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## What Does the FBI Say About the Mujahedin-e-Khalq? Michael Rubin, AEIdeas

#### March 29, 2023

The Mujahedin-e-Khalq (MEK) claims to be Iran's largest opposition group, even as studies and polls show it has minuscule support. The group embraces a virulently anti -American ideology, operates as a cult, and has notoriously opaque finances. The tax forms of MEK shell organizations show that the supposedly arassroots groups paying honorarium to officials and donations to politicians do not

have the resources on their own to do so.

While the organization killed several American military officers and businessmen in Iran in the run-up to the Islamic Revolution, the State Department delisted the MEK as a terrorist organization in 2012. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's move had less to do with any honest assessment of MEK terrorism and more with diplomatic sleight of hand necessary both to sidestep allegations that the United States was protecting a terror

organization and to enable the group's relocation from an Iragbased camp to one on Albania. That, in contrast to other Iranian Americans, MEK members who are naturalized American citizens cannot receive security clearances or placement in sensitive positions in the United States civil service reflects the true assessment of the FBI and broader US government.

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#### The NYT on MEK-Albania relations covered by Albanian media

#### by Nejat Bloggers

March 12, 2023

NATO Minnow Reels from Cvberattacks Linked to Iran" is the title of an article authored by Andrew Higgins of the New York Times. It was widely covered by the Albanian news media.



Albanian daily News newspaper Bomb covered the article on February 27th, 2023 with this title emphasizing the on

stance of the Albanian Prime Minister, Edi Rama against the Mujahedin Khalq (MEK/ PMOI) sheltered in his country:

Edi Rama for the New York Times: We expect more from the US for cyber-attacks. have banned the MEK from doing high-profile activities.

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## THE MEK; BAATH PARTY ACCOMPLICE

#### GENOCIDE OF IRAQI KURDS BY THE MEK

by: Alireza Niknam

March 29, 2023

In order to investigate the various aspects of the crimes of the terrorist group of the Mujahedin-e Khalq (MEK) in the genocide of the Iraqi Kurds in 1991 and cooperation with Saddam in the massacre of the people of Iran, the Terrorspring Foundation organized an international conference on "Crime against humanity: Genocide of Iraqi Kurds by the MEK" on 1st and 2nd of March 2023.

It is seriously necessary to pursue the rights of the victims of the assassination of the MEK in Iraq, especially in the Kurdistan region. Their crimes should not be forgotten due to the departure of this terrorist group from Iraq or political considerations.

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## Edi Rama heading fast towards dependence on Israel

by Nejat Bloggers

March 27, 2023

Albanian media have been reporting on the government of Edi Rama, who is struggling in internal crises, heading fast towards dependence on Israel. Some observers believe that the hacks that took place in Albania's cyber systems

were carried out by Israel itself in order to blame them on Iran and in this way make Albania more dependent on itself with promises of cyber aid. A trick that, of course, has distanced Albania more and more from the west.

According to the information obtained, the European Union wants the MEK to be limited in Albania, but the dependence of Edi Rama's government on Israel to deal with hacks that are most likely the work of Israel, has become such that it has practically adopted a dual policy towards the MEK and against the former members of this organization in ASILA.

## "Terrorist Threats" Inspirations of the Rajavi Cult

by Nejat Bloggers

March 25, 2023

According to the received information, the Mojahedin-e Khalq (MEK) has advised the Albanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in a letter not to issue visas to young Iranian

weightlifters who are preparing for the world championships in Durres.

In this treasonous letter, it is claimed that information has been obtained from several reliable sources that IRGC Quds Force agents have accompanied Iranian weightlifters under the guise of a doctor, trainer, coach, etc., and are planning to enter Albania under this cover, in order to carry out terrorist attacks against the headquarters of the MEK.

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#### Red Wednesday and Smumer Day celebrated by ex-members of the MEK

by Nejat Bloggers

March 15, 2023

Former members of the Mujahedin-e Khalq (MEK) in Albania who are currently members of the Association for the Support of Iranians Living in Albania (ASILA) celebrated two similar occasions

each renowned in Iran and Albania.



Since one of the mis-

sions of ASILA is development of cultural

interactions between the two countries, the start of Spring is an opportunity for friendship of both cultures. This was the second year that Iranian and Albanian members of ASILA celebrated these oc-

casions together.

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## **ASILA** members to visit Albanian women's rights activist

by Nejat Bloggers

March 26, 2023

Members of the Association for the Support of Iranians Living in Albania (ASILA) visited the Albanian human rights activist, Elsa Ballauri.

Elsa Ballauri, the Al- banian journalist, activist of human

rights, and collector received Iranian and Albanian members of ASILA in her personal museum.



After visiting the mu-

seum, Dashamir Mersulli the president of ASILA and a few of Iranian members of the association who

are former members of the Mujahedin-e Khalq (MEK/ PMOI) had a meeting with Balauri. Ex-members of the MEK revealed facts on violation of human rights inside the

MEK's camp.

## Double Standards of the Albanian Prime Minister

**Ebrahim Khodabande** 

March 4, 2023

According to the recently published article by Andrew Higgins of the New York Times, titled "A NATO Minnow Reels from Cyberattacks Linked to Iran", published on February 25th, 2023. Edi Rama the prime Minister of Albania has assured the Albanian nation and the international community that no political activities are done in the headquarters of the Mujahedin Khalq (MEK/ PMOI).

It is unlikely that the honorable Prime Minister is so unaware of the affairs inside his own country that he is nit able to know that not only political actions are taken by the MEK but also it commits all types of crimes and illegitimate acts in Albania and in response no one in the government expresses concern or sorrow.

#### ASILA to reveal the true counter-women nature of the Rajavi cult

by Nejat Bloggers

March 25, 2023

In recent days, we got to know the names of two famous ladies during the activities of the Association for the Support of Iranians Living in Albania (ASILA) in Tirana. Two Albanian women, each

of whom has a long track record in political and human rights activities and are still active in these fields.

Ms. Elsa Ballauri, a Canadian-Albanian activist and president of the Albanian Human Rights group, who recently had meetings and discussions with ASILA officials, and Ms. Naime Gjongecaj, a women's rights activist and parliamentary candidate, who participated on the ASILA's ceremony on the occasion of the international women's day and also got acquainted with Nejat Society.

#### International women's day conference, the turning point of ASILA's activities

by Nejat Bloggers

March 14, 2023

Erisa Idrizi
(Rahimi), one of the
Albanian members
of the Association
for the Support of
Iranians Living in
Albania (ASILA),
who has mastered the
Persian language dur-

ing this time, organized a conference on



the occasion of International Women's Day in Tirana, the capital of Albania, with the participation of a group of

prominent Albanian women. This conference was held on Wednesday, March 8 in order to show the anti-family and anti-woman nature of the MEK

to the public opinion of this country.

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### **About Nejat Society**

**Nejat Society** consists of some former members of the Iranian Mojahedin-e Khalq Organization (MEK, MKO, Rajavi cult) and the families of the present members seeking to contact their loved ones.

#### Some of the aims of Nejat Society are:

To inform as widely as possible about the real cultic nature of the MEK and their deception techniques to recruit young and unaware individuals.

To act as a pressure group to persuade the cult leaders to respect the basic rights of the members according to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international conventions.

To reconcile and reunite people who leave the MEK with their families, by mutual consent, and to involve established Iranians in helping these vulnerable people

Nejat Society, Tehran, Iran

## Why Can't MEK Supporters get Security Clearances?

#### Michael Rubin, AEIdeas

March 1, 2023

Iranian-Americans serve honorably across the US government. While I worked at the Pentagon two decades ago, I interwith acted Iranian-Americans holding top security clearances who worked for the Defense Department, State Department, White House, and National Security Agency. While teaching for the US Navy, I met Iranian-American pilots and senior surface war-

fare officers. They all put America first, of course, but they did not cut ties with the Iranian side of their identity. Thev Persian and spoke watched diaspora media. Many had family members involved in various Iranian organizations and groups, and some even had relatives still living in Iran.

While only a small portion of them worked on Iranian affairs officially, many who served in other capacities remained interested. To discuss

Iranian politics was to hear a broad panoply of ideas and opinions. Some believed the Islamic Republic's reformers were sincere. Others recognized their fundamental weakness in the face of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' stranglehold over regime security and the supreme leader's dominance of ideology.

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