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21 June, marks the <u>MEK's annual</u> <u>celebration of armed struggle</u>.

Not only did France not allow the MEK to rally at Villepinte, the group's planned street demonstration was also banned. An advertised demonstration in Germany was also not allowed to go ahead. The only place MEK gathered in Europe was in Brussels. Except for the MEK's own propaganda outlets there was no English language coverage. However, some Farsi media did cover the event. RFI (France) reported that this year there were a couple of hundred people in the demonstration and that among them were flag waving Syrians and refugees from other countries.

It was remarkable that this year the MEK had no paid speakers and of those employed full time by MEK only Struan Stephenson came to the walk.

MEK resorted to having Mohammad Mohaddessin speak. The demonstration clearly had no outside support or funding. They tried to bring in outsiders, but nobody was willing to be tarnished by them. Many observers broadcast films of the event taken on mobile cameras which show that most participants are Syrians with flags, some are black people. As a PR exercise this was a disaster. MEK have never been so low in terms of wanting to do something and not being able.

Some analysts question why suddenly the <u>European countries have been</u> <u>so restrictive toward the MEK</u>. The answer to this goes back to the few false flag ops in recent times. In particular the so-called plot to place a bomb at the Villepinte rally last year. After further investigation, the security services discovered that this was done by MEK itself not Iran. The security services have taken this very seriously because what is at stake is the safety of French and German citizens. MEK's activities have been curtailed because they are not trustworthy, there is no guarantee that MEK would not undertake another false flag op and actually injure or kill people. The conclusion of many is that MEK are being herded and curtailed with the aim of sending them to the MEK camp in Albania. They are no longer free in Europe.

Leaked Audio Shows Saudi-MKO Collusion over Tanker Attacks

By IFP

Jun 23, 2019

A leaked audio of a phone conversation between two members of the anti-Iran terrorist group, the Mujahedin-e-Khalq Organization, reveals Saudi Arabia has colluded with the MKO elements to frame Iran for the recent tanker attacks in the Persian Gulf. tanker attacks in the Persian Gulf, and how the Saudis contacted them to pursue the issue.

"In the past week we did our best to blame the [Iranian] regime for the [oil tanker] blasts. Saudis have called Sister Maryam [Rajavi]'s office to follow up on the results, [to get] a conclusion of what has been done, and the possible consequences," four oil tankers off the UAE's Fujairah port on May 12, have escalated tensions in the Middle East and raised the prospect of a military confrontation between Iran and the United States.

The US, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE have rushed to blame Iran for the incidents, with the US military releasing a grainy video it claimed shows Iranian forces in a patrol boat removing an un-



In the audio, which is being released by the Iran Front Page for the first time, Shahram Fakhteh, an official member and the person in charge of MKO's cyber operations, is heard talking with a US-based MKO sympathizer named Daei-ul-Eslam in Persian.

In this conversation, the two elements discuss the MKO's efforts to introduce Iran as the culprit behind the recent

Fakhteh is heard saying.

"I guess this can have different consequences. It can send the case to the UN Security Council or even result in military intervention. It can have any consequence,"

Daei-ul-Eslam says.

Attacks on two commercial oil tankers in the Gulf of Oman on June 13, and an earlier attack on

exploded mine from the side of a Japanese-owned tanker which caught fire earlier this month.

It later released some images of the purported Iranian operation after the video was seriously challenged by experts and Washington's own allies.

The MKO which has assassinated over 17,000 Iranians receives support from the US and its allies in the region, including Saudi Arabia. The MKO which is said to be a cult which turns humans into obedient robots, turned against Iran after the 1979 Revolution and has carried out several terrorist attacks killing senior officials in Iran; yet the West which says cultism is wrong and claims to be against terrorism, supports this terrorist group officially.

After the Islamic Revolution in 1979, the MKO began its enmity against Iran by killings and terrorist activities.

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Take a stroll with Codepink through the MEK Washington Rally

Medea Benjamin and the Code Pink group members presented outside the State Department to counter the MEK warmongers rally.

They stated the American people's unwillingness towards the sanctions and a regime change wars with Iran:

Join CODEPINK as we head to the State Department to tell Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, if he wants genuine good faith talks with Iran, he must lift economic sanctions and end the threat of war.

After we hand in our petition, we will be outside of the State Department calling for no sanctions and no war with Iran to counter the Mujahideen-e-khalq's (MEK) rally. The MEK are an exiled Iranian cult group, who have little to no support inside of Iran be-



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cause of the alliance it had with Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein during the Iraq-Iran war, which killed thousands of Iranians. The group supports brutal sanctions and regime change in Iran. Despite having been previously listed as a terrorist organization in the U.S., the MEK has cultivated close ties with members of the Trump administration having paid \$140,000 in speaking fees to National Security Advisor John Bolton

We will be outside the MEK rally at the U.S. State Department to show our presence that the American people are against sanctions and a regime change wars with Iran.

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"Platform Manipulation" by the US-backed MEK to launch war against Iran

BY NEJAT BLOGGERS

JUN 20, 2019

"We want Twitter to be a place where people can make human connections, find reliable information, and express themselves freely and safely," Twitter help center asserts.

However, twitter has turned out to be a field for a "troll farm" of a thousand people inside the camps of Mujahedin Khalq (the MKO/ MEK/ PMOI/ Rajavi's Cult) who work in three shifts to launch anti Iran disinformation advocating war and sanctions against Iran. Former member of the group Hassan Heirani who left it in 2017 has revealed the fact to various news outlets including the Guardian (November 2018) that have interviewed him.

> And the most recent account on the MEK's campaign of disinformation against Iran was <u>exposed by Murta-</u> <u>za Hussein of the Inter-</u> <u>cept</u>: The case of the fictional persona Heshmat Alavi who was run by a hundred operators in the MEK's troll farm. [1]

This is definitely considered "Platform Manipulation". So Twitter suspended the so-called Heshmat Alavi's account.

Platform manipulation refers to the use of Twitter to mislead others and/or disrupt their experience by engaging in bulk, aggressive, or deceptive activity, according to the Twitter protocols. "This activity includes, but is not limited to, spam, malicious automation (malicious use of bots), and inauthentic account abuse (fake accounts)."

On March 2019, Twitter Help Center published an overview of platform manipulation and spam policy, defining it as using Misleading people by absolute charlatanism is not a new phenomenon. This has been used far earlier than the social media was created. A Concept like "freedom fighter" was once manipulated when it turned out to be "another man's terrorist". The concept is actually based on the famous proverb: the enemy of my enemy is my friend. That is

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Alavi's Twitter account. Screenshot: The Intercept

Twitter to engage in bulk, aggressive, or deceptive activity that misleads others and/or disrupts their experience. Twitter's rule on accounts and identity states: "You can't mislead others on Twitter by operating fake accounts. This includes using misleading account information to engage in spamming, abusive, or disruptive behavior."

why a team account run by a terrorist cult-like MEK is introduced as "an Iranian activist with a passion for equal rights" in the right wing US media.

John Limbert former official of US embassy in Tehran states in the American Prospect, "The MEK has made no secret of its goals: to provoke a war between the U.S. and Iran. In the aftermath, it calculates it would move into the wreckage and pick up the pieces." [2]

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Presenting a story of the MEK's violent past and its antinational approaches that has made it isolated among the Iranian public, Limbert warns the US authorities about the threat of the MEK as a violent cult. "Finally, we must never stop asking, "Who is pushing for war with Iran and why?"", he writes. "The answer should make it very clear we have no business provoking this conflict to serve the interests of an Iranian cult and its paid spokesman. [3]

Jason Rezaian of the Washington Post concludes his recent article on the IS-backed trolls on the Internet, "So, instead of resorting to false narratives personal attacks, and we should cultivate our Iran policy - because there still isn't a coherent one - the oldfashioned way: by making real arguments, backing them up with actual evidence and prioritizing real people over the tactics of manipulation and fraud preferred by authoritarians." [4]

Helen Buyniski of Russia Today editorial warns, "Alavi may have been unmasked, but there could be thousands more where he came from." Refering to the recent removal of 4,779 Twitter accounts "associated or backed by Tehran", she writes, "Twitter's

attempts to aid the US war effort by deplatforming thousands of pro-Iran accounts is an implicit endorsement of their activities. The Intercept's comprehensive investigation of the Alavi persona essentially dropped the key to the MEK's propaganda network in Twitter's lap; their refusal to act on this information, merely removing the Alavi account without investigating the swamp of "coordinated inauthentic behavior" surrounding it, indicates they are content with being weaponized in the US propaganda war against Iran. Trolling is fine, as long as it's "our guys" doing it." [5]

The enemy of US enemy is the MEK. It is "their guys" because it is perfectly running their policy against Iranian nation. It is considered "freedom fighter" because it is considered terrorist by the Iranian nation. No surprise when President Trump calls Iranians "nation of terror" and uses the fictional stories fabricated by the terrorist MEK's fictional persona to justify his policies against the Iranian nation. No matter that the MEK has the blood of thousands of people including six American nationals in its hands.

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Disinfo troll farms reason to Doubt US VER of Gulf-of-Oman Incident

BY WESTERN BLOG-GERS

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7 Reasons to Doubt US Version of Gulf-of-Oman Incident

Given Pompeo's regimechange agenda for Iran, Caitlin Johnstone pours cold water over his version of events. In a move that surprised exactly zero people, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has wasted no time scrambling to blame Iran for damage done to two sea vessels in the Gulf of Oman on Thursday, citing exactly zero evidence.

"This assessment is based on intelligence, the weapons used, the level of expertise needed to execute the operation, recent similar Iranian attacks on shipping, and the fact that no proxy group operating in the area has the resources and proficiency to act with such a high-degree of sophistication," Pompeo told the press in a statement.

"The United States will defend its forces, interests, and stand with our partners and allies to safeguard global commerce and regional stability. And we call upon all nations threatened by Iran's provocative acts to join us in that endeavor," Pompeo concluded before hastily shambling off, taking exactly zero questions.

Here are seven reasons to be extremely skeptical of everything Pompeo said:

No. 1: Pompeo is a known liar, especially when it comes to Iran.

Pompeo has a well-established history of circulating blatant lies about Iran. He recently told an audience at Texas A&M University that when he was leading the CIA, "We lied, we cheated, we stole. We had entire training courses."

No. 2: The US empire is known to use lies and false flags to start wars.

The U.S.-centralized power alliance has an extensive and well-documented history of advancing preexisting military agendas using lies, false flags and psyops to make targeted governments appear to be the aggressors. This is such a wellestablished pattern that "Gulf of Tonkin" briefly trended on Twitter after the Gulf of Oman incident. Any number of government agencies could have been involved from any number of the nations in this alliance, including the U.S., the U.K., Saudi Arabia, the UAE or Israel.

No. 3: John Bolton has openly

endorsed lying to advance military agendas.

I wrote an article about this last month because the Trump administration had already begun rapidly escalating against Iran in ways that happen to align perfectly with the longtime agendas of Trump's psychopathic Iran hawk National security adviser. At that time people were so aware of the possibility that Bolton might involve himself in staging yet another Middle Eastern war based on lies that The Onion was already spoofing it.

On a December 2010 episode of Fox News' "Freedom Watch," Bolton and the show's host Andrew Napolitano were debating about recent WikiLeaks publications, and naturally the subject of government secrecy came up.

"Now I want to make the case for secrecy in government when it comes to the conduct of national security affairs, and possibly for deception where that's appropriate," Bolton said. "You know Winston Churchill said during World War Two that in wartime truth is so important it should be surrounded by a bodyguard of lies."

"Do you really believe that?" asked an incredulous Napoli-

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tano.

"Absolutely," Bolton replied. "You would lie in order to preserve the truth?"

"If I had to say something I

the pro-regime change MEK terror cult, promising the cult in a 2017 speech that they'd be celebrating regime change in Tehran together before 2019. This would also be the same John Bolton who established idea in the DC swamp.

Back in 2012 at a forum for the Washington Institute of Near East Policy think tank, the group's Director of Research



John Bolton – defender of Zion, promoter of MEK terrorism – fees revealed

knew was false to protect American national security, I would do it," Bolton answered.

This would be the same John Bolton who has been paid exorbitant speaking fees by once threatened to murder an OPCW official's children if he didn't stop getting in the way of his Iraq war agenda.

No. 4: Using false flags to start a war with Iran is already an

Patrick Clawson openly talked about the possibility of using a false flag to provoke a war with Iran, citing the various ways the U.S. has done exactly that with its previous wars.

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"I frankly think that crisis initiation is really tough, and it's very hard for me to see how the United States president can get us to war with Iran," Clawson began.

"Which leads me to conclude that if in fact compromise is not coming, that the traditional way that America gets to war is what would be best for U.S. interests," Clawson added. "Some people might think that Mr. Roosevelt wanted to get us into the war... you may recall we had to wait for Pearl Harbor. Some people might think that Mr. Wilson wanted to get us into World War One; you may recall we had to wait for the Lusitania episode.

Some people might think that Mr. Johnson wanted to get us into Vietnam; you may recall we had to wait for the Gulf of Tonkin episode. We didn't go to war with Spain until the USS Maine exploded. And may I point out that Mr. Lincoln did not feel that he could call out the Army until Fort Sumter was attacked, which is why he ordered the commander at Fort Sumter to do exactly that thing which the South Carolinians said would cause an attack."

"So if, in fact, the Iranians aren't going to compromise, it would be best if somebody else started the war," Clawson continued. "One can combine other means of pressure with sanctions. I mentioned that explosion on August 17th. We could step up the pressure. I mean look people, Iranian submarines periodically go down.

Some day, one of them might not come up. Who would know why? [Smattering of sociopathic laughter from the crowd.] We can do a variety of things, if we wish to increase the pressure (I'm not advocating that) but I'm just suggesting that this is not an either/or proposition — just sanctions have to succeed or other things. We are in the game of using covert means against the Iranians. We could get nastier at that."

No. 5: The US State Department has already been running psyops to manipulate the public Iran narrative.

State Department officials admitted to congressional staff at a closed-door meeting on Monday that a \$1.5 million troll farm had gone "beyond the scope of its mandate" by aggressively smearing American critics of the Trump administration's Iran policy as propagandists for the Iranian government, according to a new report from The Independent. That "mandate" had reportedly consisted of "countering propaganda from Iran," also known as conducting anti-Iran propaganda.

"Critics in Washington have gone further, saying that the programme resembled the type of troll farms used by autocratic regimes abroad," says The Independent.

"One woman behind the harassment campaign, a longtime Iranian-American activist, has received hundreds of thousands of dollars from the State Department over the years to promote 'freedom of expression and free access to information," the report reads.

No. 6: The Gulf of Oman narrative makes no sense.

One of the ships damaged in the attacks was Japaneseowned, and the other was bound for Japan. This happened just as Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was in Tehran attempting to negotiate a de-escalation between the U.S. and Iran with Trump's blessing, and just after Iran had released a prisoner accused of conducting espionage for the U.S. in what many took to be a gesture of good faith.

Iran has been conducting itself with remarkable restraint in the face of relentless sanctions

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and provocations from the U.S. and its allies. It wouldn't make much sense for it to suddenly abandon that restraint with attacks on sea vessels, then rescue their crew, then deny perpetrating the attacks, during a time of diplomatic exchanges and while trying to preserve the nuclear deal with Europe. If Tehran did perpetrate the attacks in order to send a strong message to the Americans, it would have been a very mixed message sent in a very weird way with very odd timing.

No. 7: Even if Iran did perpetrate the attack, Pompeo would still be lying.

Pompeo's statement uses the words "unprovoked" twice and "Iran's provocative acts" once, explicitly claiming that the U.S. empire was just minding its own business leaving Iran alone when it was attacked out of the blue by a violent aggressor. Sometimes the things put out by the U.S. State Department feel like they're conducting experiments on us, just to test the limits of our stupidity.

As noted in this article by Moon of Alabama and this discussion on the Ron Paul Liberty Report, the U.S. has been provoking Iran with extremely aggressive and steadily tightening sanctions, which means that even if Tehran is behind the attacks, it would not be the aggressor and the attacks would most certainly not have been "unprovoked." Economic sanctions are an act of war; if China were to do to America's economy what America is doing to Iran's, the U.S. would be in a hot war with China immediately. It could technically be possible that Iran is pushing back on U.S. aggressions and provocations, albeit in a strange and neoconservatively convenient fashion.

Either way, we have seen exactly zero evidence supporting Pompeo's claims, so anyone



you see hastening to blame Iran for the Gulf of Oman incident is either a war whore or a slobbering moron, or both.

Knowing what we know about the U.S.-centralized empire and its pre-existing regime change agenda against Iran, there is no reason to believe Pompeo and many reasons not to.

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MEK misusing media to push for war

BY WESTERN BLOGGERS

JUN 22, 2019

Filings reveal Iranian dissident group's foreign influence operation to push for regime change

Tensions between the United States and Iran are rising to a fever pitch following the downing of an American drone Wednesday by Iran's Revolutionary Guard over the Strait of Hormuz. It comes less than a week after an attack on two tankers purportedly conducted by Iran.

Iran has declared that although it does not want conflict, it is "ready for war." Hawkish voices in the U.S. have called for aggressive action as top military leaders review plans for a possible confrontation.

As both nations move closer to the brink of war, the National Council of Resistance of Iran, a little-known advocacy group determined to install itself as the new government of Iran, continues to build a powerful influence network in Washington and beyond.

Recent documents in accordance with the Foreign Agents Registration Act reveal that the council, the political arm of opposition group Mujahedeen Khalq or MEK, has been hosting opulent events at the National Press Club and elsewhere, publicizing itself through national and international media, and meeting with dozens

of current and former government officials, all with the end goal of toppling the current Iranian government and rising to

power in its place.

OpenSecrets previously reported on the MEK's deep ties to National Security Advisor John Bolton and other voices currently agitating for war against Iran. The new documents reveal the extent to which the dissident group is using media and its vast array of prominent supporters to push the national discourse toward confrontation.

The council of resistance either submitted or was quoted in 51 media pieces between December 2018 and May 2019, according to FARA filings. These pieces were concentrated in right-leaning media outlets such as Fox News, The Washington Times, The Washington Examiner and NewsMax. Throughout their appearances, the organization stood firm behind dubious claims that Iran is currently carrying out assassinations in Europe and the U.S., an assertion widely rejected by experts. The rhetoric, based on Dutch intelligence reports that two Iranian dissidents were murdered by Tehran in 2015 and 2017, portrays the threat as dire and immediate, including calling for all Iranian embassies in Europe to be shut down in May.

The group also continued to meet with a number of major former government officials, including James Jones, who served as Barack Obama's national security advisor from 2009 to 2010, and Tom Ridge, the first Secretary of Homeland Security.

The council has been building a war chest of prominent advocates to justify its mission to the public and to national and international political communities, including Bolton, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giulliani, former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, former Attorney General Michael Mukasey and former U.N. Ambassador Bill Richardson.

Some of these individuals were investigated by the Treasury Department in

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2012 for accepting significant speaking fees from the MEK, which was, at the time, still designated by the federal government as a terrorist organization. The investigation ultimately dissipated after the group was de-listed as a terrorist organization later that same year following a multimillion dollar lobbying blitz.

The group continues to organize public protests, rallies and speeches claiming to represent the Iranian people, even though the group is reportedly "widely despised" within Iran and has been exiled from the country for decades. The group spoke with several U.S. senators on Nowruz (Persian New Year) in March and received the backing of two sitting senators, John Boozman (R-Ark.) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.).

Standing between two Iranian flags emblazoned with the MEK's golden lion insignia, Boozman told the group, "We are committed to helping you in any way that we can."

Boozman and Shaheen aren't the only members of Congress to have publicly backed the MEK Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), who has repeatedly called for launching a first strike on Iran, spoke at a 2015 meeting of the Organization of Iranian American Communities, an advocacy group closely aligned with the MEK.

Two other senators, Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) and Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), flew to Albania in 2017 to meet with the MEK's leader Maryam Rajavi and wish her group "success in their struggle for democracy and human rights in Iran."

Supporters of the MEK claim that Rajavi will usher in a secular democratic state in the place of the current theocratic regime. They champion her stated commitment to free-market capitalism and promises to modernize the nation.

The council was founded in the early 1980s as the political front of the MEK, which itself was started by selfdescribed Marxist Iranian students in 1965. Initially fighting with other opposition groups to take down the Shah in the 1979 Iranian Revolution, the group soon came into conflict with the new Ayatollah Khomeini's government, with members of the MEK eventually killing the Iranian president and prime minister in 1981.

They later fought alongside

Saddam Hussein's Iraq in the 1980 Iran-Iraq war and into the 1990s and early 2000s against Iraqi Shiites, Kurds and Americans. They have been blamed for the deaths of thousands of Iraqi soldiers and at least six American citizens.

The group plans to demonstrate in front of State Department headquarters in D.C. on Friday in a protest dubbed "March 4 Regime Change by Iranians" by social media supporters and closely-aligned groups, including OIAC. OIAC has been spending to amplify the march with more than \$300 going to Facebook ads in the days leading up to the event and multiple tweets promoting the demonstration on Twitter, but the amount of that spending is unknown since OIAC is not on the list of issue advertisers tracked by Twitter's Ads Transparency Center.

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