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### **The Cult Of Rajavi**

Elizabeth Rubin , afrequent contributor to New York Times Magazine , after she visited the camp Ashraf , interviewed some members and exmembers of the group and talked to some historians and authors , wrote an article titled ((The Cult of Rajavi )), in which she points out the strange protaite of this cult like group . She explains that the leaders of MKO control the members by brainwashing and delete all remnants of individual thought .

This article is available at ((New York Times Magazine Section)).

### **Iraq the safest place for mko !**

Although the world media focus on Iraq shows a place in which killings, torture and civil unrest are order of the day, the Mojahedin have apparently decided it is the safest place in the world for them. The Iraq Governing Council voted to expel the Mojahedin because of "the black history of this terrorist organization and for the crimes it had committed against our people and our neighbours."

According to the Associated Press the organization claims its members would face "torture and execution if they were extradited to Iran". Some MKO members have citizenship or residency rights in other countries, but as yet none has been able to leave Iraq for safety.

As the need to resolve the Mojahedin's status before the June 30 transfer of sovereignty arrives, Britain's Foreign Office said "people at the camp were being screened and identified". Of course it is important to weed out those who are culpable for crimes against humanity such as Massoud Rajavi and his henchmen.

Yet UK MP Win Griffiths says he is worried the coalition would "wash their hands of the matter" following the handover. This is a very real concern since many people in Iraq might take the law into their own hands and massacre the MKO in revenge for their crimes committed on behalf of Saddam Hussein.

## **MKO disguises its fact**

After a period of absolute silence, the Mojahedin have again ventured into English language broadcasts. This time it comes from Washington, DC in the USA.

The National Coalition of Pro-Democracy Advocates is a front name for the Mojahedin. The website is clearly trying to disguise this fact. This confirms that efforts are being made to re-invent themselves and evade accountability for their past.

## **The journalists opinions on MKO**

Sanam Vakil, writing in the Baltimore Sun, is outraged by the Pentagon'.

"By working with the MKO, the Pentagon has legitimized its terror tactics and increased the likelihood that such associations can be made with other terrorist organizations. Ultimately, engaging the MKO has discredited the Bush doctrine and the administration's future initiatives to curtail terrorism."

The editors of the Los Angeles Times, too, are nonplussed. The attractions of using the group to destabilize Iran are obvious, they write, but the plan could easily backfire.

"Today, the Iranian fanatics could easily turn on U.S. forces; they killed American soldiers and civilians in Iran before the overthrow of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi in 1979. What's more, allowing a paramilitary group to remain largely intact is no recipe for long-term Iraqi stability.

## **Nejat's Statement on Gathering in Tehran**

### **Nejat Association**

In the name of God

On the occasion of arrest of Maryam Qajar (Rajavi) in France, hundreds of MKO members' families gathered before French embassy on Wednesday 2004/06/16, by the invitation of Nejat Association. Chanting slogans against Masoud Rajavi and his terrorist acts, demonstrators asked for visiting French ambassador to deliver him their statement.

Demonstrators chanted slogans like "shame on you Rajavi, Release our children", "Iranian children, victims of Rajavi", "self-serving Rajavi, spy of Saddam, promoter of violence", "terrorist Rajavi should be tried" and "down with Rajavi".

They read their statement and waited for the response of embassy officials. Meantime, reporters from different news agencies were taking news and reports from the scene.

At the end, some of families went inside the embassy to meet the ambassador.

Results of talks will be announced in the next announcements.

Nejat Association

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### **Mojahedin Remain in Terror List**

The Belgian government Tuesday said that it has no intention of asking the EU to remove the Iranian opposition Mujahedin-e-Khalq (MKO) group from its terrorist list.

"They are on the EU terrorist list. That remains the case. We have no intention to ask the EU that the MKO be removed from that list," Belgian Foreign Ministry spokesman Rudy Huygelen told IRNA.

According to Belgian media reports, 41 members of the Belgian Senate last week signed a petition calling for the removal of the MKO from the terrorist list.

"That is not the position of the government," added Huygelen.

The EU put the MKO on its list of terrorist groups in 2002

### **MKO Members Families' Statement**

#### **Nejat association**

Dear French Ambassador,

We are a number of the families of the people who have been the victim of brainwashing and terrorist-sectarian relations of MKO, or, we have experienced this cult closely and now, we have managed to gather together under an independent association called "Nejat" to save MKO victims.

Dear ambassador, we are at the threshold of the anniversary of a day on which we hoped the move of French officials against MKO leaders could lead to the disclosure of internal mysteries of this cult and we hoped our children, who are the victims of this group, could be well-informed by these revelations.

Unfortunately, a year after MKO leaders were arrested, instead of watching the trial of the leaders ((at top, Maryam Qajar Azdanloo) of this cult, we have seen their temporary freedom.

Temporary freedom of MKO leaders has brought this ambiguity for some people that committing crime and terrorism is subjected to the lenience and laxity of modern world and this ambiguity is very dangerous.

French judicial officials and authorities should care not to be effected by deceptions of this terrorist cult (which is a threat to the world peace), and they should try the leaders of this cult as soon as possible.

Dear ambassador, our requests are as follows:

1. We want French Judiciary to facilitate our testifying against MKO leaders in court.
2. We want immediate trail of MKO terrorist leaders in France
3. We want anti-humanistic activities of MKO (and its affiliates like PMOI, MEK, NCRI) banned in Europe.
4. We ask French judicial officials to follow the case of our children while trying MKO leaders. In the end, we ask you to reflect our requests to French Government and French judicial officials who are responsible for trying MKO leaders.

With regards

Nejat Association

2004/06/16

### **MKO Members Families' "NO" to Group**

During past month, Mojahedin repeatedly called MKO members families and asked them to gather before the French embassy in Tehran in the anniversary of June 17th, on which Maryam Rajavi was arrested in Paris, and to express their protest. But these families refused MKO's request and stressed that Maryam and Masoud Rajavi should be tried so that their children can be freed.

Meanwhile, Mojahedin issued a hasty announcement about the gathering of people before this embassy in Tehran while no one was there.

"Announcement of National Council of Resistance of Iran- 2004/06/16- on the occasion of June 17th, 2003, a large number of MKO members families gathered before the French embassy in Tehran and condemned last year's raid of French police on the houses of Iranian refugees in France and detention of Maryam Rajavi, president-elect of resistance. In this gathering which was held despite the presence of suppressing agents of regime, participants delivered a letter about the requests of families and supporters of NCRI to embassy's officials."

So, once again, Mojahedin made an unreal news story to boost the morale of their forces.

## **MKO Claims proved Baseless**

Hussein Moosavian, Secretary of Foreign Policy Committee of Iran's Supreme National Security, refused accusations of a member of terrorist MKO and called them baseless.

According to diplomatic desk of ILNA, Hussein Moosavian said to Reuters: "these accusations are linked to previous baseless MKO claims."

He added: this group had several claims during past 15 months and had given false information to IAEA which were later proved to be groundless.

Moosavian stressed: " More than 670 IAEA inspectors proved that Iran has acted clearly and that it has nothing to hide."

MKO's spokesman, in interview with Reuters, had claimed that Iran is covertly producing nuclear weapons.

Earlier he had given baseless information about Natanz's nuclear facilities to the US, he had claimed that Iran is deceiving IAEA to buy time and so on.

## **Iraqis Demo against Mojahedin**

Thousands of Iraqi people in Iraq demonstrated in the city of Baghdad on Wednesday to ask for the expulsion of MKO members from Iraq and to defend the rights of political prisoners.

According to IRNA from Baghdad there were men and women, leaders of political parties and the heads of Iraqi tribes in this demonstration.

Some of the demonstrators had come from Al-Ramadi, Mosul, Kirkuk, Khalis, Baqubah, Al-Amareh, and Basra. They carried placards bearing slogans like: "Rajavi is terrorist", "Saddam and Mojahedin=massacre and Terrorism" and "care for the rights of political prisoners and those executed by Saddam."

This demonstration was held by the joint invitation by "the organization of fighting against terrorism and sabotage" and "the group of contact with Iraq's political prisoners."

Spokesman of the latter group said to IRNA that the purpose of this demo is to ask for the rights of Iraqi prisoners and their families and also to ask for the expulsion of MKO.

Official of "national organization for fighting against terrorism and sabotage" also said that "families of victims of terrorism want immediate expulsion of known terrorist groups like Mojahedin."

Toufiq Al-Yaseri added: Mojahedin is a terrorist organization according to the Iraqi Governing council and our request is that Iraqi interim government should execute the decision of former IGC and expel terrorist from this country.

At the end of this peaceful demo, a statement was read in which the expulsion of MKO and considering the rights of political prisoners were emphasized.

## **RAJAVI' S HOSTAGS**

What lies behind the Lowers' campaign to keep the MKO in Iraq?

But if , as British MP Win Griffiths fears , the coalition forces " wash their hands of the matter " following handover, would the Iraq Governing Council be in a position to protect the men and women in Ashraf camp from revenge attacks by groups which the MKO helped Saddam Hussein to suppress ?

Although considered as terrorist entity by the United States and the European Union, the MKO claims that its legal status must yet be clarified. Clearly when MKO members are removed to safety in third countries, they will certainly be removed as individuals , not en masse as an organization . in spite of this , several who already have citizenship or residency rights in third countries , have been denied permission from the MKO to travel to safety .

Since everyone by now is aware that MKO members , through indoctrination and intimidation , will obey only commands which emanate from Massoud Rajavi , these people , indeed al the people at Ashraf camp , must be regarded as his hostage .

We should surely look at his interests in taking his line of action. If the MKO remains in or is removed from Ashraf camp as an entity , it would mean that Rajavi has found a buyer for his mercenary military force and he , along with his forces , will be protected and strengthened for re – use as a ' friendly ' terrorist outfit . If, however, members are individually removed from Ashraf camp and the MKO infrastructure dismantled, then Rajavi will be left exposed as the leader of a terrorist outfit. As such he, and a small number of his henchmen, must be held accountable for crimes against humanity and war crimes committed in Iran, Iraq and elsewhere, for which there is ample evidence and witnesses.

Since everyone is also now aware of that Massoud Rajavi regards his forces as expendable in times of need – that is whenever a bit of blood is called to up the ante – then as his personal crisis looms ever closer, with no guarantee of a buyer to safe Rajavi from prosecution, then these hostages must be regarded as being in extreme danger. MKO insiders have already spoken about mass suicide. We should not ignore this possibility. Read Iran – Interlink's article ' Rajavi's July 1st Deadline is fast approaching' in this issue.