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### **MKO Will Be Expelled From Iraq by June: Iraqi Immigration Minister**

**BAGHDAD (Mehr News Agency)** — Speaking at a mourning observance for the assassinated Iranian diplomat, Khalil Na'imi, at the Iranian embassy, the Iraqi Immigration Minister, Mohamed Jasim Khazir said on Monday that members of the Mojahedin-Khalq Organization will be expelled from Iraq by June 30.

Khazir stated that although pressure has been put on the Iraqi interim administration by some international organizations not to expel MKO members, the expulsions will be carried out by June 30, the Central News Bureau reported.

The MKO, known as Monafeqin in Iran, have committed many terrorist acts in this country. The organization has been branded as a terrorist organization by both the U.S. and the European Union.

Khazir said terrorists kill sincere figures with the aim of creating anarchy in Iraq. Unknown assailants killed Na'imi, the first secretary of Iranian Embassy in Baghdad, last Thursday outside the embassy.

**18-04-04**

### **KO Banned from Human Rights Commission**

On April 7, The United Nations Human Rights Commission banned Mojahedin-e Khalq members from entering its session which was being held in Geneva and announced that the reason is that the Mojahedin is a terrorist organization.

MKO members, in an interview with a Swedish newspaper, said that they have complained to the UN Chief in New York and Geneva about not being allowed to participate in the meeting session of the Human Rights Commission.

The United Nations is well aware that the Mojahedin, using false information, tries to affect the works of the Human Rights Commission.

**14-04-04**

### **Iraq moves to remove Mojahedin**

Following the agreement with Turkey to return 13,000 Turkish refugees, Iraqi Minister of Immigration Mohammad Jassim Khudhair is in talks with the Iranian government to reach a similar agreement that allows the return of the Iranian refugees from the Mojahedin-e Khalq.

He emphasized that if the Iranian government refused to give guarantees other than the pardon it issued, Iraq would submit the case to the United Nations to take necessary actions.

Source: Xinhua

**13-04-04**

### **Sweden targeted as site for Massoud Rajavi's cult HQ**

The Swedish government is reportedly happy to accept back into the country several hundred MKO members with previous ties to Sweden who are currently being held in Iraq as terrorists.

The Mojahedin has persuaded some Iranian refugees in Scandinavia to falsely claim that MKO members in Iraq are their relatives. Many forged documents have already been circulated and these people are being rehearsed for interviews with immigration officials.

**05-04-04**

### **Family members denied visits**

After the Mojahedin accused Nejat Association of ties with the Iranian regime, several families traveled independently from Iran to visit their relatives in Ashraf camp in Iraq. In spite of this they were denied access to visit their family members in the camp. After protests, one family was granted an interview with their relative. The meeting was terminated after only ten minutes by Mojahedin officials who were supervising the meeting when the member began to ask for help from his family. There is now concern for the welfare of this member.

**25-02-04**

### **Conservatives want to use the MKO**

The San Francisco Chronicle reported a push by conservatives to harden US policy toward Iran by supporting the terrorist MKO. The report said: "There is even pressure to support the Mujahedeen Khalq, an anti-Tehran guerrilla group that has had off-again-on-again relations with the United States over many years and now is on the State Department's list of terrorist organizations.'

Efforts to remove the MKO from the list of terrorist entities are led by Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., a member of the House International Relations Committee. He told the Chronicle: "There should be aggressive support for opposition parties inside Iran and dissident groups outside Iran." He cited the MKO as the leading example.

Shireen Hunter, a senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington put forward a different view. "Frankly, there's not much that the

United States is going to do," she told the Chronicle. "I think there will be a cooling-off period, but the United States will be willing to continue dialogue," probably using the Europeans as proxies, she said. "There is no reason to expect a big revolt by the Iranian people in the near future."

**23-02-04**

Iraq's Oil Company is finalizing its review of the finance and other rewards that Saddam gave to various groups and personalities.

Dr. Ibrahim Bahr Al-Oloom, Iraq's Oil Minister said this is very important issue for the IGC and that the Ministry is now managing the final lists and information. He added: after the information is gathered, the Ministry will hand it to the IGC so that it can make decisions based on it. We are very sharp in reviewing the relation of Saddam with these groups and personalities and companies.

The Mojahedin is a group which received a lot of money from Saddam via its bank accounts in the UK.

He said the Oil Ministry will give its evidence to the IGC to prove its claims. The Council will then decide on the issue.

17-02-04

Berlin, IRNA, 17 Feb -- German Federal Border Police intercepted 11 MKO terrorists at Frankfurt's Rhein-Main Airport as they tried to enter the country following their flight from Amman, Jordan, the daily Die Tageszeitung said Tuesday.

Police also confiscated the passports of the MKO terrorists and the group is reportedly facing immediate deportation proceedings. Some of the 11 MKO terrorists who are allegedly recognized asylum-seekers in Germany, might also have their asylum status

repealed by German authorities.

The MKO is listed as a terrorist organization by Germany's domestic secret service, Verfassungsschutz.

The German media reported earlier that hundreds of MKO terrorists who are still trapped in Iraq, have been trying to sneak back into Europe via Jordan.

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**08-02-04**

Following articles published by Justin Raimondo on the Antiwar.com website about the terrorist Mojahedin-e Khalq, members of the group began running a campaign of violent insults against him ...

Pay attention to the following example:

"To us Iranians who are waiting to liberate our country from your masters, terrorist

mullahs, you are a sick terrorist collaborator and a sorry excuse for a human being. You should be charged by the international criminal court of justice for your blatant collaboration with the terrorist regime in Iran. And I, as an Iranian promise you when your terrorist friends in Iran are toppled, I will make it my life mission to do everything possible to make sure you are prosecuted along with your terrorist friends for crimes against Iranian people.

I am sure you know, and if you don't you can search in history books, what happened to those reporters or writers that collaborated with Hitler and Nazis. Their fate should be a lesson to you and other brain dead writers like you. You are nothing but a cheap puppet in the hands of terrorist mullahs in Iran and I am sure when they have no more use for you, they will throw you to the garbage can, where you belong.

I am appalled that Antiwar.com allows you to misuse its site by writing garbage articles." ~ Mahmoud Tab

Justin Raimondo replies:

That sounds like a threat to me. But it wasn't for nothing that the Mujahedin-e-Khalq, which you support, was put on the US government's official list of terrorist organizations.

"I think you owe the Iranian people an apology. Please read the following article and tell me who you are supporting: 'British politicians against expulsion of Iran's Mujahedeen from Iraq.'" ~ Moe Mehdi

[Refer to Iran-Interlink's Brief 14 for more information.]

Justin Raimondo replies:

I have gotten about a dozen of the same zombie-like letters, all reiterating the same garbage: if you don't support the Mujahideen-e-Khalq, then you must support the mullahs.

No way, Jose – it doesn't work that way. And you and your comrades don't do your cause any good by writing letters that sound so alike in their robotic sameness.

Ease up on the Kool-Aid.

29-01-04

Rep. Bob Ney (R-Ohio), in a letter to Attorney General John Ashcroft, identified Alireza Jafarzadeh as the head of an Iranian exile group that the U.S. government lists as a terrorist organization, the Mojahedin-e Khalq. Jafarzadeh is now working as a commentator on Middle Eastern affairs for Fox News.

"I watch Fox News, I like Fox News, but I was shocked to see him on there," the congressman told The Washington Post. Ney has demanded that the network inform viewers about Jafarzadeh's background. He told The Washington Post, "I don't think they're fair and balanced on this issue."

In August, officials from Justice, Treasury and State shut Jafarzadeh's Washington office, where he worked as the U.S. representative for the National Council of Resistance of Iran. According to State Department officials, that group is an alias

for MEK.

The Justice Department is reviewing Ney's letter.

See: Terrorist employed in US media

**22-01-04**

### **Attempts to rescue cult victims in Iraq**

A number of former Mojahedin members, who have separated from the group, visited the MKO headquarters in the Andalus district in Baghdad. The camp, known as "Andalus Camp", had been the meeting place for the MKO's leader with his henchmen.

The ten member Committee which entered Iraq officially wants to pave the way for the freedom of other MKO members.

A number of members, who were deceived by the cult, couldn't leave due to the Mojahedin's internal regulations.

The Committee met with a number of tribesmen, media and social-political activists in Iraq.

### **MKO's Fraudulent Fundraising Event Exposed**

The Mojahedin (MEK, MKO), listing its own pseudo-organizations as sponsors alongside other legitimate organizations, has begun its predicted exploitation of Bam's earthquake and its victims by announcing a 'fundraising' event.

According to 'The Hill' publication: "Of the 23 organizations listed as sponsors for the event, 17 are known MEK front groups or linked to prominent MEK members and activists. None appears to be registered with the Internal Revenue Service or state agencies as legitimate businesses or charities."

The Hill went on to report: "At least one group that is not affiliated with the MEK – Loyola University of Chicago — says it was fraudulently listed as a sponsor."

Tim Mehdi Ghaemi, a spokesman for one of the Mojahedin's front organizations told The Denver Post "the fundraiser is to support 'regime change' in Iran as well as quake victims, but MEK is not the beneficiary".

Observers who have studied the MKO's tactics for years say that this is shorthand for 'fundraising for the MKO' and state that not a dime will find its way to the earthquake victims in Iran.

**19-01-04**

### **Damning evidence of Rajavi's co-operation with Saddam regime**

December 31, 2003 Al Jazeera network broadcast a secretly filmed meeting between Rajavi's Mojahedin and the Iraqi Intelligence Service.

According to the former head of Iraq's Intelligence Service, the Iraqi regime gave tens of millions of dollars to the Rajavi's Mojahedin over a period of time. The film, taken by the hidden camera of Estekhbarat, shows Rajavi's group getting

money from the Intelligence Service and discussion about Rajavi's activities with them.

Another film shows a meeting between former Head of Iraq's Intelligence Service, General Taher Jalil Haboosh, and Massoud Rajavi. In this film, he delivers documents gifting 25 Chieftain Tanks to Rajavi's Liberation Army. As well as Rajavi, Mehdi Abrishamchi (currently in Europe), Mehdi Barayee and Ahmad Afshar participated in accepting money and weapons from the former Iraqi regime.

**9-01-04**

### **Austria Refuses MKO**

The Press Section of Austria's Foreign Ministry, in an interview with Mehr News Agency, announced that Mojahedin-e Khalq members will not be given asylum in Austria.

According to Mehr, in response to the report of some news on the transfer of MKO activities to Austria, it also told Mehr: after the necessary talks and discussions with experts and officials, Austria's Foreign Ministry will announce formally that this group is a terrorist one all over Europe.

### **MKO cult reaction**

MKO lawyer Warren Creates in Canada is seeking the protection of 17 MKO members with Canadian citizenship under the Geneva conventions as 'civilian noncombatants' even though they were members of the National Liberation Army of Iran; funded, uniformed and armed by Saddam Hussein.

Creates said: "I am told by my clients that the Canadians will not leave Iraq until they are given credible assurances that their compatriots from Iran who have no status in third countries receive the kind of international protection they deserve and are entitled to."

Which means that the world community is expected to wed itself to 'the organisation, the whole organisation and nothing but the organisation 'till death do us part!'

Iran-Interlink warns that the MKO will inevitably threaten mass suicide once they face dissolution of the organisation.

### **No Refuge for MKO in France**

TEHRAN (Mehr News Agency) — "France will under no circumstances allow members of the Mujahedin Khalq Organization to enter the country," the French ambassador to Iran, Francois Nicoullaud, said here on Wednesday.

The French ambassador strongly rejected reports that France would grant asylum to members of the terrorist MKO and said that his country has not and would never offer members of the group asylum.

Francois Nicoullaud stressed that only MKO members who are French citizens

would be allowed to enter France since it would not be possible to bar its own nationals.

**4-01-2004**

News continues to emerge that hundreds of disaffected members have been beaten up in Ashraf camp, which remains intact as the military base of the MKO under American protection. Many are said to be under threat of continuous torture. US forces are obeying orders not to interfere in the internal problems of the camp. Inevitably this has resulted in the mistreatment and even death of many who have expressed a desire to leave the MKO. Reports state that even where people have managed to run away, they have been captured and returned to the MKO leaders. Just as the facts have emerged about Rajavi's prisoners in Iraq's notorious Abu Ghraib political prison, it has not been possible to suppress this latest news. In this case it appears the Americans, not the Iraqi's, will be directly responsible for any mistreatment or deaths. US forces are clearly following instructions to preserve the framework and the leaders of the MKO which the US State Department have designated as terrorists.

### **Ali Reza Jafarzadeh**

Mr Ali Reza Jafarzadeh, former Mojahedin spokesman in the USA, has publicly renounced his past and has left the Mojahedin and National Council of Resistance of Iran. Mr Jafarzadeh, who worked for the Mojahedin for over twenty years, has been aided by the FOX NEWS television company which has employed him as their analyst on Iran issues.

### **150 MKO defect from the group**

A leading Arabic newspaper reports the defection of many MKO members in Iraq. One hundred and fifty of these members have been separated from Ashraf camp, which is under US control, and are now being assessed as individuals. The former members have complained of severe beatings and mistreatment because of their commitment to leave the MKO group.

### **IGC expulsion decision confirmed**

The MKO have been given an extended deadline to leave Iraq by the Iraqi Governing Council. The move came after the Americans announced security issues in processing all 3,800 captives in time for the 31 December deadline. This has now been extended by 20 days by which time the MKO must have been removed completely from Iraqi land. The MKO captives will be transferred to third countries. No news is currently available as to their possible destinations.

**Families of MKO members again denied access**

Families of MKO captives in Ashraf camp have travelled to Baghdad to meet their relatives. Following a previous attempt to arrange visits, the MKO leadership again denied the families free access to meet their relatives, and scuffled with some of the visitors who protested this move.