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## **Professor Paul Sheldon Foote visit to the British Parliament**

### **A report by Iran-Interlink, November 22, 2007**

Members of Parliament in Britain got to hear what traditional Republican Party members really think about the US Administration's neoconservative approach toward Iran yesterday.

Professor Paul Sheldon Foote on a short visit from the USA was invited by Conservative members of parliament to present a briefing talk about US foreign policy toward Iran.

Paul Sheldon Foote is a Professor at the California State University and an outspoken critic of US neoconservatives and American political leaders who support war on Iran. Professor Foote served as an elected member of the Republican Party Central Committee, Los Angeles County (1990 to 1992) and as a conservative Republican candidate for the California State Assembly endorsed by the California Republican Assembly (1992). He is also a Vietnam veteran. Professor Foote is married to an Iranian-American and has conducted extensive research on Iran's political and cultural issues.

Professor Foote was welcomed in London by some individual members of parliament, researchers and media representatives.

On Thursday, November 22, 2007 (Thanksgiving Day in America), at the invitation of the Conservative Middle East Council (CMEC) <http://www.cmec.org.uk>,

Professor Foote addressed a group of MPs in a Q & A meeting in parliament with the title 'US Division of Foreign Policy Towards Iran'.

The talk highlighted the false positioning of neoconservatives as representing the far right. Instead, Professor Foote identified their agenda as being in-line with communist totalitarian ideology. From this position, neoconservatives promote the exiled Iranian Mojahedin-e Khalq organization (aka MKO, MEK, NCRI, Rajavi cult) in the pursuit of 'regime change'. As well as being a totalitarian cult which acted as Saddam Hussein's private army for two decades, the MEK is listed as a terrorist group in the EU and USA.

In this way, Professor Foote explained, the neoconservatives have hijacked the traditional right wing in America. According to Professor Foote, opposition toward the Administration's foreign policy does not come exclusively from the American left and the Democratic Party. America's traditional right is also outspoken in criticism of the neoconservatives. Among these are Congressman Ron Paul and Patrick J. Buchanan author of 'Where the Right went Wrong'.

"Real American conservatives support setting an example of how to have a great republic at home, not how to invade other countries to steal resources" said Professor Foote.

Others include Justin Raimondo, Claes Ryn, Lew Rockwell and Bruce Laingen - a Republican and highest ranking diplomatic hostage in Iran, who has supported talks and diplomatic relations with Iran.

Professor Foote and Massoud Khodabandeh from "Centre de Recherche sur le Terrorism (Paris)" met with members of the Home Affairs Select Committee and Foreign Affairs Select Committee in the House of Parliament during which they highlighted the damage which the British parliament's reputation has received worldwide by ignoring the infiltration into parliament of proscribed terrorist organization Mojahedin Khalq (aka Rajavi cult). The banned group's abuse of democratic institutions, including the misuse of privileges given historically to some unelected members appears to have gone unchallenged. Mr. Khodabandeh presented documents clearly illustrating the gravity of this issue and the impact it has already had on the reputation of Parliament.

Professor Foote participated in a one hour round-table review on the significant issues in the Middle East during 2007 which will be broadcast for Press TV's 'Middle East Today' program on 26 December 2007.

He also gave his expert view on the subject of the US Administration and possible ways of engaging in the problems posed by the Middle East, which will be published in next month's edition of CFSOT (Centre for the Study of Terrorism – London) , the "Islamism Digest".

During his trip Professor Foote also met with Anne Singleton of Iran-Interlink.

**When Raymond Tanter turns out his wife to please a cult**

**Novopress info, November 22, 2007**

<http://be.novopress.info/?p=3367>

At the end of October a symposium was held in the French National Assembly, attended by a few second rate persons from the world of France and politics which brought nothing new to confront the Iranian threat.

More interesting is the guest of honor: Raymond Tanter.

Interesting first in his capacity as a professor at Georgetown University in the USA and as a former member of the National Security Council at the White House. But also because it is a striking example of an ambiguous relationship between a part of American political circles and certain terrorist groups.

Indeed, Tanter currently chairs the Iran Policy Committee (IPC) which performs lobbying for the Mojahedin-e Khalq (aka PMOI, MEK, MKO, NCRI,... etc.), recognized as a terrorist organization by both the European Union and the USA.

But what is interesting is how Tanter has been under the control of the Mojahedin. At one point his wife, Constance Anderson-Tanter, accused the People's Mujahideen of being responsible for the separation of the couple.

In several testimonies she clearly accuses the spokesman of the Mojahedin in the USA, Alireza Jafarzadeh, of first becoming a friend, then the confidant and finally mentor to her husband. At that point he convinced Tanter to leave his wife.

This kind of mental manipulation is usual in the Mojahedin and is the methodology of a typical type of sectarian group (cult) that has been frequently described.

Although curious this has been the fate of Raymond Tanter. A US academic who has become faithful to a terrorist cult...

It is, in this case, inappropriate for him to pretend to be an independent expert...

**Woman brainwashed into staying at guerrilla camp, lawyer says**

**Bid to overturn refugee board decision**

**Stewart Bell**

**National Post, Canada**

**Friday, November 09, 2007**

TORONTO - A lawyer accused a Middle Eastern guerrilla group yesterday of luring a teenaged Toronto girl to a paramilitary camp in Iraq and brainwashing her into staying.

Pamila Bhardwaj told a Federal Court judge that Somayeh Mohammady had effectively been kidnapped by the Mujahedin-e Khalq, or MEK, a rebel group based in Iraq.

The lawyer made the accusation at a court hearing that could ultimately decide whether Ms. Mohammady will be allowed to return to Canada after a decade with the guerrillas.

The MEK, a designated terrorist organization under Canadian law, says it aims to use "physical force, armed struggle or jihad" to overthrow Iran's repressive government, according to Ottawa.

In the 1990s, the MEK was recruiting within Canada's Iranian community and Ms. Mohammady, a refugee from Iran, volunteered with the blessing of her parents, both MEK activists.

In 1997, at the age of 17, she travelled to Camp Ashraf, the MEK guerrilla base north of Baghdad from which it launched its attacks on Iran.

She has been there ever since.

While she was away, the rest of the family became Canadian citizens. But Ms. Mohammady's landed immigrant status expired because she was not residing in Canada as required by law.

The MEK base was disarmed after the U.S. military invaded Iraq in 2003, but hundreds of guerrillas remain at the camp, including Ms. Mohammady.

Mustafa Mohammady, her father, has made several trips to Iraq hoping to bring her back to Canada, but Canadian officials will not let her return because she no longer has immigration status here.

The family challenged that decision at the Immigration and Refugee Board last year but Ms. Mohammady torpedoed her own case when she testified by phone from Iraq that she did not want to return to Canada. "I would like to be here," she said, "because I'm Mujahedin myself and I want to be here."

Her family believes she has been brainwashed or is afraid to speak her mind, and Ms. Bhardwaj said human rights groups have reported that "defectors" who try to leave the camp are routinely beaten and detained. "She's under mind control of the MEK," Mr. Bhardwaj said.

Ms. Bhardwaj told the court yesterday the refugee board's ruling should be overturned because it did not take that into account, nor did it consider that Ms. Mohammady was a minor when she was recruited into the MEK.

"This decision simply cannot stand," she said.

But Martin Anderson, the lawyer representing the government in the case, said there was insufficient evidence Ms. Mohammady had been subjected to psychological pressure. "That may be, but there's not enough evidence before the panel to establish that."

He also said that even though she was a minor when she first left Canada for the paramilitary camp, she had turned 18 in 1998. "After that time, she's an adult," Mr. Anderson said.

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### **Rajavi's latest statement: I am not a terrorist but I am going to kill you all**

**Ebrahim Khodabandeh, November 11, 2007**

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Massoud Rajavi, leader of the Mojahedin-e Khalq Organisation (MKO), issued a statement from his hiding on 29th October 2007 (7th Aban 1358) which appeared on the organisation's website "hambastegimeli" on 1st November 2007 (10th Aban 1358).

In his lengthy statement he has tried to encourage the US administration to launch a full-scale military attack against Iran and has also tried to provide as many excuses as possible for that purpose. He clearly complains why the Americans are in the state of "no war" with the Islamic Republic of Iran and why they don't finish off the job.

Towards the end of his statement, Rajavi who is addressing the Iranian regime in Tehran warns them:

.....و وعده نهایی ارتش آزادی با شما در تهران

"The last engagement of the Liberation Army with you is in Tehran". That is, the National Liberation Army (NLA) will fight all the way through to Tehran and topple the mullahs' regime forcibly.

In his statement Rajavi clearly threatens anybody who is not advocating war and is opposing the regime peacefully. The title of his message of course is "War or Peace with Religious Fascism?" and Rajavi clearly emphasises that they [NLA combatants] will not give up their war with the regime.

Rajavi ends his statement by declaring that:

.....راه حل مریم در پایتخت شیروخورشید پیروز میشود

"Maryam's solution will win in the capital of the lion and the sun".

Maryam Rajavi has proposed that the NLA be armed and backed by the US Army in Iraq and assisted to enter Iranian territory and fight against the Iranians and move towards Tehran. She has also offered that her forces in Iraq be helped and used by the Americans to perform sabotage activities in Tehran and other major Iranian cities.

Rajavi's statement clearly shows that by no means does he favour any peaceful solution to the Iran problem and is absolutely certain that he will use violence to reach his political goals.

### **Mujahedin Khalq Cause of Problems in Iraq**

**By HIBA DAWOOD (UPI Correspondent), Middle East Times, November 14, 2007**

Kul Al Iraq newspaper carried an editorial Tuesday with the headline, "The PKK and Mujahedin Khalq."

It said that an agreement between U.S. President Bush and Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan focused on the exchange of intelligence in order to sideline the Kurdish Workers Party, or PKK.

"We don't see that it is any of Iraq's business, but we also don't see why the U.S. cares about Turkey's stability, helping them to get rid of the PKK but never trying to get rid of Mujahedin Khalq; an organization the U.S. describes as a terrorist organization," the paper said.

The editorial said though the PKK's actions were unjustified, there should be more focus on what the Mujahedin Khalq does in Iraq.

"They have caused the death of thousands of Iraqis in 1991 when they were allies with Saddam, and still are causing several problems in Iraq especially the many bombings that happened in Kirkuk," it said.

It said the PKK's actions against Turkey did not affect Iraq, so "why does the U.S. make a big deal out of it and mix it with the Iraqi case?"

The paper said the United States is "closing the world's eyes on what is more destructive to the Iraqi people," referring to the Mujahedin Khalq.

## **Mojahedin Khalq Organisation (Rajavi Cult) exposed on French TV**

### **Who are Mojahedin Khalq?**

**France 24 Television, November 04, 2007**

(Video file, French)

The international French Television station FRANCE 24 broadcasted today a program about Mojahedin Khalq Organisation (Rajavi Cult), exposing their true nature.

Producing this report, France 24 wants to answer this question that who is really behind the Iranian opposition movement against Tehran?

Who are MEK? This Iranian opposition movement is a political party which mixes Islam and Marxism. We don't know except a little about their whereabouts and their acts. Two of our reporters have gone to Iran to interview the former fighters who defected from MEK. ..

(Video file, French)

### **Momentum built for Cheney impeachment**

#### **Cheney linked to Mojahedin Khalq Terrorist cult in Iraq**

**Press TV, November 04, 2007**

Congressman Dennis Kucinich says he will offer a resolution to the House of Representatives to impeach Vice President Dick Cheney.

The Democratic lawmaker who will introduce his privileged resolution next week said on Friday that the momentum is built for Cheney's impeachment.

"Millions of citizens across the nation are demanding Congress to stand up against the Vice President's abuse of power," Kucinich said.

"The Vice President continues to use his office to advocate continued occupation of Iraq and prod our nation into a belligerent stance against Iran," added the US presidential hopeful.



While the American media has decided to keep Kucinich's announcement on a low profile 54 percent of the Americans are in favor of impeaching Cheney according to an American Research Group survey conducted last July.

Analysts believe the number of pro-impeachment Americans is on the rise due to Cheney's hawkish policies towards the Islamic republic.

the resolution reads:

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(D) The United States has been linked to anti-Iranian organizations that are attempting to destabilize the Iranian government, in particular the Mujahideen-e Khalq (MEK), even though the state department has branded it a terrorist organization.

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### **Why are MKO terrorists supported by Neocons and Israelis?**

#### **Our Schizophrenic Policy Towards Iran Confuses Mid-East**

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**by Wayne Madsen, Opednews.com, November 9, 2007**

[http://www.opednews.com/articles/opedne\\_wayne\\_ma\\_071109\\_our\\_schizophrenic\\_po.htm](http://www.opednews.com/articles/opedne_wayne_ma_071109_our_schizophrenic_po.htm)

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U.S. State Department sources have told WMR that the neocon strategy to force a U.S. military attack on Iran runs counter to efforts of U.S. diplomats in the region to deal with Iran on some pressing issues of mutual interest.

Although the United States military command in Iraq recently announced that nine Iranians arrested in Iraq by U.S. forces will soon be released, neocons in the Bush administration

are delaying the release. The arrested Iranians, including five diplomats seized at an Iranian diplomatic office in the Iraqi Kurdistan capital of Erbil, have never had any charges brought against them and the Iranian and Iraqi governments have protested their detention and America's violation of international law in storming the diplomatic compound, which recently reopened as a full consulate.

Iran is also concerned about Israeli military and intelligence personnel in Iraqi Kurdistan who are providing logistics and training support to terrorist organizations, including PEJAK, an off-shoot of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) that is active against both Iran and Turkey, and the People's Mojahedin Organization (MKO), that is using bases in Iraqi Kurdistan to launch attacks against Iran. The MKO is also supported by leading neocons in the United States.

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The United States officially designates the PKK and MKO as terrorist organizations, which is causing Ankara and Tehran to question America's so-called "war against terrorism."

The Bush administration's schizophrenic policy toward Iran has also complicated efforts to locate and free retired FBI agent Robert Levinson, who disappeared on Iran's Kish Island while investigating the counterfeiting of American brand cigarettes by Iranian and Russian-Israeli organized crime syndicates. Although neocon elements in Washington have suggested Levinson was arrested by Iranian police and is being held at a prison in Iran, State Department sources claim that Iranian law enforcement, also concerned about the cigarette smuggling syndicates operating in Iran and Dubai, has tried to cooperate with American authorities in locating Levinson but have been rebuffed by administration officials who want no government-to-government contacts with Tehran.

WMR has also learned that a charitable organization called the Mosaic Foundation (named for the Jewish prophet Moses) and which is largely funded by Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, works closely with Israeli Lobby interests in Washington to discourage any U.S. rapprochement with Iran or a rapid military withdrawal from Iraq. The Mosaic Foundation proclaims that it serves as a bridge between Islam, Christianity, and Judaism and emphasizes that all three religions are from the same Abrahamic and Mosaic roots. The group also reportedly attempted to make a large donation to Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign.

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