society's activities. She brought up the case of the families of the members of the MKO in Ashraf Camp in Iraq who have no contact with their beloved ones and urged the European parliamentarians to make every possible effort to ensure a safe and private meeting between the families and their relatives inside the MKO.

Mr Qorban-Ali Pur-Ahmadi from Gilan province and Mr Reza Sadeqi Jebali from Esfahan, both former members of the MKO and present members of Nejat Society spoke next. Mr Jebali referred to his last meeting with Mr Casaca in Ashraf Camp in Iraq and said that he was really looking forward to seeing him here today since he had spoken with him in Ashraf Camp and today he wanted to tell Mr

Casaca the other side of the story about the MKO which he has never heard before. Then Ms Shahin Rabi'i a relative of a member of MKO in Ashraf camp addressed the delegation and expressed her demand of private contact with his brother Sa'id in Iraq. She said that she believes her brother has been mind manipulated and she seeks a way to help him out.

Then the members of the EP delegation raised their questions which were answered by the administrators and members of the society. Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne MEP from the United Kingdoms referred to her visit with Mr Khodabandeh and Mr Bassam in Evin Prison four years ago on the demand of the family of Mr Khodabandeh in Britain and said that the MKO made a huge propaganda demonstrating that these two individuals were under severe torture and soon would be executed which later was proved to be wrong.

Members of the delegation also expressed their regret about the presence of Mrayam Rajavi in the European Parliament and emphasised the fact that these people like all cults do not expose their real identity and try to deceive people to reach their own goals. In the end Ms Beer thanked the Nejat Society for providing them with good information about the MKO.

Some materials and documentations on MKO were handed over to each member of the delegation.

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