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About This Edition

Two weeks ago we presented the first edition of Nejat Newsletter. In that issue we emphasised that our purpose to publish this briefing periodical is to try to inform a selected audience on a particular subject regarding the defected or willing to defect members of Mojahedin-é Khalq Organisation (MKO) in Iraq. We also mentioned that we would try to keep this publication appearing monthly.

But before coming to the next edition that was intended to be out on the first day of October, we came through two crucial incidents that were so important we decided to publish our next edition two weeks earlier.

On this issue we are going to deal with

the selfimmolation of a member of MKO in Ashraf Camp in Iraq, and also the subject

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MKO in Iraqi Court

Al-Ghad newspaper, September 3, 2006

General prosecutor Iraq's Supreme in Court announced that the court is investigating the issue of plundering Iraq's resources.

This case includes oil revenues, granted by the former regime to the groups and individuals.

In an interview with Aswat Al-Iraq, Jaafar Mosavi said: "In this case, the issue of oil revenues is on the agenda." In January 25, 2004, Al-Mada newspaper published a list containing 275 former ministers, representatives, journalists, national and international figures and some organizations such as the MKO; these groups and individuals received oil revenues in exchange for being faithful to Saddam and conducting his orders.

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NEJAT SOCIETY

- Nejat Society is aiming to rescue the members of the MKO who are still captive in Ashraf Camp in Iraq.
- Nejat Society is in constant contact with the families of members of MKO, trying to connect them to their beloved ones.
- Nejat Society is trying to build a good international support for its cause to save the MKO members from cultic relationships.
- Nejat Society is organising meetings and conferences for the members and the families in order to bring them together and ease their grieves.
- Nejat Society is willing to use all means possible to reach its goals and therefore seeks and needs your support.

Editorial: Where is MKO heading for?

The Iraqi Prime Minister's visit to Tehran and his remarks that MKO should soon leave Iraq has had some major impacts on the Organisation.

Arabic News reported on September 14, 2006 that: "Regarding the members of Mujahedeen Khalq Organization (MKO), who are still in Iraq, al-Maliki said they have six months time to leave Iraq."

MKO has heavily invested on: first Iran's Nuclear Energy turmoil, second keeping Iraq's facilities to isolate the members from outside world in order to carry on controlling them. bari-Nasab committed selfimmolation in Ashraf Camp. The Organisation hinted that this was as to the result that the Iraqi Authorities mentioned MKO members are going to be expelled from Iraq.

One might ask what would happen if Iran's Nuclear dispute is settled down and at the same time MKO is forced to leave Iraq. Certainly this would be the end of them all together.

One might also try to predict their reaction to it. We witnessed the disastrous incidents after their leader Maryam Rajavi was arrested on 17th June 2003 in Paris.

More than ten people at-

tempted self-immolation in different cities of Europe. The self-sacrificing idea, like many cults round the world, has been theorised and taught inside the Organisation.

There are some 3000 members living in Ashraf Camp in Iraq at the present time which are subject to systematic brainwash. They apparently would do anything asked by their superiors.

This is certainly a very delicate matter to deal with. There are many lives at risk and the families of the members in Iraq are ever so eager to know that what is to be down and how they could be saved.

Last Friday Mr Yaser Ak-

A Debate on Cults and Terrorism

A Symposium on the Connection between Cults and Terrorism in Contemporary History is held in the University of Esfahan on 30th of September 2006.

Nejat Society along with the Faculty of Human Studies of the University of Esfahan have jointly organised the debate.

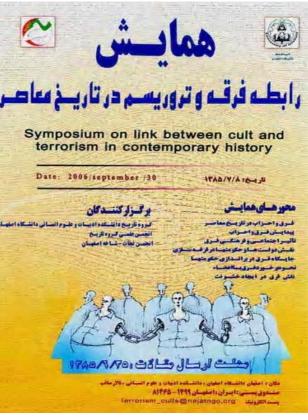
The topics which are going to be discussed are as follows:

-Cults and Groups in Contemporary History

> -Emergence of Cults and Groups -Social and Cultural Effects of Cults

-Role of Governments and States in the Formation of Cults

- -Role of Cults in Toppling States -How Cults deal with their Followers
- Role of Cults in Creating Violence



Letter of Nejat Society to the Secretary General of the United Nations On the Occasion of his visit to Tehran

Nejat Society Tehran, Iran September 3, 2006

His Excellency Kofi Anan

Secretary General of the United Nations

Your Excellency

Initially we, in Nejat Society, would like to welcome you to Tehran . Subsequently we wish you every success in your journey, and we hope that you would have a pleasant and productive stay in Iran.

Nejat (Salvation) Society consists of former members of the Mojahedin-é Khalq Organization (MKO) who have organized themselves in order to strive to help those members who are still mentally and even physically captive within the Organization in Camp Ashraf in Iraq.

You may well be aware that MKO has been listed as a Proscribed Terrorist Group by the US State Department, the Council of EU, and the

British Government. This Organization has a long record of violating the most basic principals of Human Rights within its establishment including imprisonment, torture, child abusing, and even murder.

Hundreds of people, who have managed to flee the Organization , have described horrendous practices conducted against the discontented members .

The Human Rights Watch

in its latest report under the title of **No Exit** has tried to describe "Human Rights Abuses inside the Mojahedin-é Khalq Camps in Iraq". This report explains how the "Exiled Armed Group Abuses Dissident Members", and how this so called "Opposition Group Seeks Recognition in Western Capitals".

Hundreds of people, who have managed to flee the Organization and have managed to return home to their families, have described horrendous practices conducted against the discontented members and defected followers. They have also explained how they have been persuaded and manipulated into serving the evil demands of the leaders; and how they have had the experience of being a mind and mental prisoner.

MKO is well known as being a cultic group with all its peculiar and yet typical characteristics. The Organization is led by a self-appointed charismatic leader who enjoys absolute control over the wealth, the lives, and even the minds

of the followers. Some of the common manners widely reported inside the Organization are as follows:

> • Exercising the Process of Brain-

washing, Psychological Coercion, and Thought Reform.

- Tearing Apart Families and Harming Children.
- Appling Violence and Harassment against Critics and Opponents.

• Engaging into Conspiracy and Fraud.

Taking Away the Members Freedom as well as their Possessions.

we also wish to draw your

good attention to the Case of Ashraf Camp in Iraq. There are some 3000 people living under tight control of MKO in that Camp. These unfortunate individuals find no way to free themselves from the sever domination of the Leaders. They must receive help urgently.

we, in Nejat Society, hence urge you to the followings:

• Launching a Fact Finding Committee to start investigating inside Iran as well as Iraq and other countries and to contact the numerous Former Members of the Organization in order to reach a good understanding of the Nature and Behavior of MKO. Many ex-members around the world are willing to cooperate with such Committee.

• To bring the Organization under careful and thorough Scrutiny done by Officials of

UN, something MKO has always escaped from, and to publicize the findings of such procedure.

The issues of Terrorism, Violating Basic Right, and Functioning Cultic Approaches in the Organization's

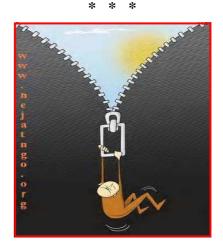
History be under Close Inspection.

Nejat Society would be more than pleased to be able to offer any form of Cooperation in this manner. You are certainly acquainted to the severity of damages Cults can cause to the people and their relatives and families. Therefore you would realize how urgent and important the matter is and how essential it is to do something about it.

We in Nejat Society are anxiously awaiting your positive reply to our request to save and rescue the above mentioned inmates and give them a chance to start a dissent normal life along with their beloved ones back at home.

Sincerely Yours

Nejat Society



The MKO leaders have betrayed the people's trust now we end our silence

Open Letter from Somayeh Mohammedi's parents

To free people, relevant officials, and human rights activists

For the security and freedom of Somayeh in MKO's Camp Ashraf in Iraq

Mustafa_mohammady

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Dear Iranian-Canadians,

In 1997, Somayeh - then, an inexperienced teenager - had a positive view of the MKO because of her family's support for this group. In a widespread, inhuman plan by the MKO leadership, a large number of teenagers aged 14 to 18, who lived in Europe and North America, were deployed to Camp Ashraf in Iraq in the name of visiting Iraq and Jordan. But the real purpose was to boost the or-

ganization that was suffering a lack of young forces.

Somayeh, 16, along with a number of other teenagers, was first taken to Pirayesh base in

Washington and then, after a short stay, she and others were taken to Jordan with fake documents by the organization. Then they went to Iraq from Jordan.

After a while, we tried to return her but we couldn't because we had not at that time received full citizenship from Canada; we trusted the MKO and thought that they were trying to get her citizenship from Canada. At that time, no one outside the MKO knew about the illegal and undemocratic behaviour

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of the MKO and leadership the abuses of human rights in the NLA [National Liberation Army of Iran] camp, therefore we didn't seek pub-

lic help and instead, tried to return Somayeh to Canada through the MKO itself.

In 2003, following the ouster of Saddam Hussein, we had to take the risk and travel to Iraq. We spent three months in Camp Ashraf with high costs.

> In her conversations, in the absence of MKO supervisors, she asked us to return her to Canada. She repeatedly requested the same from her

brother. In a letter to Canadian embassy in Jordan in 2004, Somayeh asked Canadian officials to pave the way for her return to Canada. Due to this request, delivered to the Canadian embassy through American troops protecting Camp Ashraf, the embassy decided to visit Camp Ashraf to interview her. Unfortunately, despite all claims and propaganda by MKO leadership on the freedom of members for making decisions, and despite the protests of the Canadians,

> Behzad Saffarian, one of MKO commanders in Camp Ashraf, was present during the whole process of interviewing (The letter of

Canadian embassy to the foreign ministry is available).

Wiretapping and controlling the meetings indicate that the members of MKO are under continuous censorship and supervision.

Knowing the lack of legal documents from any country and due to security concerns in US-run camp [next to Camp Ashraf], Somayeh refused to go there.

Because of financial problems and concerns over our other children in Canada, we returned to Canada without Somayeh. This time, we followed the case through the Canadian immigration office.

In May and April 2006, in spite of having financial problems, we travelled to Jordan to meet Somayeh since she was supposed to have a court session for Canadian immigration office via video conference. After 2 months in Jordan, we could-

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The MKO leaders have betrayed the people's trust . . . (cont.)

n't get the visa for Iraq. This necessary but unsuccessful act caused the MKO leaders to become aware of our efforts for saving Somayeh. Why did the MKO leaders broadcast an interview with Somayeh on MKO TV channel on August 20, 2006? Showing Somayeh during military practices [in Iraq], the current situation, in means shutting the windows for her being accepted in Canada or other democratic countries.

If the MKO believes that Somayeh - and many others like her - should express their desire to stay in the MKO in Iraq through TV interviews, why are they afraid of sending these youths to free countries in Europe and Canada so that they can decide freely for their future? If these young

people are really interested in the MKO's leadership they will certainly join the MKO again. MKO leaders are well aware that allowing

Somayeh to leave equals the exit of nearly all members, kept captive by the inhuman and wrong policies of the MKO leaders who themselves live in safe places and keep our children as hostages in Camp Ashraf.

It is a crime against humanity to bring young people (like Somayeh) from Europe and Canada to military base in Iraq. Those behind exploiting teenagers should be held responsible in The Hague.

All MKO members are under systematic brainwashing and can only access the MKO's

own news because of censorship. They can watch only the MKO's TV channel (Simaye M o j a h e d), which reports unreal victories

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of the group and they hear from their commanders that they're heading towards the final victory, that the universe is moving with the permission of MKO leaders and that the sun comes up from the east only to see the MKO leaders!

Preventing MKO members

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from making contact with their families (through mail and email) shows the news censorship in order to prevent rebel-

lion by the members.

If a member asks to leave the organization, he/she will be accused of working for the Iranian regime and consequently he/she will be pressured.

MKO leaders have shown that, to reach their goals, they are ready to conduct all kinds of immoral acts, including pressuring and brainwashing young and even veteran members to speak against their own families. Rejecting the TV interview with Somayeh Mohammedi, we announce that the MKO leaders are responsible for

> the safety and security of Somayeh.

> Since 1978, we the members of Mohammedi family have struggled for the free-

dom and independence of Iran alongside the early Mojahedin-e khalq organization. Therefore, the accusation of "being dependent" [to the regime] better suits the MKO leaders who have already acted in the favour of Iranians' enemy, namely Saddam Hussein.

We didn't open the case to public, now that this interview with Somayeh has been broadcast, we believe there is no obstacle to publishing documents, letters and films on MKO leaders' inhuman treatment of youths like Somayeh.

We urge all Iranian-Canadians, as well as free people of the world, to act to return Somayeh to her family. We ask for your help to save Somayeh and many others like her.

The Mohammedis

Richmond Hill, Canada

Self-immolation in Ashraf Camp in Iraq

On the morning of Friday 15th of September 2006 in Ashraf Camp, the Camp of Mojahedin-é Khalq Organisation (MKO) in Iraq, Mr Yaser Akbari-Nasab, who had joined the Organisation

from Germany as a youngster some years ago, committ e d s e l f immolation.

Reports indicate that he was under enormous cultic mind pressure by his superiors recently.

MKO released the news after a delay of two days implying that Yaser had committed self-immolation as an act of protest against the decision made by the Iraqi Government to expel the members of the Organisation from Iraq.

Prior to Mr Akbari-Nasab's loss, there had happened some other mysterious deaths such as Khoddam Gol-Mohammadi, Sediqé Rajabian, Kamran Bayati, Alan Mohammedi, and many others.

Morteza Akbari-Nasab and Musa Akbari-Nasab who are members of MKO in Iraq are in turn the father and the brother of the victim .

Mr Akbari's unpleasant incident needs thorough and careful consideration. To do so it is very important to analyse the present situation of MKO politically. Nearly two decades ago MKO's self-appointed leader Mas'ud Rajavi decided to move to Iraq and to engage the Organisation in the Iran-Iraq war against the Iranians.

> He had predicted that soon he would conquer Tehran with his National Liberation Army (NLA) by receiving aids from former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

This strategy came to complete failure

after Iraq was invaded by the allied forces in 2003.

Now the Organisation, which is lead by Mas'ud's wife Maryam after his mysterious disappearance, has invested all its wealth on Iran's nuclear energy dispute with the West. They try hard to play

the Iraqi opposition's roll to persuade US that the other side is holding s o m e chemical of nuclear weapons.

At the same time MKO tries to safeguard their Camp in Iraq since it provides them the unique opportunity to bound the members and keep them isolated from the outside world.

The new strategy is coming

to total collapse since the nuclear talks are progressing and MKO's presence in Iraq is heading to an end. This of course would put the Organisation strategically on a culde-sac.

MKO is trying to use the loss of Mr Akbari-Nasab to solve its problem of being expelled from Iraq. They intend to utilize his blood to put pressure on Iraqi government while they are the ones who should be questioned about the case.

Sacrificing members for political purposes has been a well known practice of cultic groups through the years, and MKO has a long record of doing so.

It is worth mentioning that Yaser's father had a daughter and two sons when he first moved to Ashraf Camp

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 (brother)
 (father)

m a n y years ago. The children soon were sent to Germany as a cultic plan to separate p a r e n t s from chil-

dren. Musa and Yaser the two sons were returned back to Iraq from Germany to become the new members of the Organisation. They obviously, like other people who had been recruited from Europe had no idea about MKO in Iraq.

