

## Hunger Strikes the World Over

61. Hunger strikes are also held by the families and friends of Liberty residents all over the globe including in Berlin, Geneva, London, Rome, Melbourne, Stockholm, and Washington, D.C. demanding the release of 7 hostages, including 6 women and 1 man, taken by Maliki forces during their barbaric attack of September 1 on Ashraf.



**Hunger Strike  
for release of 7  
hostages in:  
Camp Liberty  
(Iraq),  
Berlin,  
Geneva,  
London,  
Rome,  
Melbourne,  
Stockholm  
Washington**



**Amb. Beth Jones:**  
**U.S. Embassy will do its utmost to support facilitating safeguarding property at Ashraf.**

## September 2013

62. September 5 - The joint plan of UNAMI and U.S. Embassy in Iraq for relocation of the 42 survivors of the Ashraf massacre, once again reiterates the “safety and security of the residents in Camp Liberty” and indicates that “The GOI agrees to install T-Walls and allow additional sand bags for the protection of the residents in Camp Liberty pursuant to a UN security recommendation”.

63. September 6 - Ms. Elizabeth Jones, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, wrote to Mrs. Rajavi: *“the United Nations will help facilitate the safeguarding of the property at Ashraf through your retention of a trusted local security firm. The U.S. Embassy will do its utmost to support these efforts. We finally take note of the Government of Iraq’s agreement with UNAMI to install large T-walls pursuant to a UNAMI-provided security plan, as well as additional measures. These measures would be taken simultaneously with the safe and secure move from Ashraf, under UNAMI oversight, and we will do our utmost to support this process. We will also enhance our efforts to find safe and secure resettlement locations outside of Iraq.”*



## September 2013

64. Revelations by Tahar Boumedra, former Head of UNAMI’s Human Rights Office in an international meeting at the UN headquarters in Geneva on September 19, attended by former Foreign Ministers, international jurists, former advisors to UNHCR, Taher Boumedra, the former Head of Human Rights section of UNAMI who was in charge of Ashraf dossier for three and a half years revealed:

- No one but the Iraqi Army could have carried out the mass executions at Ashraf. The attack was done by Iraqi Army coordinated by the By the Prime Minister’s office, ordered by his National Security Advisor.
- It is shocking to even think someone else might have been involved, since I know exactly the mechanism of how it was done.
- There is no way UNAMI does not know who committed the September 1 massacre in Ashraf.
- There is no way the American embassy in Baghdad not to know where the seven hostages are.
- September 1 massacre was preventable if the US and UN had done their commitments.



## Letter to Secretary Kerry September 20, 2013

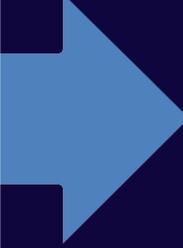
65. September 20 - Letter to Secretary Kerry by 34 members of the House of Representatives:

*“This Administration, on a number of occasions, has urged the Government of Iraq to ensure the safety of residents in both Camp Ashraf and their fellow Iranian opposition members in Camp Hurriya. The message does not seem to be getting through. We must do a better job at holding the Government of Iraq accountable. We urge you to reduce our assistance to the Government of Iraq until they make clear and verifiable efforts to protect this group of innocent people that have been brutally attacked and killed on multiple occasions. The first of such efforts should be the immediate release of the seven hostages reportedly held by forces affiliated with the Prime Minister’s Office. Efforts should also include the significantly enhancing security structures within Camp Hurriya.”*

### Signatories included:

Ted Poe  
Brad Sherman  
Sheila Jackson Lee  
Steve Stockman  
Pete Olson  
Trent Franks  
Kevin Brady  
Emanuel Cleaver II  
Blaine Luetkemeyer  
Michele Bachmann  
Steve Pearce  
Raul Ruiz  
Scott Garrett  
Paul Cook  
Tom Cotton  
Brian Higgins  
Tom McClintock

Steve Cohen  
Lynn Westmoreland  
Mike Coffman  
Randy Weber  
William Lacy Clay  
Chris Smith  
Dana Rohrabacher  
Loretta Sanchez  
Jack Kingston  
Andy Harris  
Joseph Pitts  
Sanford Bishop  
Tom Latham  
Henry C. Johnson  
Ed Perlmutter  
Gene Green  
Eni Faleomavaega



## Thousands of Iranians outside UN, in New York:

“No, to Rouhani”

“US and UN should act immediately to secure release of Iranian dissidents taken hostage in Iraq”



66. September 2013- Iranians rally outside United Nations, New York, against Rouhani and for UN, US immediate action to release 7 Iranian Refugees taken hostage by Iraqi Government. Prominent former U.S. officials, including former presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani, former U.S. Ambassador to UN John Bolton, Former Congressman Patrick Kennedy, Former Senator Robert Torricelli, and former Chairman of Republican National Committee Michael Steele addressed the rally.

67. September 2013 - Rudy Giuliani: “Rouhani has been a supporter of this homicidal regime from the very beginning. He is a complete hoax.”  
Patrick Kennedy: “We say to UN and US that we expect them to live up to their words to protect free peoples instead of listening to largest state sponsor of terrorism.”  
John Bolton: “We should impose sanctions on the al-Maliki regime in Iraq, suspending American aid until they do the right thing with Camp Liberty.”  
Robert Torricelli: “I do not accept an American president to meet with a leader of the greatest terrorist government on the face of the earth who has deceived America and killed thousands of people.”

Michael Steele: Leaders like Rouhani speak the soft words of compromise and negotiation, of acceptance and tolerance, yet their actions kill and take life, their actions imprison.



## October 2013

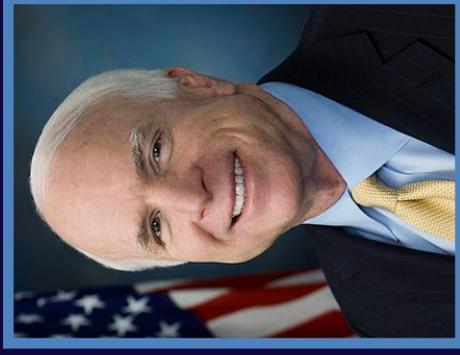
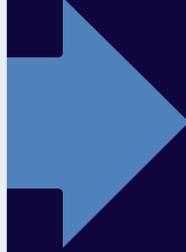
68. October 3, 2013 - Senator Robert Menendez, Chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee: *"We believe the Iraqi Government knows where the hostages are."*

In a hearing of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, addressing Ambassador Wendy Sherman: Sen. Menendez said: "You can put up, I don't care, how many tons of sand bags, but when elements of the Iraqi forces actually may very well be complicit in what took place, sand bags are not going to take care of the problem.... But it is unacceptable to lose one more life when American commanders gave these individuals a written guarantee toward their safety and it sends a message to others in the world that when we say that we are going to do that and we do not, that they should not trust us. And for one thing that this committee can do since it has jurisdiction over all weapons sales, is that I doubt very much that we are going to see any approval of any weapons sales to Iraq until we get this situation in a place in which people's lives are saved." ... "Let me also caution that the seven hostages, which we believe the Iraqi Government knows where they are, should they die it would be complicating matters for all of that".

Senator John McCain: "... Situation as regards to the Camp Ashraf people...Now, there was a murder of I believe 51 people who were members of this camp and many of them had in their possession guarantees from the United States of America that they would not be harmed....Of course, we, unfortunately did not keep our words. I hope that this issue will be raised with the Iraq government and we in Congress may have to look at the kind of aid and how we are extending that to Iraq if this kind of thing is going to be contenance by the Iraqi government."

Sen. Menendez: "Before I turn to Senator Markey, let me echo what Senator McCain has said in this regard..... And I agree with you that resettlement is a critical part. May be the United States could be part of leading of the way in saying to a universe of these individuals that in fact you can be resettled to the United States and that would get the rest of the world to offer further resettlement. But it is unacceptable to lose one more life when American commanders gave these individuals a written guarantee toward their safety and it sends a message to others in the world that when we say that we are going to do that and we do not, that they should not trust us."

69. October 29 - Six US Senators urge President Obama in a letter, to tell Maliki to cut ties with Iran and halt attacks on Camp Ashraf residents. The letter was signed by: Senators John McCain (R-AZ), Carl Levin (D-MI), James Inhofe (R-OK), Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Bob Corker (R-TN), and Lindsey Graham (R-SC). They condemned the recent massacre of 52 Iranian dissidents members of the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI/MEK) at Camp Ashraf, adding "Attacks against the residents of Camp Ashraf in Iraq are reprehensible, especially because the Iraqi government pledged to protect these people. Prime Minister Maliki must understand that actions such as these need to stop."

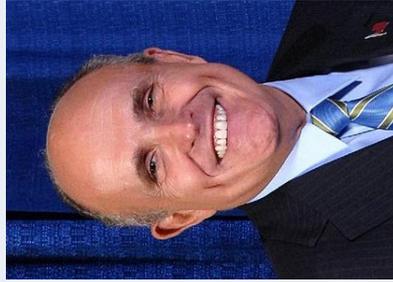




## October 2013

70. October 23, 2011 - 36 FORMER SENIOR US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS: The massacre and kidnapping of the Iranian dissidents on September 1, "was premeditated mass murder planned at the highest level and executed by Iraqi forces and agents, using equipment and training provided by United States forces."

"Many of the undersigned have given our personal guarantees of safety to these residents. Our assurances, which were made at the request of our State Department, followed the same promises of protection made previously by your highest military officers in Iraq."



## October 2013

71. October 29 - 45 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO PRESIDENT OBAMA:  
“There are troubling signs of complicity if not outright involvement in this attack by the Government of Iraq.  
“We must do a better job of holding the Government of Iraq accountable; there must be real consequences for the lack of protection of these unarmed innocent civilians.”



## Statement by Chairman Ed Royce

72. October 30— Representative Ed Royce Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, subsequent to meeting with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri-al-Maliki: *“Our meeting with Prime Minister Maliki included a robust discussion on a range of critical issues, including the growing presence of al-Qaeda affiliated groups in Iraq and across the Middle East, Iran’s destabilizing role in the region and security for minorities in Iraq. I urged the Prime Minister to do more to reconcile with his political opponents on key issues in order to marginalize the terrorists and militants who threaten to draw Iraq into another deadly civil war by exploiting these disagreements. I also pressed Maliki to do more to ensure the safety of Iranian dissidents in Iraq, especially those at Camp Liberty, and to hold accountable those responsible for the horrific massacre of dissidents at Camp Ashraf in September.”*

**Mass rally  
of Iranians  
against Maliki's  
visit to  
White House**

## November 2013

73. November 1 - Iranians rally outside the White House to urge President Obama to hold Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki accountable for murder at Camp Ashraf, secure release of 7 abducted Iranian dissidents.



74. **Newt Gingrich - Former Speaker of the House:** It is inconceivable that on September 1<sup>st</sup> armed men invaded Camp Ashraf and the Maliki government knew nothing. It is not possible. It is inconceivable that there are 7 hostages being held in Iraq and the Maliki government knows nothing...The fact is they do know and they have been acting as the ally of the Iranian dictatorship which of course hates any elements who want to bring freedom to Iran... If the Prime Minister Maliki is asking for our help, he needs to earn that help by doing several key things. One is protecting people at Camp Liberty and taking responsibility for ensuring that they are safe until we can get enough visas for everyone to move in other countries to be safe. Second, he should today pledge that the 7 hostages will be released...

75. **Tom Ridge - Former PA Governor, Secretary Homeland Security:** We have a message to you (Maliki). No more aid, no more arms until you free the hostages, secure the safety of 3,000 men and women that remain in Camp Liberty, ensure their evacuation and then come back and arm and aide. Until then, we follow up with our friends on the Hill to make sure that neither the Foreign Relations Committee nor the Armed Forces Committee approves a single dime of assistance or a single weapon until you keep your promises... When America makes a promise, we keep the promise. Particularly when it involves the safety and security of defenseless human beings who have surrendered their means to protect themselves and trusted us.

76. **Patrick Kennedy - Former Rhode Island Congressman:** Nouri al-Maliki has to choose sides. He cannot be a puppet of the mullahs in Tehran and come to the U.S. and ask for more assistance...He cannot expect to have any more gunships and more military aid while he still adds to the sectarian violence that currently occupying his country. He cannot expect to use any more military aid from the U.S. to perpetrate these human rights abuses.

77. **Robert Torricelli - Former NJ Senator:** Maliki has blood on his hands; the blood of 52 martyrs in Ashraf and the blood of martyrs of Liberty. He killed them; he conspired to their death; we will not forget it; we will not forgive it; and Barack Obama needs to say it to his face today.

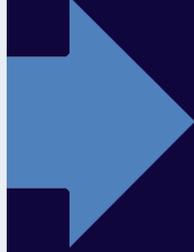
**Demonstrators:  
"Maliki is lying  
to America  
over Ashraf  
massacre,  
taking of seven  
hostages, and  
democracy in  
Iraq."**





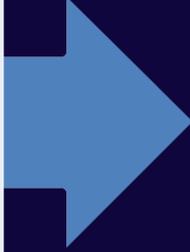
## UNHCR & UNAMI November 19, 2013

78. "UNHCR and United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI) remain gravely concerned about the fate of seven missing individuals formerly residing in Camp New Iraq who disappeared on 1 September and call on the authorities to locate them, ensure their wellbeing and safeguard them against any forcible return."



## Amnesty International November 19, 2013

79. "The seven Iranian exiles abducted on 1 September are now known to be held by the Iraqi security forces at an unofficial detention facility in central Baghdad."



## December 18, 2013

80. A Senate Panel including former mayor of New York Rudy Giuliani, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Hugh Shelton, former CIA Director James Woolsey, and former Congressman Patrick Kennedy, is doubtful that the Geneva Accord would curtail Tehran's nuclear drive, and urges Obama Administration to grant political refugee status to Iranian dissidents in Iraq. Sen. John Boozman (R-AR) praised the audience for their efforts in "alert[ing] the average Congressman, the people of America to the atrocities of this regime in so many different ways and so again I appreciate your advocacy."



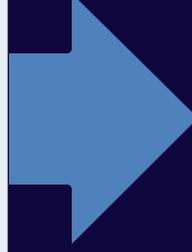
## Missile Attack December 26, 2013

81. At 9:15 pm local time, on December 26, 2013, the morning after Christmas, Camp Liberty was attacked with dozens of missiles of different types. The attack occurred subsequent to Nuri al-Maliki's trip to Tehran and was payback to the religious fascism ruling Iran to enlist the mullahs' support for Maliki's third term as Prime Minister. Thus far, 4 residents have been killed by the attack and some 70 people injured. Large portions of Liberty's residential trailers, facilities, and amenities as well as residents' belongings were destroyed or damaged.



## Missile Attack December 26, 2013

82. Iraq, Liberty: 38 rocket impact point identified in Camp Liberty housing Iranian opposition. A number of rockets were 280 mm ground-to-ground rockets with a length of 2 meters and a weight of 110 kg and a destructive power 20 times that of 107 mm rockets. Eight of such rockets have been used but three hit Camp Liberty.



## Missile Attack - December 26, 2013 Worldwide Reaction

83. France condemns attack on Iranian refugees in Camp Liberty, Iraq  
 France Diplomatie, Press Briefing, December 27, 2013 – “France condemns attacks occurred around the Baghdad airport on December 26. It calls on the Iraqi government to take the necessary measures to ensure the safety of Camp Hurriya as well as that of Ashraf. We reiterate our full support for the High Commission for Refugees and the mission of the United Nations Assistance for Iraq (UNAMI) in their efforts to implement a peaceful and lasting solution to the situation of refugee camps in Iraq.”

84. US Department of State condemns attack on Camp Liberty  
 The United States condemns in the strongest terms today’s rocket attack at Camp Hurriya that has reportedly killed and injured camp residents and also injured Iraqi police officers. Our condolences go out to the families of the victims and we hope for the swift recovery of those injured....

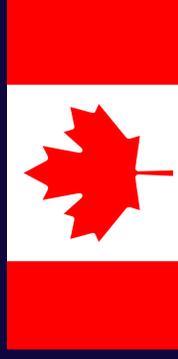
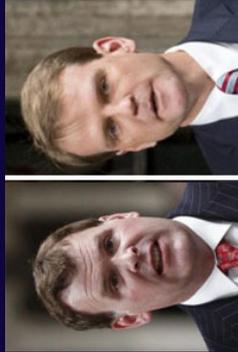
The United States is committed to assisting the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the relocation of all Camp Hurriya residents to a permanent and safe location outside of Iraq. We call on more countries to assist in responding to this urgent humanitarian situation by welcoming camp residents for relocation, as Albania has admirably done over this past year, and by contributing to the fund established by the United Nations to support their resettlement. The Department, through its Senior Advisor for MEK Resettlement, Jonathan Winer, will remain actively engaged in the international effort to relocate the residents of Camp Hurriya to safe, permanent, and secure locations outside of Iraq as soon as possible.

85. Canada Condemns Attack on Iranian Dissidents Camp Liberty in Iraq  
 December 27, 2013 - Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird and Chris Alexander, Canada’s Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, today issued the following statement:

“Canada condemns yesterday’s rocket attack on Camp Hurriya, near Baghdad, which killed and injured residents of the camp. Our thoughts go out to the families and friends of those who lost their lives in this deplorable violence. We wish a full recovery to the injured. The attack, the most recent in a series targeting Iraq-based camps housing Iranian exiles, is completely unacceptable.”

86. Italy condemns deadly attack on Iranian refugees in Camp Liberty, Iraq  
 The Ministry of Foreign Affairs without any reservation condemns yesterday’s bloody terrorist attack that targeted the residents of Camp Hurriya (Camp Liberty) and the staff of the Iraqi police and expresses his closeness to the families of the victims and wishes a speedy recovery for the injured.

**“We call on more countries to assist in responding to this urgent humanitarian situation by welcoming camp residents for relocation”**



## Missile Attack - December 26, 2013 Worldwide Reaction

87. UNHCR strongly condemns attack on Camp Liberty, renews calls for safety and immediate relocation of residents

Press Releases, 27 December 2013 by UNHCR - The UN refugee agency strongly condemns last night's attack on the Baghdad International Airport Zone, during which a number of rockets landed on Camp Hurriya – reportedly killing three and injuring many more in the camp. At least four camp residents who sustained serious injuries were reportedly rushed to hospitals in Baghdad by the Iraqi authorities. Camp Hurriya has already been hit on multiple occasions. Camp New Iraq (formerly Ashraf), where residents were previously staying, was also target of an attack in the past. UNHCR has consistently deplored such unacceptable attacks. UNHCR remains deeply concerned for the safety of the residents of Camp Hurriya.... Since 2011, UNHCR, together with UNAMI, has been engaged in an effort to find relocation opportunities outside Iraq for some 3,200 residents of the Camp. So far, the international community has managed to secure the relocation to third countries of 311 residents, clearly demonstrating that more relocation places are urgently needed.

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**EU: Facilitate  
relocation of all  
Camp Hurriya  
residents to a  
permanent and  
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outside of Iraq as  
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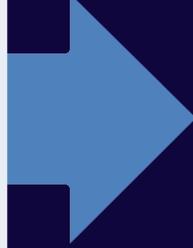
88. EU strongly condemns 'brutal' attack on Iranian refugees in Camp Liberty  
Statement by the spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the killing of residents at Camp Hurriya (Camp liberty) - Dec 28, 2013: "The High Representative condemns in the strongest terms the rocket attack at Camp Hurriya on 26 December, which according to various reports claimed the lives of several camp residents, the third such attack in 2013. Her sincere condolences go out to the families of the victims and she extends her wishes for a speedy recovery to those who were injured in this attack....

"The EU once more invites all parties to facilitate the work of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the relocation of all Camp Hurriya residents to a permanent and safe location outside of Iraq as soon as possible."

89. Amnesty International strongly condemns Attack on Camp Liberty

Three Iranian exiles were killed and at least 70 others, all members of the People's Mojahedeen Organization of Iran (PMOI), were wounded on 26 December 2013 when Camp Liberty in Baghdad was attacked with rockets and mortars. On the night of the 26 December three men, Mohammad Javad Saleh Tehrani, Mahmoud Bornafar and Abbas Namvar, were killed and at least 70 others injured during targeted rocket and mortar attacks of Camp Liberty in Baghdad. At least 3000 people, all members of the People's Mojahedeen Organization of Iran (PMOI), an Iranian opposition group are living in Camp Liberty....

Amnesty International strongly condemns this fourth and latest attack on Camp Liberty and calls on the international community to act urgently on the cases that have already been submitted for resettlement.



## Missile Attack - December 26, 2013 Worldwide Reaction

90. Chairman Menendez statement on the attack on Camp Liberty December 27, 2013 – U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez (D-N.J.), Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, issued this statement following the attack on Camp Liberty.

“The most recent attack on Camp Liberty is deplorable, demands swift condemnation, and requires continued vigilance from the Government of Iraq to stop attacks against members of the Mujahedin-e Khalq (MeK) while they remain in Iraq.... There is an urgent need to speed up the MeK resettlement effort outside of Iraq in coordination with the United Nations Assistance Mission-Iraq.... I call on the Obama Administration to double down in its efforts to support and accelerate the resettlement process....”

**Sen. Menendez:**  
**There is an urgent need to speed up the MeK resettlement effort outside of Iraq**



91. Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen: UN must take steps necessary to protect Iranian refugees in Camp Liberty

“This latest attack is the fourth of its kind on Camp Liberty this year, and those responsible must be swiftly brought to justice.... Both the UN and the Iraqi government must take the steps necessary to protect the residents of Camp Liberty and Camp Ashraf until they can be safely relocated. This includes the installation of t-walls and other measures that can be done to make the Camps more secure. Last month I pressed Secretary Kerry to use the full leverage of the State Department and the Administration to press the Iraqi government’s swift action on this installation, and will continue to do so until these residents are sufficiently protected.”

**Rep. Ros-Lehtinen:**  
**Attack underscores need for administration to push Iraqi government and UN to do more for residents’ protection**



92. Congressman Poe: U.S. must ensure safety and security of Iranians in Camp Liberty, Iraq

“Today, Camp Liberty in Iraq once again came under attack when dozens of missiles rained down over the camp.... This is the fourth missile attack on Camp Liberty in 2013, yet no one has been held accountable.

“It is time for the United States demand action from Prime Minister Maliki. We should immediately freeze aid to Iraq until he finds and punishes the criminals responsible for these attacks. Perhaps the Administration should spend less time trying to appease Iran and more time working to ensure the safety and security of the Iranian freedom fighters residing in Camp Liberty.”

**Rep. Poe:**  
**U.S. must ensure safety and security of Iranians in Camp Liberty**



## January 2014

93. January 5, 2014 - U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has named former Deputy U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Jane Holl Lute as his special adviser to help with the relocation of a group of Iranian dissidents in Iraq to new countries, the U.N. said on Sunday.

“Ms. Holl Lute will work with a wide range of stakeholders, in particular Member States, with a view to facilitating the relocation of residents of Camp Hurriya outside of Iraq,” the U.N. press office said in a statement.



Organization of Iranian-American Communities

*Supporting the third option for  
a democratic, secular and  
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## About Us

Organization of Iranian-American Communities (OIAC) represents the network of more than 40 groups, societies, unions, and associations of Iranian-Americans throughout the United States. OIAC advocates democratic change in Iran and upholds the rich heritage of the Iranian culture.

Fleeing from the barbaric theocracy in their homeland, Iranian-Americans have successfully established themselves in the United States, enjoying professional, scientific, and financial prosperity. Iranian-Americans have benefited from long held virtues that have been enablers of their success in America and motivate their continued interest in their homeland's disposition.

Over a hundred years ago, Iranians orchestrated what ultimately developed into a constitutional revolution. The latter provided for the beginning of a democratic framework, more equality for women, and national sovereignty. In 1953, Iranian people again rebelled against foreign intervention and corruption through democratic elections, leadership of former Prime Minister Mohammad Mossadegh, and a democratically elected parliament. Some 30 years later, with the 1979 revolution, the people of Iran once more rejected dictatorship – this was a democratically inspired revolution that was unfortunately hijacked by the current clerical dictators in Iran.

Embracing and struggling for democracy is therefore a natural phenomenon for all Iranians. Iranian people and Iranian-American alike deeply covet democratic values. We have long supported separation of religion from state; societal choice through democratic elections; respect for human rights; freedom of religion and assembly; and the U.N. charter. Accordingly, activism for freedom and democracy in Iran has been a central component of our community's life in exile.

We foster collaboration with all Iranian-Americans and concerned citizens across the country to advance the universal rights of man, including basic respect for human rights and the rule of law. In this context, we center our efforts on 2 key principles:

In seeking an alternative to the religious fascism now engulfing Iran and the region, we back a political/social platform that allows for self-determination through democratic elections by & for the people of Iran.

No version, form, or faction of the current regime represents the Iranian people or their democratic aspirations. The current regime must therefore be replaced in its entirety: by the people of Iran and their organized resistance.

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