

42 Prominent Iranian Cultural and Artistic Personalities

Call for the Delisting of the PMOI/MEK;

Condemn Smear Campaign Against Iranian Opposition

The letter by 37 who advocate for the Iranian regime titled: *Experts Warn Delisting Iranian Terror Group Would Carry Damaging Repercussions*, addressing the U.S. Secretary of State to keep the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI/MEK) in the US Departments' Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTO) list, is not a political request, rather- it is a criminal act. Maintaining the MEK in this list provides both regimes in Iraq and Iran a pretext to suppress and massacre mullahs' opponents. It is well known that any act attributed to this organization is tagged as terrorism and is brutally suppressed by the Revolutionary Guards and other oppressive organs of fundamentalist regime.

The supporters of the Iranian regime who have signed the statement purport to be proponents of "rule of law" and "non-violence", in fear of delisting of the MEK, have found it expedient to trample on the rule of law and to advocate repetition of savage violence. Let's not forget that the principal excuse of Nouri-al Maleki for conducting violent attacks on Camp Ashraf and its residents has been the terrorist list.

We truly believe that individuals are free to support or oppose any political entity. But to set the stage for the massacre of 3400 defenseless and unarmed refugees is criminal and immoral.

Therefore, we the undersigned condemn the demand of the 37 signatories against MEK delisting and call for an end to the illegal and irrational FTO designation of the MEK,

Signed

- Nemat Azaram - Poet
- Ali Ayeeneh - Poet
- Javad Aggadlan - Author
- Hengameh Afshar - Journalist, TV producer
- Rasa Afsharchi - Painter and sculptor
- Yousef Akrami - Film producer
- Esmail Oji - Author and translator
- Shakram Borokhim - Actor and cinema and theatre director
- Ali Asghar Behrouzian - Author
- Jamshid Peyman - Author and poet
- Sadr aldin Tam - Cinema and TV producer
- Mahnaz Tamizi - Film producer
- Saeed Habashi - Journalist, scenarist, film director
- Hadi Khorsandi - Author and satirist
- Esmail Khomei - Poet
- Hassan Daii Al Salam - Researcher and Author
- Sharyar Dadvar - Poet
- Mahdi Zafar - Author and Journalist
- Mahtab Rahbaran - Cinema and Theatre Actor
- Freidoum Jowaf - Cinema director and Author
- Giso Shakeri - Poet and singer
- Naser Shakinpar - Author
- Reza Shams - Author
- Khosro Shahrvari - Theatre director
- Parviz Sayyad - Cinema and theatre producer, director, Actor
- Hossein Faraji - Author and TV programmer
- Behrad Fardi - TV programmer and presenter
- Ali Fayaz - Author
- Keyvan Kabloi - Author and environmentalist
- Rahman Karimi - Poet and Author
- Rahim Karimi - Photographer and Film producer
- Hojat Kasraian - Painter and sculptor
- Samsam Kashfi - Poet and Author
- Marjan - Cinema actor and Singer
- Bakram Moshiri - Writer and TV programmer
- Dr. Ezat Mossaba Nejad - Writer and researcher
- Cyrus Malafooti - Musician
- Hossein Mahini - Film producer
- Nahid Naemi - Actor and Singer
- Dr. Ali Noori - Composer and Iranian music professor
- Cyrus Voghniee - Film producer
- Abdi Hezarfehni - Film producer

Camp Ashraf, 60 miles northeast of Baghdad, is home to 3,400 members of Iran's principal opposition movement, the Mujahedin-e Khalq (PMOI/MEK). Some 1,000 of the residents are women and one-third are former political prisoners in Iran, who survived the Iranian regime's reign of terror and found safe haven across the border. Hundreds of university graduates from the United States and Europe joined them in the campaign to establish a secular, democratic, and non-nuclear republic in Iran.

In July 2004, they were recognized as "Protected Persons" under the Fourth Geneva Convention. On April 8, 2011, Iraqi forces, acting at the behest of Tehran, attacked Ashraf, killing 36 and wounding hundreds more. In a similar assault in July 2009, eleven residents were killed.