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A sister from Iran writes to her loved brother, captive in MEK camp in Albania, whom she has not heard about for many years, hoping this letter might reach him:

My dear Mahmoud,

I am your sister.

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Recently Defected Sadollah Seifi At Nejat Society Office I wish you to be good and healthy.

We are all good and miss you a lot.

Mom always talks about you ... her only wish is to meet you and hug you again.

My dear brother,

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While you resided in Camps Ashraf and Liberty in Iraq we came to visit you several times, however, the cult leaders didn't allow us... they threw stones and sticks... they insulted us.

Please think about your life... do you really live a desirable life?

Please call us... we are waiting to hear your voice.

We are waiting to see you.

Your sister,

Shirin

HOW THE US USES THE "LEFTIST" MEK GROUP FOR SOFT AGGRESSION AGAINST IRAN

Nov 28, 2018

Tehran (GPA) – Washington's pulling out of the Iran nuclear deal and subsequently renewed sanctions come as US National Security Advisor appointee John Bolton's existential objective to destroy Iran by any means necessary even if it means leveraging the soft power of a cultish death squad.

US President Donald Trump ramped up the threat with a Game of Thrones meme warning Iran, with a November 5 deadline, that "Sanctions are Coming." Qasem Soleimani, a Major General in Iran's Revolutionary Guard, responded with a meme of his own that Friday with the message "I will stand against you."

More than just rhetoric, the exchange signified the high pomp the mention of sanctions posted to the Islamic Republic following an extensive international campaign by the US and Iranian expat and separatist allies to maximize their impacts.

The United States has slapped around a dozen sanctions on Iran since 1984 including two rounds on its shipping, oil, banking, and shipbuilding sectors since Trump's removal from JCPOA earlier this year. These include five UN Security Council resolutions between July 2006 and 2008.

Despite the language of nuclear non-proliferation, one aim of the sanctions is to facilitate an atmosphere of intense economic frustration in hopes of inciting regime change — or what the State Department insists is just a change in "regime behavior." This strategy includes supporting separatist groups like the MEK to accomplish this goal — without pulling the United States into another armed conflict.

The MEK originally began as a leftist student group, joining a coalition of forces against the Shah at the onset of the 1979 revolution. Relations with Iranian revolutionary leader Ruhollah Khomeini quickly soured after the Islamic Republic took power. The group carried out sophisticated bombings against the state, including a 1981 bombing that killed 74 government officials and another two months later that detonated in the Prime Minister's office, killing President Mohammad Ali Rajaei, Prime Minister Mohammad Javad Bahonar, and three others. Before the revolution, the MEK was responsible for attacks against American civilians and was later housed, supported, and trained by Saddam Hussein during the Iraqi-led, US-backed 1980-1988 war. A history of waging terror attacks inside Iran and abroad in support of destabilizing the current government has rendered them natural allies with the US.

It was also in exile that the organization rebranded from an "Islamo-Marxist" to a pro-free market, Western-allied one to win the support of Europe, the West, and other reactionary powers in the Middle East. A history of waging terror attacks inside Iran and abroad in support of destabilizing the current government have rendered them natural allies with the US.

In addition, various NATO powers have hosted and given the separatist groups coverage in attempts of strengthening support and ties with the United States. They Include France, where the MEK and its umbrella organization NCRI is based, Denmark and the Netherlands, housing Arab Struggle Movement for the Liberation of Ahvaz (ASMLA), and Albania, where a MEK camp, housing a training ground and even Twitter troll-farm, pumping out anti-government tweets and pro-Rajavi propaganda, is based.

Anti-government and "Persian" or "Aryan" nationalist Twitter accounts, exclusively Tweeting anti-regime information, hashtag #IranStrike #FreeIran, and #IranRegimeChange, and circulate pro-Rajavi propaganda photos. Many openly express their support of their right-wing, US spokesperson, retweeting former US ambassador and MEK lobbyist John Bolton.

We congratulate the government of

#Denmark on its arrest of an Iranian regime assassin. For nearly 40 years, Europe has been the target of #Iransponsored terrorist attacks. We call on our allies and partners to confront the full range of Iran's threats to peace and security.

Secretary Pompeo (@SecPompeo) October 30, 2018

News of sporadic labor strikes, such as those in the steel industry in Ahvaz, conveniently coincided with each round of sanctions: both in early November and in August. As Iran's industries, including steel, sugar cane, and automotive, become amongst many taking significant hits following US sanctions, coverage of the protests, with sources almost exclusively by pro-NCRI and pro-Gulf media outlets, frame this as evidence of government corruption and mismanagement rather than an effect of sanctions co-opted for regime change narrative purposes.

While the US doesn't have all that much faith in the MEK as a credible and reliable proxy alternative, the group seems to be their best bet in helping open up Iran's free markets, allying with NATO powers, and neutralizing Iran's support for resistance movements in Gaza, Lebanon, and Yemen against US-backed allies Israel and Saudi Arabia.

In October, terrorist attacks in Paris and Denmark led the NCRI/MEK's propaganda outlets to point to the Islamic Republic to blame. Secretary Mike Pompeo, addressing an audience of Iranian-American expats at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Library in July in support of escalating tensions with Iran and solidifying support amongst Iranian separatists with the US and Israel, issued a Tweet immediately after the attack attempt framing the Iranian government and calling for "allies and partners" to "confront" Iran.

The attacks came at a time where the Iranian government was attempting to curtail the effect of US sanctions by strengthening economic ties with the European Union. In response to the pressure, France placed a freeze on

Iranian intelligence assets in October. Despite the lack of evidence pointing to the Islamic Republic as the perpetrators of the Europe attacks, those European Union nations are considering following suit in a shift in policy towards sanctions.

The attacks were pushed by MEK and al-Ahwaz, the latter of which waged a deadly terrorist attack against a southwest Iran military parade that killed 25 civilians a month prior. Denmark, the Netherlands, and France's coverage to groups like the MEK in Paris and Arab Struggle Movement for the Liberation of Ahvaz (ASMLA) in Denmark, accomplished its objectives of garnering support for EU sanctions against Iran. The Zionist intelligence body Mossad assisted in the effort, tipping Danish intelligence off to blaming Iran.

The MEK's lack of any real support in their country of exile has prompted it to refocus its efforts on it's "international audience," winning the sympathies of the West and the US. After 2006, the Bush administration ramped up financial support for Iranian expat civil society organizations, through its newly instated 'Iran Democracy Fund'. That year, an additional \$75 million went to promoting a change in "regime behavior."

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Shortly after the U.S. announces its abandonment of its regime change policies in Syria, it is shifting its energy more towards direct confrontation with Iran. In the aftermath of failed proxy wars, the rehashing of old soft-power strategies might just be the "lessons for Washington" on how to overthrow a regime Bolton has contemplated in a 2013 op-ed in what he considered an otherwise "accomplished" ouster of Saddam Hussein in 2003.

Julia "Samar" Kassem,

Geopoliticsalert.com

Western Journalists Disclose Severe Human Rights Abuses In The MEK

Nov 19, 2018

Just by searching the word "MEK" you can find unbiased articles and videos from independent journalists who investigated the Mujahedin Khalq Organization (the MKO/ MEK/ PMOI/ the Cult of Rajavi) and revealed its true nature. The most recent one was published by former CIA agent Paul Pillar on the National Interest.

Paul Pillar wrote this one following the publication of a 6,600-word article titled "Terrorists, cultists – or champions of Iranian democracy? The wild wild story of the MEK" in the Guardian by Arron Merat, on November 9th. Merat is a former Iran correspondent of the Economist and as Pillar describes him "an experienced Iran-watcher".

Among a lot of different details that Merat presents about the MKO, aspects of human rights abuses that is committed by the group leaders are prevalent and undeniable. He begins with the story of a girl imprisoned in the MKO, Somayeh Mohammadi whose parents Mostafa and Mahboubeh have been striving to visit her without the supervision of the MKO authorities, for over 20 years.

However, human rights violation against the MKO members is not restricted to those who are taken as hostages inside the group's base in Tirana. Defectors of the group are not enjoying the basic human rights of refugees.

Arron Merat states that after the relocation of the group in Albania the group bought up land in Albania and built a new base. "But the move from Iraq to the relative safety of Albania has precipitated a wave of defections," He writes. "Those with means have fled the country to the EU and the US, but around 120 recent MEK escapees remain in Tirana with no right to work or emigrate. I spoke to about a dozen defectors, half of whom are still in Albania, who said that MEK commanders systematically abused members to silence dissent and prevent defections — using torture, solitary confinement, the confiscation of assets and the segregation of families to maintain control over members. In response to these allegations, an MEK spokesperson said: "The individuals who are described as 'former members' were being used as part of a demonisation campaign against the MEK."

Merat suggests that the MKO's allegations about defectors are false because "the testimony of these recent defectors follows earlier reports from groups such as Human Rights Watch, which reported former members witnessed "beatings, verbal and psychological abuse, coerced confessions, threats of execution and torture that in two cases led to death"."

The guardian correspondent lists cases of human rights abuses that have been committed by the MKO leaders naming individuals who personally had the authentic experience of being abused by the leaders. The detailed accounts of numerous aspects of human rights violations inside the MKO included self-confession sessions, physical and mental torture, sexual abuse of female members by Massoud Rajavi, Forced divoce, forced hysterectomy surgeries that made women barren and solitary confinement. Manouchehr Abdi, Batoul Soltani, Zahra Moini and Fereshteh Hedayati are some of former members that Arron Merat quotes their testimonies in his article.

After bringing enough evidence on the abusive system of the cult-like MKO, Merat gets back to Somayeh and her grieving parents. He cites that the Mohammadis' lawyer has revealed the fact that the Albanian police are influenced by the misinformation campaign of the MKO. "Politics is interfering in the judicial system," the lawyer told Merat. "When I went to the police station to register their complaint the police officers actually ran away. They are scared of losing their jobs."

Mazda Parsi

MEET MEK: THE TERRORIST CULT SUPPORTED BY TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

Nov 24, 2018

Back in 2016 I wrote a piece on this weblog entitled US Politicians Should Stop Embracing the Authoritarian Terrorist Group, MEK, in which I attempted to warn US politicians of being close to People's Mujahedin of Iran, an extremist Islamist-Marxist group. Since then, two developments have moved to revisit this subject: (1) The US government has gotten much closer to this group and (2) I've read a book which has made me realize that they were far worse than what I imagined in my worst nightmares.

In my 2016 piece, I first briefly introduced the group:

What do Americans hate the most? It seems to be Islamic terror group and armed Marxists. The Islamists are the focus of the war on terror now and generally considered the greatest threat to US's interests, and communists were the big enemy during the Cold War. Also, Saddam Hussein seems to be a great enemy of the US, considering how they went to two wars against him. Then why, one really needs to ask, US politicians who frequently warn against the dangers of Islamic and leftist extremism, endorse an authoritarian terrorist group that are Islamist and leftist militants at the same time, and fought loyally for Saddam Hussein? [...] I'm talking about MEK of course. Their name means People's Mujahedin of Iran. This group has an ideology which mixes radical Islamism and radical leftism. [...] This group is worse than the Islamic Republic. It's worse than radical extremist and conservative elements of the regime, let alone reformists and moderates. They're much more authoritarian, theocratic, and repressive than any regime in our entire history.

I stand by the assessment that they are worse even than the worse elements of the Islamic Republic. Now, I think they are as bad North Korea's regime or Pol Pot's, as bad as Taliban and IS. The reason that my assessment of them has soured this much is a book called Masoud's Organization, written by

Mohsen Zaal, a liberal belonging to the moderate Muslim movement, revealing the repugnant nature of this group. This book is only available in Persian, and it's entirely based on memos and observations by the former members who have fled it.

In my previous blogpost about the books, I mentioned the things that are bad about this group:

They torture and kidnap their own members to force them to remain and not leave the group. They work in absolute secrecy and have zero transparency. They engage in a Stalinist-level cult of personality for their leaders. They have engaged in many political assassinations and terrorist bombings, one of which killed a group of American citizens. Their media is complete lies, propaganda which rivals the Nazi's. Not only it's cult of the personality, it spreads completely fabricated lies. [...] When Iran-Iraq War was happening, they defected Iran, joined forces with Saddam Hussein, and even helped him oppress the Kurdish people.

All of this is true, but what I missed was the terrifying proportion of how actually evil this group was. Let us take a look at things mentioned by Zaal in his book about the atrocities committed by them:All individuality is killed among members.

All value is given to following the leader, and not anything else. You should be completely and thoroughly committed to the leader. Your value is not determined based on your rank in the previous iterations of the group or your history of revolutionary struggles, but merely based on how loyal and close to the leaders you are.

No criticism or disagreement with the leadership is allowed, only absolute obedience. If you criticize the leadership, other members will curse at you or beat you up. As you have no individuality outside the leadership, no personal attribute is tolerated. One member, for examples, disfigures his face with a utility knife because his handsomeness is considered an obstacle to true devotion to the leader. Chil-

dren receive no education except being indoctrinated to the cult's ideology. Members were completely cut off from the outside world with no phones, internet, or TV, and even reading books is frowned upon.

The members have absolutely no privacy. They're constantly monitored, even in showers and toilets, and their lockers have no locks. If you don't have a picture of the leader in your locker, the cult will be suspicious of you. Everything one writes is monitored. Upon joining the cult, all your personal documents (e.g. passport) are confiscated. Members avoid talking to each other, because every word can be used against you later.

Martyrdom is encouraged, and all martyrs are valued because they gave up their lives for the leaders (not the cause). All members are encouraged to commit suicide, whether if they are arrested by the police (Iranian, Iraqi, or European police), or as a part of protests (self-immolation to protest the arrest of Maryam Rajavi). All of these show that they don't consider human life valuable in the slightest.

All sexuality is oppressed. Uniforms are mandatory, and women's uniforms include hijab. All cosmetics and accessories are banned. Actions such as combing your hair, removing facial hair for women, wearing loose shoes, rolling your sleeves for women, and having a hand in the pockets of one's pants are considered "indecent" and "immodest" and punished. Even when it comes to uniforms, wearing new uniforms instead of old tattered ones is considered "bourgeois" and is frowned upon.

Men and women are not allowed to shake hands. They are also not allowed to have eye contact when speaking to each other. Men are not allowed to ever sit next to a woman, especially in a car. MEK's paranoia regarding sexuality goes to ridiculous extremes: If a woman is sitting on a chair, no man is allowed to sit on the same chair after her unless some time passes and her body's

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warmth leaves the chair.

Of course, these limits are not enforced upon Masoud Rajavi, the leader. All MEK women are "his wives", and he has sex with many of them. These acts are called "salvation dance" and they are defined not as sexual but spiritual and religious acts. One way to enforce this culture is "confession", sessions where people gather and lament their own lack of commitment to the leadership and the idea of revolution. In these sessions people humiliate themselves and others, crying and stating that they deserve to be executed. If you don't come up with an adequate thing to confess, you will be verbally and at times physically attacked by others, who think you are hiding your sins.

Being a religious cult, prayers and fasting are mandatory, and men are required to have mustaches. More importantly, gradually the leaders are elevated to the level of holy figures in the Shia religion. It seems that in recent years he has gone a step further and has called himself the 12th imam, the Islamic messiah, and that is why he has disappeared from the public since 2003 (if the real is not that he's dead, at least).

Not even the slightest of infractions are tolerated. Even an anti-Rajavi graffiti on the toilet wall is investigated by comparing it to the handwriting of people and imprisonment and torture.

This culture results in an event where all married couples are forced to divorce, because the love of a spouse lessens from the love of their leader and they should have only one love, the leader, no other. The next logical step is also taken: all children are taken away from their parents because parental love dilutes the love pf the leader. When a woman cries as her infant child is being taken away, she is punished for her lack of obedience and exhibiting sadness at the order of the leader.

Likewise, having friends is frowned upon and people are discouraged from befriending each other. People are used to spy on one another and this leads to an atmosphere where everyone is suspicious of every body else. Even having pictures of loved ones is considered bad, and members are encouraged to trade in the pictures of their family for pictures of the Rajavis.

Disobedient members are punished in the most gruesome ways. Imprisonment and torture is rampant, members are tortured by being beaten down or whipped. Some people are kicked on the head with boots. Sleep deprivation, mock executions, and rape threats are also another torture method. One woman was forced, under torture, to confess in public that she was raped by the Iranian police, and then to confess that she wants to have sex with men. When Masoud Rajavi was consolidating his leadership position, he tortured one of the other leaders by cutting off one of his fingers, and then killed him.

If you are accused of a crime, denying it is fruitless because you are just assumed to be guilty, and you will be tortured and put under solitary confinement under metal shelter buildings. You will not be freed unless you confess. Some people were kept there for eight years. There are information of about three people who were killed under torture. Some prisoners were handed to Saddam's regime. Sometimes people were taken to the border with Iran and were told they can return to Iran, but once they began leaving they were shot in the back and killed.

I hope that you can now understand why the idea of MEK being propped up by the US regime to destabilize Iran is so scary to me as an Iranian, and I hope you can see why I'd never even consider supporting them, because they are worse than even the worst elements of the Islamic Republic, let alone its moderates and reformists.

MEK has always been supported by the US, but it has never been so close to an administration as it is now close to the Trump's regime. Among people who were very close to the MEK, one, John Bolton, is now Trump's National Security Advisor, one, Mike Pompeo, is Secretary of State, and one, Rudy Giuliani, is the president's personal lawyer. These officials have not been shy about flaunting their alliance with the MEK, as Pompeo addressed them, and Giuliani spat on a copy of the Iran Deal in their conference.

Trita Parsi summarizes the closeness of the MEK and US administrations:

Given the MEK's long record of terrorism, human rights abuses, and murder of US citizens, one would think that senior American officials like Giuliani, Pompeo, and Bolton wouldn't go near the MEK, let alone fraternize with its members or take its fees. But when it comes to Iran, the usual rules don't apply.

Even when the MEK was on the terrorist list, the group operated freely in Washington. Its office was in the National Press Club building, its Norooz receptions on Capitol Hill were well attended by lawmakers and Hill staff alike, and plenty of congressmen and women from both parties spoke up regularly in the MEK's favor. In the early 2000s, in a move that defied both logic and irony, Fox News even hired a senior MEK lobbyist as an onair terrorism commentator.

Al-Qaeda may treat its members better, but rest assured, neither al-Qaeda nor ISIS has ever rented office space in Washington, held fundraisers with lawmakers, or offered US officials speaking fees to appear at their gatherings. [...] At the heart of this improbable-seeming affinity lies a sense of common interest between these anti-Iran fundamentalist, pro-war elements in Washington and Rajavi's terrorist militia. The US hawks have no problem with the MEK's terrorist capacities because the group's utility is beyond dispute—after all, NBC reported that Israel's spy agency, the Mossad, relied on MEK operatives to assassinate Iranian nuclear scientists during Iran and Israel's secret dirty war between 2010 and 2012.

It's time to protest and demand the US to stop sponsoring this dangerous cult.

by Kaveh Mousavi, Patheos.com

OVER 50 SURVIVORS OF MOJAHEDIN KHALQ WRITE TO UNHCR

Nov 5, 2018

Open letter from 50 separated members and freed critics of the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran



New criminal act against refugees in Albania Mariam Rajavi's criminal act to eliminate opponents they left that organization. In an unprecedented move, without any financial or administrative backing, the UN Commissioner in coordination with the PMOI and Maryam Rajavi has announced to the people they left this cult in Albania that they will cut off all assistance to these asylum seekers from the beginning of the New Year. And the responsibility will be with Albanian government. While these people do not have any legal qualifications and, given the situation in the Albania, there is no possibility of work or visit their family, many of these people they are old and more than 55 years old and they are not able to work and during the past years they were with this cult all of them have physical problems and they have been subjected to psychological torture also they have many mental

problems and they need special attention. After these years they have been past they are not able to do their job and many of them need surgery. It should be noted that, Maryam Rajavi, who has signed a contract with the Commissioner and the Albanian government, stated that, this organization and the people they will leave them ,they never ask to change their status as asylum, and they will be in this country as a humanitarian situation According to the contract, it is the responsibility of the organization to pay the financial support to these people until they are in this country. But on the basis of this disgraceful agreement, Maryam Rajavi, in her effort to eliminate these people, is trying to strike all the ways ahead of life front of these people in order to create fear between her forces, in the same way, she is trying to cut off their money. The cost of living these people, while all living expenses include the rent of the house and pay for electricity and water, they must pay for everything while they haven't any sources for get money. These costs are paid to these people at the lowest level and under conditions, they must do mercenaries for this organization, and are trying to get news about their friends and their

families to the organization to make daily feeds to people they live with organization for making fear between them. During these years, despite the fact that according to the contract they must be paid by the organization, but this organization minimized it in with two steps, and Ministry of Interior of Albania and the UNHR based in Albania also the US government, which was a party to the deal closed their eyes against MKO after the interruption. And now, another conspiracy has been arranged by this organization, the UNHCR announced to these people they left them, from the beginning of the new year, the UNHCR will cut their supports, no medical support no any help, even the medical counseling they have been given to them because of the psychological psychological pressures they have been inflicted during the years they have been with this organization over past years. Unfortunately, it should be added that in all references to the Ministry of Interior and the High Commissioner of Refugees to receive this contract. both party aren't accountable and in a coordinated manner, they play with these people. It should be to mention that the organization has signed agreement with the Albanian government to complete this conspiracy, the Albanian government doesn't allow any family from Iran to come to Albania to visit their children, and this has also been reported by the UNHCR, this organization and Albanian government trying to isolate them here until they die. These people by wrote protesting letter to the UNHCR in Geneva, wrote their concern their right has defaced by this organization and Albanian government, but unfortunately did not receive any response to their demands. We are demand all the human rights activists want to be our voice and transmit our voice to the world and social networks and press. Because we are imprisoned here in Albania and all the roads are closed to us and we know what these are because of Rajavi, she doesn't want anybody leave them so the only way is to kill all of us or forced us to leave this country by illegally way, but we will pay price to be free and reach our rights and we never give up and do what Maryam Rajavi wants and we don't scare of this organization and what they are doing against us and we will face their threat. The world is not without justice, and there will be people to be our voice and reach it to all of world. Thank you in advance for all your work

Separated members and critics of the PMOI.

Faryad Azadi, Tirana, Albania,

EUROPEAN SUPPORT OF MKO AGAINST SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

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Nov 29, 2018

Secretary of Iran's High Council for Human rights said that the current European policies in the blatant support of the terrorists such as MKO are against the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council.

In his meeting with Bulgarian ambassador to Tehran 'Christo Polendakov", Mohammad Javad Larijani added, 'The MKO whose hands are stained with the blood of thousands of innocent Iranian citizens are in fact their nature and function are the same as ISIL of course, with the shell of another type."

'Supporting this terrorist group is against human rights standards and a threat to international peace and stability, so the fight against terrorism must be done without neglect, deception, and without partitioning to bad and good,' he stressed.

Larijani noted, 'We believe that sincere human rights talks will improve the human rights situation globally, while discrimination, double standards and the cover for terrorist acts under the name of human rights will be an extension of human rights."

Mohammad Javad Larijani: "MKO is just another version of Daesh terrorists"

Iran Press

The secretary of Headquarters of Human Rights of Iran, Mohammad Javad Larijani, stressed that MKO terrorists are just another version of Daesh terrorists.

Iran press/Irannews: Turning to MKO terrorists Larijani said: "MKO terrorists are just Daesh terrorists (also known as ISIS terrorists) who have shaved off their beards. They truly believe in 'violence without borders'. They use Saudi money to commit crimes against humanity".

The secretary of the Headquarters of Human Rights added: "In order to root out the MKO, we need to be very sensitive to any deviation from Islam, and we must be vigilant. There is a narration (hadith) from Imam Ja'far Sadegh (peace be upon him) which says: "Carefully monitor the line taken by Bani Ommayeh; because there is no end to this deviant line".

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About Nejat Society

Nejat Society was founded by some former members of the Rajavi cult to release their friends who are still mentally and physically captive inside the Cult, and assisting their suffering families waiting for them in Iran.



RECENTLY DEFECTED SADOLLAH SEIFI AT NEJAT SOCIETY OFFICE

Nov 22, 2018

Saadollah Seifi visited families of MKO hostages at Nejat Society office in Kermanshah.

Following the return of Sadollah Seifi from Albania to his hometown Kermanshah, Iran, a number of families whose beloveds are still taken as hostages in the MKO's base in Albania contacted Nejat Society and asked for visiting Saadollah. They were eager to get to know about the conditions of their loved ones in the MKO.

Eventually the visit took place in the office of Nejat Society in Kermanshah. Some of the attendees were children of the MKO members who have not seen their mother or father for more than two decades.



Seifi spoke of the brainwashing system ruling the MKO that has been demonizing family as the corruption center for years now. "This way, the hostages are coerced to dedicate their whole life to the group," he said.

Based on Seifi's testimony, the ruling atmosphere in the group's base in Albania has deteriorated. The group leaders force members to sign engagement deals every month in order to keep them inside the camp.

However, members are more courageous now and defection from the group is on the rise. We will witness more defection from the group in near future, according to Seifi.

During the meeting, another defector living in Albania also talked to families via video call. He told them about possible tactics for helping their loved ones release from the MKO.