



European Court of Justice Removes People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI) from EU Terror list



EUROPEAN COMMITTEE IN SEARCH OF JUSTICE

URGES THE U.S. TO REVOKE PMOI'S TERRORIST DESIGNATION

European Court of Justice, December 4 and 17, 2008:

- The Council of Ministers' decision to maintain the PMOI on the terror list is annulled for the third time.
- The Council has violated PMOI's right of defence and effective judicial protection.
- There is no serious and credible evidence justifying PMOI's inclusion on the terror list.
- The Council, with full knowledge and without any reasonable justification, failed to comply with procedures set by the Court, which may be considered as a misuse of powers or procedures.
- The Council's application to delay removal of PMOI from the EU list rejected as "manifestly inadmissible."
- The Council of Ministers must pay PMOI's costs.

Background:

12 December 2006:

European Court of Justice (ECJ) annulled decision of the Council of European Union to include the PMOI on the EU terror list. The Court stated that PMOI right of defence, fair hearing and effective judicial protection was violated by the EU.

30 November 2007

UK special high court: PMOI "is not concerned in terrorism", keeping PMOI on the terror list is "perverse."

7 May 2008:

UK Court of Appeal upheld the high court decision and declared that classified material reinforced its view that PMOI is not concerned in terrorism.

23 June 2008:

Both Houses of British Parliament unanimously approved a resolution removing the PMOI from the list.

24 June 2008:

British Government officially removed the PMOI from the list of terrorist organisations.

23 October 2008:

ECJ annulled Council's decision to include PMOI on the list, stating that the Council has failed to present sufficient reasoning for its decision.

In Search of Justice (ISJ) – European Committee for De-listing the PMOI is comprised of 2,000 Parliamentarians across Europe, who support the PMOI, and is headed by Vice President of the European Parliament.