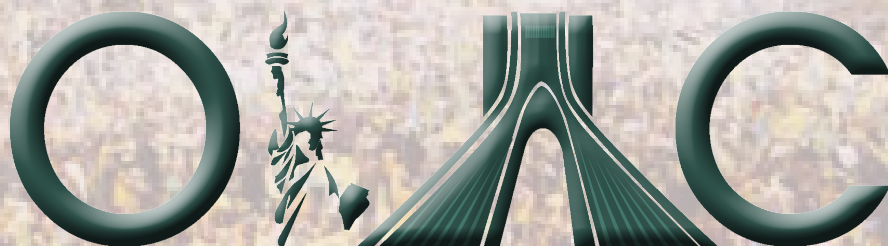


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National Convention for a Democratic, Secular, and Non-nuclear Republic in Iran

The Washington Convention Center, February 9, 2013



Calls for Iranian exiles to be moved to US after attack

- Top former American officials on Saturday condemned an attack on a camp of Iranian exiles in Iraq that left five dead, and urged Washington to allow the residents to take refuge in the US.
- The National Convention for a Democratic Iran that met in Washington also accused the US administration of reneging on promises to protect members of the People's Mojahedin of Iran or MEK living in Camp Liberty.
- About 1,500 Iranian-Americans at the Washington Convention denounced the attack and called for better protection for the residents.
- "These people can all be removed within hours," former New York mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who was a guest speaker, told the convention. "Planes can be sent immediately. They can be here within a day. We have done far more difficult things than that. It's only about 3,000 people."
- Former national security advisor General James Jones, said: "Camp Liberty has a name that is not worthy of a prison, which it has become." Jones added America should "welcome a generous number of refugees and in so doing setting the example for the rest of the world."



From left: Chairman Lee Hamilton, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, Gen. James Jones, Hon. Patrick Kennedy, Mayor Rudy Giuliani, Judge Michael Mukasey, Sen. Rick Santorum, Hon. Frances Townsend, and Sec. Andrew Card



Top U.S. Political leaders, Iranian-Americans speak out for a democratic Iran

- Many Texas Iranian Americans and top United States political leaders gathered in Washington on Saturday, at the National Convention of Iranian American Communities, to talk about their efforts to create a democratic Iran.
- Former Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison spoke at the event to hundreds of Iranian-Americans about her support to one day see Iran as a democratic society.
- "This is a country that put a man on the moon and you mean to tell me we can't get 3,000 people out of there safely? Nonsense," Mukasey said as the crowd rose to their feet in applause.



Rudy Giuliani: Martin Kobler, Liberty is not only a concentration camp, it's a killing field. And you allowed it to become a concentration camp and you permitted it to become a killing field. You're a liar and the blood of these people is on your hands.



James Jones: The murder and harassment and mistreatment of which the people of Ashraf have suffered, is a sad chapter in our history, a stain on the international community and an indictment of the Iraqi government.



Patrick Kennedy: As it prepares to resettle and airlift those refugees out, today the U.S. and the international community ought to make sure that until that happens, those in Camp Liberty can go back to a place that has running water, electricity, plumbing, and heating, to Ashraf City that they built out of a desert.



Rick Santorum: Today at Camp Liberty we see the consequence of a failure on the part of this administration to keep its promise. We made a promise to the people at Camp Ashraf and we broke that promise and people died.



Lee Hamilton: I commend you for your 10-point program and I applaud it. That is a platform that I can endorse with great enthusiasm.



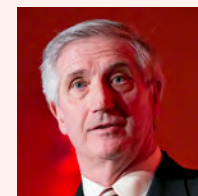
Michael Mukasey: Martin Kobler gave his assurance, his two-faced duplicitous lying assurance that the residents of Ashraf would be protected if they moved to Camp Liberty.



Kay Bailey Hutchison: It is the understatement of the year that gradual approach of P5+1 has failed. It has failed because there is a lot of talk but never any action.



Francis Townsend: If last night's attack on Liberty was meant to silence and to intimidate us, our message to Iran and the Iraqi government is: "You lose". We will not be silenced until there is a democratic and free Iran.



Andrew Card: America's conscience should be crying out right now because we did not do that which we promised and we did not live up to that which we hold so dear.

Iran: Prospects for Democratic Change, U.S. Policy Options

Houston, Texas, February 20, 2013



Senior Bi-Partisan Panel Urges Recognition of Iranian opposition, calls for protection of dissidents through transfer to Camp Ashraf

- HOUSTON, Feb. 22, 2013 / USNewswire/ – In a conference entitled, “Iran: Prospects for Democratic Change, U.S. Policy Options,” a distinguished panel of bi-partisan former U.S. officials spoke to the need for a new course in dealing with the nuclear and terrorist threats posed by the Iranian regime, namely reaching out to Iran’s organized opposition movement and protecting its members who are currently in Iraq.
- Mayor Rudy Giuliani was joined by former Attorney General Michael Mukasey, former U.S. Ambassador to Morocco Marc Ginsberg and Col. Wes Martin (Ret.), chief protection officer for all of the Coalition Forces in Iraq and commandant of Camp Ashraf, Iraq, home to over 3,000 members of the main Iranian dissident movement, MEK.
- While rejecting the current policy of negotiating with the rulers of Tehran and underlining the futility of sanctions in changing the regime’s behavior, Mayor Giuliani stressed the need to embrace the Iranian resistance.



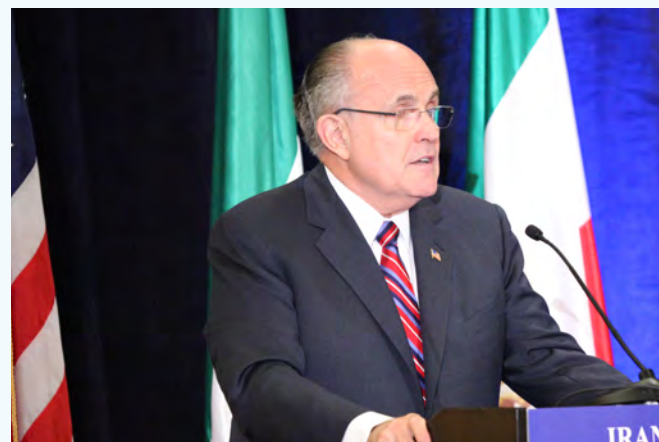
From left: Colonel Wesley Martin (at podium), Ambassador Marc Ginsberg, Mayor Rudy Giuliani, and Attorney General Michael Mukasey

- Attorney General Mukasey noted, “Unfortunately, the moral responsibility lies with the United Nations and with our own government as well... And of course the attack itself could not have occurred without active Iraqi cooperation, [because] the commander of the forces that were supposed to provide security at Camp Liberty was the commander of the forces that last time attacked the MEK in Camp Ashraf and murdered more than 20 people.”
- Ambassador Marc Ginsberg quoted from the statement by members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee following their meeting with the Iranian Resistance’s President-elect Mrs. Maryam Rajavi in Paris. The statement added, among other things, “The U.S. Government, the Secretary General of the United Nations, and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees should give top priority to resolving the security situation of the residents of Camp Liberty- which can be ensured by their return to Camp Ashraf-before conducting any further interviews with the residents.”
- Col. Martin also blamed the Iraqi government for facilitating the attack on Liberty. “This last rocket attack proved it is an extermination camp waiting to happen... The only nation able to do this attack, the only organization able to do this attack in that region is the Iranian Quds force, backed by the Maliki military. That precision, putting those rockets into that Camp, wasn’t an adjustment of fire; it took a professional military organization, he said.



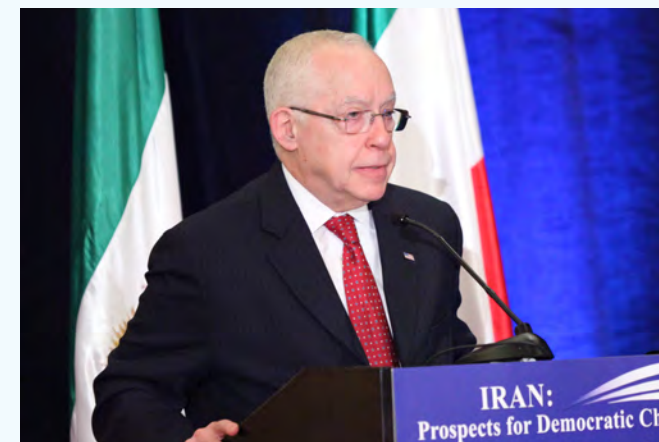
Marc Ginsberg

Former US Ambassador to Morocco



Rudy Giuliani

Former Mayor of New York



Michael Mukasey

81st U.S. Attorney General



Wesley Martin

Former Chief Antiterrorism Officer, MNFI-Iraq

The cause for Iranian democracy, is a cause that we all share. We share it because it is not only within a fabric of our moral society, but we share it because it is the right thing to do.

A few weeks ago, a bipartisan Congressional delegation, travelled to Paris, to meet with Mrs. Maryam Rajavi.

This bipartisan delegation, met with her and issued a very important message to the Congress and to the people of the United States. And their message was the following:

1. It is important to re-visit United State's relations with Iran in the wake of the repeated failure of the Supreme Leader and his Government to accept the treaties of United State to engage in bilateral negotiation over a undisguised Nuclear weapons program.
2. It is important for the President and his Administration, to reach out to the democratic opposition in Iran, which we failed to several years ago so let's not repeat the same mistake and not do that now.
3. We must do everything possible to ensure the full protection of the inhabitants of Camp Liberty.

The seven people you see here these are all human lives. Those are some of the bodies you saw laying there. None of these people had to die. This did not have to happen. It should not have happened. This was totally preventable. And these people were killed not by some accident or by some misfortune. These people were killed because of very very wrong decisions that were made by the United Nations and the United States. And for that I really am ashamed.

All these people in camp Ashraf voluntarily surrendered all their arms, their ability to defend themselves. They surrendered it to the US military; to the US government. And they surrendered the ability to defend themselves because they were promised protection by the US government. The US government gave them a promise when they surrendered their own weapons that they would act as protection for these people.

To me that's a solemn promise on my country. That's a solemn promise that we have now broken time and time again. The US should be ashamed of itself for having broken that promise.

Iraq acting at the behest of Iran, insisted that Ashraf be closed, and people moved and so we were told by Ambassador Kolber that if only they moved to Camp Liberty then it would be easier to get them out of the country. and in fact a United States diplomat who was working on this file, told us the same thing; he told us they're much safer close to Baghdad, they are near the airport so they can be taken out quickly if there's a problem. If there's a problem?

What is the State Departments definition of a problem? Maybe we should have asked them how many bodies does it take? How much ordinance do they have to pour on that camp before you conclude there's a problem.

It's about time, it is long since past time to abandon the polite euphemisms of diplomacy, to abandon the reaction of the sort that we got from the State Department, which says we take this very seriously and we're studying....It's time to stop taking it seriously the way they're doing it and studying it...

You want to start taking something seriously? How about taking seriously the written promise we made to those people that they would be protected. How about taking seriously the promise we made to them when they moved to camp liberty that they would be protected. How about taking seriously our own ideals?

Right now the United States is looking to other countries to accept the residents. The United States needs to be the first to lead this effort. The residents surrendered their weapons to the United States. The residents signed a ceasefire agreement with the United States. The residents received protected persons status from the United States. The residents worked hard to protect the soldiers and marines of the United States who were stationed at Ashraf. And we've seen those videos of 2009 and 2011 attacks on Camp Ashraf. We see people dying, we see people being murdered by Iraqi forces.

The United States needs to bring these people out, they need to bring them out now. They need to bring them to the homes and to the security they deserve,

UN Ambassador Martin Kolber and his wife German Ambassador Britta Wagner have proven themselves to be nothing more than a pair of parrots sitting on Maliki's shoulder. I have also analyzed Maliki must be the best ventriloquist in the world, because no matter how far away he gets, every time Martin Kolber opens his mouth, Maliki's words come out.

MARCH 15, 2013

Congressional Reception

Celebrating Iranian New Year, *Nowrouz*, in Solidarity with Democracy in Iran

Washington, D.C. - March 15, 2013

Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen: It is time for us in the United States to show the United Nations and the Iraqi government what it means to keep one's word. We need to help facilitate the prompt and the safe return of all of the residents from Camp Liberty back to Camp Ashraf where they can be better protected. It has been their home. They deserve to be back home and this is an urgent humanitarian situation and time is of the utmost essence. Let us not run the risk of being here again at the next Iranian-American New Year lamenting our lack of action. So I have been urging my colleagues in a speech that I gave, Congressman Cotton also spoke, Judge Poe has spoken, so many others have spoken urging our colleagues in joining me and calling for Judge Poe's bill to be debated on the House floor .as soon as possible

Congressman Brad Sherman: Now is the time for us to press Baghdad to provide those residents with better living conditions and, of course, better security in Camp Hurriya and that would, of course, just be a short-term solution. We're all aware of what happened on February 9th when dozens of rockets were fired into the camp, the camp formerly known as Camp Liberty... And I'm particularly concerned because at the camp they had these concrete T-walls, over 17000 of them... And those T-walls were removed from around the trailers. If they had remained, fewer lives would have been lost and it is time for all of those who are concerned with human rights in the world to ask the Iraqi government why concrete structures designed to protect people from blasts were removed in the months prior to when rockets containing explosives were fired into the camp. One of the great facts that recommends the MEK for our review is the fact that as far as I can tell it is the organization most feared and hated by the Iranian government. And it is not surprising that the Iranian government will sponsor the Hezbollah brigades and have them attack unarmed civilians of the MEK.



Democratic Change in Iran
Protect Iranian Dissidents by
Returning Them to Ashraf

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson-Lee: I congratulate all of us for the persistence to come to the day where we know the true values of the MEK and the virtues of democracy and strength that it stood for. I'm glad to be free and glad to have this moment to speak about freedom and democracy.

So my words are simply as we celebrate this new year, that after we fought so hard for first a transfer of our loved ones, your loved ones, to Camp Liberty and now to see that the 17,750 T-walls have been removed. It doesn't make any sense. And we will fight to get the kind of safety and security for those in Camp Liberty. We will not rest.

As we leave this place today as we look out into the bright sun of a free America, we should never forget our friends who are standing strong in Camp Liberty and places elsewhere... Let us commit ourselves that we will not, never on our watch, forget those in Camp Liberty who are reaching to us to carry their message and set them free.

Congressman Kevin Brady: Your efforts are so tireless and I believe it's paying off in a major way as more and more members get engaged.

You can count me among those who are supporting Congressman Poe in his legislation to ensure the full protection of the residents of Camp Liberty.

Congressman Randy Weber: I want y'all to know that we stand strong and united with y'all. It is time for a change in Iran.

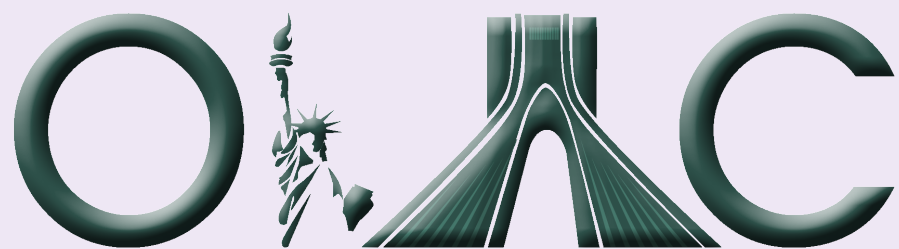
Go ahead. It is time for the United States of America and for the United Nations to stand up and say to the tyrants in Iran, enough is enough. That we want liberty, we want freedom, we want democracy. Too much blood has been shed. There's been too much death and destruction.

As a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, my pledge to you is to help you any way I can.

Please know that you're not alone. We see the plight. We see the problem. I want more of my colleagues to take notice, to get involved. We want to stand in solidarity with y'all.



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Onward to Freedom

For the last ten years, the largest gathering of Iranians for a free and democratic Iran is held every year in June in France, the seat of the main Iranian opposition, the *National Council of Resistance of Iran* and its President-elect Maryam Rajavi.

This year, the rally in Villepinte (Paris-Nord), on June 22, was held at a very important juncture; a year that many observers describe as a “crucial year” for the theocracy in Iran that threatens peace and security in the world. The religious dictatorship in Iran continues to brutally repress the Iranian people. The terrorist activities instigated by the Tehran regime, and its interference in the countries of the region, including Syria and Iraq, have shocked and alarmed the world. The gathering for which

OIAC was a co-sponsor, was held on the eve of a sham ritual billed as a presidential election in Iran that has already been discredited by the Iranian people in its most recent iteration in 2009.

Mrs. Maryam Rajavi delivered the keynote speech. More than 600 international dignitaries from 57 countries participated, among them the European Parliament’s Vice-President, former Prime Minister of Spain, Former Prime Minister of Algeria, and the Former French minister of defense and foreign affairs. There was a large delegation of dignitaries from the U.S. who spoke to the more than 100,000 Iranians and their supporters and sympathizers. A list of the distinguished members of the American delegation appears in the opposite page.

Mayor Rudy Giuliani
Former Mayor of New York



“I said two years ago that Camp Liberty was going to be a concentration camp and worse, a killing field. I am very, very sad to say that I’ve turned out to be correct. It’s become exactly that - a concentration camp and a place where people are killed without any regard for dignity, human life, or decency. People abandoned by the United Nations and even worse, abandoned by my country, the United States, that promised them protection.

“In the name of decency, free the people of Camp Liberty and Camp Ashraf. Free them now! No more talk! No more diplomacy! No more lies! Free them as you promised to do! I believe that the most honorable thing to do would be to take all those people who are now at Libetry and camp Ashraf and because of promises made by United States of America by my country I believe there is of obligation to take all of them and bring them to the United States of America immediately!”



Gen. James Jones
Former National Security Advisor to President Obama, Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

“Iran is still the dominant source of instability and danger in the region. The outreach of its power and influence to Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and other countries, and through its use of proxies to destabilize the entire region, and through the steadfast advancement of its plan to acquire nuclear weapons, Iran’s goals and vision are unmistakable.

“Within the context of what is now a regional struggle, the leadership and the vision and the hope that all of you represent serves notice to Tehran that democracy is coming and that it is unstoppable. So to be clear, Iran’s so-called election of Hassan Rowhani will not change the supreme leader’s vision or his direction for the regime. We should be clear on this.



Hon. Ted Poe (R-TX)
Chairman of Subcommittee on Terrorism, Non-proliferation & Trade, U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee

“If the Iranian government was put on trial, it would be found guilty; guilty of injustice, murder, arrests of political and religious people; and it would be found guilty of encouraging terrorism throughout the world, especially at Camp Liberty... The United States’s obligation is to protect the people of Camp Liberty.”



Hon. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX)
Member, Homeland Security Committee and Judiciary Committee, U.S. House of Representatives

”we stand here as united Americans, Republicans and Democrats, fighting for freedom with you and we are never giving up... There is no divide between those in the United States who would condemn the dastardly and brutality of [the attack against Camp Liberty] last week, including the Secretary of State, who denounced it and whose heart and mind recognizes that we must free those who are struggling in Camp Liberty. Free them. Let them go on to Camp Ashraf.”



Hon. William Lacy Clay (D-MO)
Member, Committee on Financial Services, U.S. House of Representatives

”The criminal regime in Tehran continues to constitute a direct threat to America’s national security and to the peace of the world... I join my Congressional colleagues in support of House resolution 60, calling on the U.S. government to fully protect your loved ones, residing in Camp Hurriya.”

Sen. Bob Menendez (D-NJ)
Chairman of U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee

“I’d like to thank Mrs. Rajavi for the opportunity to speak to you today. I join you in solidarity in condemning the latest deadly rocket attack on Camp Liberty that killed two and wounded many more; the second attack since February when eight were killed and scores injured. These acts of violence are unforgivable and only serve to prolong the day when the people in Camp Liberty and the people in Camp Ashraf can live without fear and uncertainty.”



Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI)
Chairman of U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee

“The United States should persist in pressing the government of Iraq to live up to its obligations under the December 2011 agreement with the United Nations to ensure the safety and security of Camp Liberty.”

Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)
Member of U.S. Senate Committees on Appropriations; Commerce, Science and Transportation; and Armed Services

“Your cause is critical. Supporting a truly free and a democratic Iran is important to the world, to the region, and to the many loved ones each of you still have there. Establishing a democratic Iran free of nuclear weapons that honors the rule of law and human rights can only be done with the support and voice of freedom like all of yours.”



Ambassador John Bolton
Former US Ambassador to UN

“If we fall for the same line that Rowhani peddled successfully ten years ago, we will find that the regime has nuclear weapons in very short order. The only answer is that the policy of the West, and in particular the United States, has to be not to negotiate with Rowhani but to overthrow Rowhani. The United States and others should provide tangible assistance to the Iranian opposition... Make no mistake the only long-term solution to the regime’s effort to get nuclear weapons is to change the regime... Now is the time not to bend to the regime, not to fall for their lies once again, but to adopt a policy of changing the regime in Tehran.”

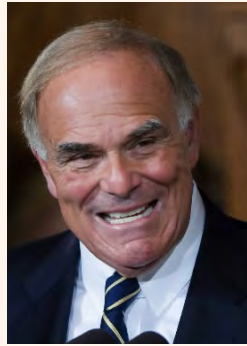
Gov. Bill Richardson
*Former US Ambassador to UN,
Former Governor of New Mexico*

”All of the power in Iran is in the hands of the supreme leader. The president is simply in charge of some logistical work and nothing more. And this president is no moderate. He is the top nuclear negotiator of a nuclear Iran. He is not a moderate. The litmus test for Iran is clear. Freedom of expression, freedom of political parties, releasing all political prisoners, stopping the nuclear program, and stopping support for the Syrian dictator. So, what should be done? The answer is simple. The time is now for regime change. Now is the time to support the Iranian people in their quest for freedom and democracy. Now is the time to support the resistance movement under Mrs. Rajavi’s leadership.”



Gov. Edward Rendell
Former Chairman of Democratic Party
Former Governor of Pennsylvania

“How many more have to die before the State Department does something?... The residents of Ashraf and liberty have the word of the United States government, a legally binding contract that we would protect them. We have no choice and we’re going to make this as clear as can be to the State Department. We have no choice but to live up to our obligation, the United States of America, and get these people out of Iraq to safety.”



Hon. Thomas Ridge
First Secretary of Homeland Security
Former Governor of Pennsylvania

“U.S. has given these soldiers for freedom, multiple promises, public promises, repeated promises... Support the democratic opposition in Iran, the MEK, and provide for the safety and security of the men and women at Liberty and Ashraf. It’s a call to action. It’s a call to keep a promise.”



Hon. Michael Mukasey
81st United States Attorney General

“I promise you, and I promise them, that I will not stop speaking out until the residents of Camp Liberty are free to rejoin the struggle that we’re all in, and that is the struggle for a free Iran.”

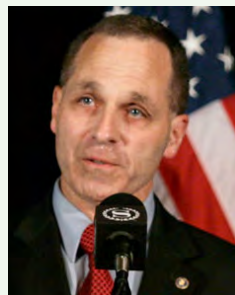


Hon. Newt Gingrich
Former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives

“Five generals and four colonels come to say that your cause is just and right. And they will say the United States gave its word, the United States honor is at stake, the United States signed a contract with the residents of Camp Ashraf. And that is why the United States should lead the effort to have a one-time airlift out of Iraq to a safe place and then resettle from a safe place.”

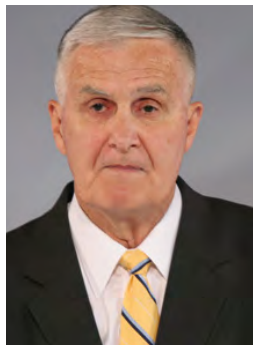
Hon. Louis Freeh
Former Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

“The most important thing for our government is not to stop, not to hesitate under the illusion that a moderate has now been elected as president of Iran. We know a little bit about this moderate. We know this moderate was the national security advisor to the president when the IRGC blew up Khobar Towers and murdered 19 Americans in 1996. We know that this moderate was the defender, engineer and supervisor of the Iranian atomic energy weapons program.”



General Henry Hugh Shelton
14th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

“The United States has made two guarantees. First, the protection of the Ashraf residents when they agreed to disarm in 2004 and secondly the United States guaranteed their safety when they agreed to move from Camp Ashraf to a concentration camp-like facility called Camp Liberty. Today the United States is clearly in breach of this treaty and international obligations as well as written guarantees... Today the Obama administration’s shocking indifference toward the dire humanitarian situation at Liberty is downright shameful. It pains me to see my government turn its back and to display such indifference and most of all to ignore its commitment and its promises. That is not the American way.”



Hon. Patrick Kennedy
*Former Member of U.S. House of
Representatives*



“We survived the U.S. terrorist listing! The MEK is delisted! And we will survive Rowhani and Maliki just like we did Kobler and delisting!”

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General George Casey
*36th Chief of Staff of the US Army, Commanding General,
Multi-National Force – Iraq (2004-2007)*

“The men and women at Camp Liberty are still at risk. The United Nations, the U.S. government and the Iraqi government have all agreed that the MEK must be protected. They must see that this is done... We didn’t really begin to see the full impact of Iran’s influence until after the bombing of the al-Askari Mosque in Samarra in February of 2006... This regime will not stop in its support of terror and they will continue to use terror to accomplish their political objectives and to spread instability across the Middle East. When you combine this with their continued pursuit of nuclear weapons, I believe that this regime presents an unacceptable threat both to the region and to the international community.”

Hon. José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero
Prime Minister of Spain (2004-2011)



” It’s an honor for me to share this moment today with the Iranian Community outside Iran. I am here to share your aspirations, your dreams and your goals... The future of democracy in Iran is in the hands of the Iranian people, and that means, of course, that it’s in your hands. Your strength and conviction are the key to hope. And I want to express my deepest concern for the lack of security in Camp Liberty and I support the residents’ demand to return to Camp Ashraf.

“The important role that women have in the Iranian Opposition is a sign of your movement’s strength. This is really encouraging. Congratulations Maryam Rajavi, for leading this movement.”

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Hon. Frances Townsend
Former US Homeland Security Advisor

“My sisters, you are the heart and soul of the Resistance. More than any other freedom movement around the world, women are the memory and the inspiration of this movement... Women in Iran in Ashraf and Liberty fight for the same rights as other women around the world... The wall of martyrs is a somber reminder. But those lost to us will never lose their voice because we hear their cries and we become their voice to the world. Today there is another great Persian poet like Ferdowsi writing another 50,000 verses of Iranian history, another Shahnameh. And the courage and the commitment of the people here today and those in Liberty and Ashraf, those of the MEK, and that of Mrs. Rajavi will be captured in that next 50,000 verses.

Grand Gathering

Villepinte - Paris

Participants from the United States

Mayor Rudy Giuliani, Former Mayor of New York City,

General James Jones, Former National Security Advisor to President Obama;

Speaker Newt Gingrich, Former Speaker of the US House of Representatives and the Presidential candidate for 2012 election;

Governor Ed Rendell, Former Governor of Pennsylvania and Chairman of the Democratic National Committee;

Rep. Ted Poe (R-TX), Chairman of Subcommittee on Terrorism, Non-proliferation and Trade, U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee;

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX), Member, Homeland Security and Judiciary committees, U.S. House of Representatives;

Rep. William Lacy Clay (D-MO), Member, Committee on Financial Services, U.S. House of Representatives;

Mayor Bob Filner, Mayor, City of San Diego, California;

Governor Tom Ridge, Former U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security;

General Hugh Shelton, Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff;

Director Louis Freeh, Former Director of the US Federal Bureau of Investigation;

Governor Bill Richardson, Governor of New Mexico from 2003 to 2011, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and the Energy Secretary in the Clinton Administration;

Ambassador John Bolton, Former Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Security and the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations;

Speaker John Dennis Hastert, Former Speaker of the US House of Representatives;

Judge Michael Mukasey, The 81st Attorney General of the United States;

Ambassador Mitchell Reiss, Former Director of Policy Planning at the U.S. Department of State;

Senator Robert Torricelli, Former Member of the US Senate;

Ambassador Robert Joseph, Former US Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Security;

Hon. Patrick Kennedy, Former Member of US House of Representatives;

Hon. Phillip J Crowley, Assistant Secretary of State from 2009 to 2011, Senior director of public affairs for the US National Security Council and Special Assistant to the President for national security affairs in 1997;

Col. Wesley Martin, The first Colonel Commandant of Ashraf,

Col. Leo McCloskey, JIATF Commander at Ashraf;

Col. Thomas Cantwell, served in the US military under Multinational Force-Iraq;

Col. Barry Johnson, served in the US military under Multinational Force-Iraq;

General George Casey, Chief of Staff of the United States Army from 2007 to 2011 and served as the Commanding General, Multi-National Force – Iraq from 2004 to 2007;

General Chuck Wald, Former Deputy Commander of U.S. European Command Headquarters;

General James Conway, the 34th Commandant of the Marine Corps;

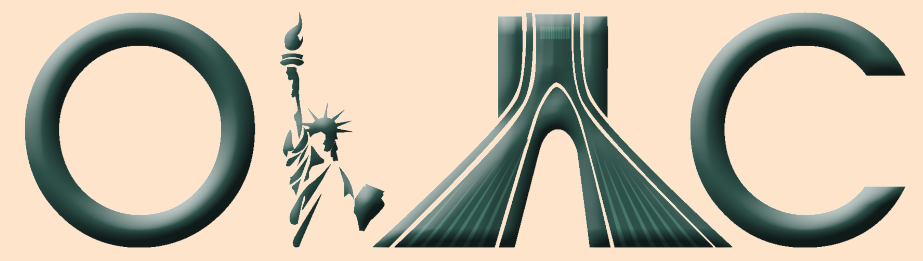
Hon. Frances Townsend, Homeland Security Advisor to United States President George W. Bush;

Ambassador Marc Ginsberg, US ambassador to Morocco from 1994–1998 and former Deputy Senior Adviser to the President of the United States for Middle East Policy;

Dir. Porter Goss, Former Director of the US Central Intelligence Agency;



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From Left: Rep. Patrick Kennedy, Col. Wesley Martin, Attorney General Michael Mukasey, Undersecretary James Glassman and Rep. Loretta Sanchez's Chief of Staff



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[Excerpts] ...Reps. Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA), Chair, Europe, Eurasia
and Emerging Threats Subcommittee; and Judy Chu (D-CA), House
Judiciary Committee member; Michael Mukasey, 81st U.S. Attorney
General; James Glassman, former Undersecretary of State for Public
Policy & Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Rep. Patrick Kennedy (1995
– 2011); and Col. Wesley Martin, Chief Protection, Anti-terrorism
Officer, Coalition Forces, Iraq, addressed the Convention.

In a Congressional Certificate to the Convention's President, Rep. Ed
Royce (R-CA), U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee Chair, voiced
support for a democratic, secular, non-nuclear republic in Iran.

The participants called for tougher sanctions on Tehran, underscoring
that the only solution for the Iran crisis is a regime change by Iranian
people and the organized resistance. They expressed support for
the 10-point plan articulated by Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, the Iranian
resistance's President-elect.

In a video message, Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA), Terrorism, Non-
proliferation and Trade Subcommittee Ranking Member, said, "[Rouhani]
has appointed to his Cabinet a number of former officials with horrendous
human rights record. To think that [Mostafa] Pourmohammadi would
become justice minister, the word justice is a contradiction to his name."

Rep. Loretta Sanchez (D-CA), a senior member of the Armed Services
Committee, and Tom McClintock (R-CA) also sent written messages,
rejecting that Rouhani was moderate and applauding the efforts of
Iranian Americans.

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Aug. 19, 2013—By Jessica Terrell — [Excerpts] Rep.
Dana Rohrabacher, R-Costa Mesa, joined more than
300 Iranian-Americans on Saturday at a conference
calling on the United States to use diplomatic efforts
to intercede on behalf of 3,100 Iranian refugees
housed on a former U.S. military base in Iraq.

The refugees — many of them members of a dissident
group Mujahedeen-e-Khalq or MEK — were promised
protection by the U.S. military in return for disarming
when U.S. forces invaded Iraq in 2003, according to
the California Society for Democracy in Iran, which
organized the event.

"They were promised by us, the United States, that
they would have safe passage, that they would then
be able to go to countries that would give them safe
haven," Rohrabacher said. "We cannot break our
promise to them without spreading the word to all
others who oppose the regime that you can't trust us."

"America must stand with those refugees in Camp
Liberty," Rohrabacher said. "We must stand with
the people in Iran who are fighting the mullahs or in
the end we will pay a terrible price for giving up our
principles."



From Left: Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (at the podium), Rep. Patrick Kennedy, Col. Wesley Martin, Attorney General Michael Mukasey, Undersecretary James Glassman, and Rep. Loretta Sanchez's Chief of Staff

Los Angeles Times

August 17, 2013 - By Carla Rivera - [Excerpts] Hundreds
of Iranian Americans are expected to attend a convention
in Anaheim on Saturday that will explore the current state
of Iranian politics after the election of new president
Hassan Rouhani.

Convention delegates are expected to discuss Iran's
nuclear capabilities, human rights issues, religious
persecution and the role of opposition groups.

The convention is sponsored by the nonprofit California
Society for Democracy in Iran.

"This is the first time Iranian-Americans are going to come
out and speak about the new Rouhani administration and
discuss U.S. policy towards Iran," said spokesman Amir M.
Emadi.

Emadi said the convention coincides with the 25th
anniversary of the deaths of thousands of political
prisoners throughout Iran in 1988. Opposition groups
assert that members of Rouhani's cabinet were directly
involved in the deaths.



Rep. Judy Chu (at the podium), Former Rep. Patrick Kennedy



Patrick Kennedy:

The cause of the people in Liberty and Ashraf is a legal mandate--the 4th Geneva Convention. The international community and the United States made a promise, that in exchange for disarming the people of Ashraf, we were going to protect them. Some have already died because we haven't met that mandate, but not all of them have to die before we do something about it.



Michael Mukasey:

The residents of Camp Liberty are in a desperate. Needed protective T-walls have been removed. They live in flimsy shelters and already have been the target of three attacks by people acting with the cooperation of the Maliki government. If any further harm befalls Liberty residents, that blood will be on the hands of those fail to act.



James Glassman:

As we can see today all too clearly in Syria, and in Iran; the answer is the Iranian Opposition's ten-point platform for the future of Iran laid out by Maryam Rajavi. A republic that is based on universal suffrage, on pluralism on separation of church and state on complete gender equality, on human rights, on a market economy, on a modern legal system, and on a peaceful foreign policy that renounces and never wants to touch, and is devoid of nuclear weapons.



Hon. Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA) Chairman, House Europe, Eurasia and Emerging Threats Subcommittee

I have been very deeply touched by the struggles that have been going on towards whether camp Ashraf or camp liberty or just the people of Iran against this horrible just horrible anti human regime that now occupies Iran and it is your presence and you are and



Hon. Judy Chu (D-CA) Member, House Judiciary Committee

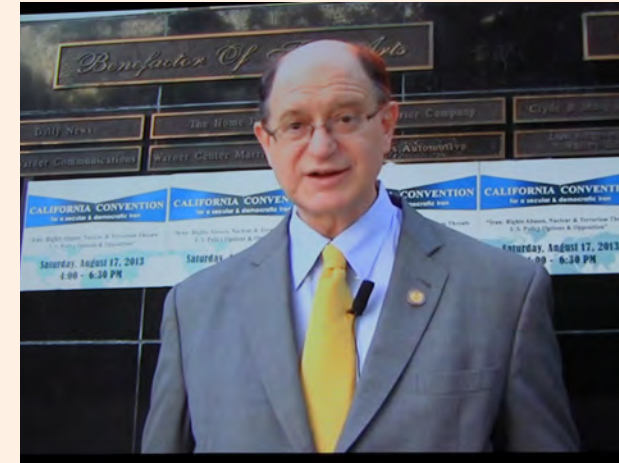
It was 25 years ago, when 30,000 political prisoners were executed in mass killings attempting to silence the voices of reform. Innocent victims made jail for offenses like: distributing newspapers and leaflets, taking part in demonstrations, or collecting funds for prisoner's families.... All those in Camp Liberty know all too well, Iranians throughout the country are arrested and even killed only because they disagree with the ruling party. And PMOI in Iran are singled out particularly for persecution. And in Iraq, Camp Ashraf and Camp Liberty residents are terrible targets. It was because of the political beliefs and democracy that residents of camp liberty were attacked twice this year, after mortars pummeled the camp in February and again in June.

Rep. Ed Royce (R-CA)
*Chairman of U.S. House
 Committee on Foreign Affairs*



Certificate of Congressional Recognition by Representative Ed Royce, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, presented to California Society for Democracy in Iran, a member of OIAC.

Rep. Brad sherman (D-CA)
Ranking Member, Terrorism, Non-proliferation & Trade Subcommittee



On February 9th of this year dozens of rockets were fired in Camp Hurrya, Camp formally known as Camp Liberty. They are 3000 residents there, and they are all unarmed. They have been pushed in to Camp

Rep. Loretta Sanchez (D-CA)
*Ranking Member of U.S. House
 Armed Services Committee*



It has long been my position that change in Iran cannot be brought about either by armed force or by appeasement....

Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA)
Member, House Budget Committee, Natural Resources Committee

In the face of rigged elections and government repression, Iranians have won the admiration of the world for their valiant fight for freedom and the creation of a true form of representative government. The Iranian mullahs recently selected Hassan Rouhani as president. They have portrayed him as a reformer, but the record demonstrates Rouhani is just another cold and calculating operator who will continue the mullahs' oppressive policies of the past. Since Rouhani's selection as president, executions in Iran have increased, many carried out in public as a means of intimidation.



Thousands of Iranians outside UN, in New York: “No, to Rouhani”

Crowd protests Iran's Rouhani outside UN

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

NEW YORK, Sept.24, 2013 — Waving Iranian flags and carrying signs, a throng of people gathered in protest near the United Nations on Tuesday to condemn Iranian President Hasan Rouhani, saying his recent moves seemingly toward a more conciliatory stance and dialogue with the United States is merely a ruse. The sizeable crowd of at least several hundred people heard from speakers including former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and ex-United Nations Ambassador John Bolton. They say Iran has to show it's moving

away from trying to build a nuclear weapon before the United States opens any negotiations. The sizeable crowd of at least several hundred people heard from speakers including former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and ex-United Nations Ambassador John Bolton. The Iranians at the rally carried signs and wore t-shirts in support of the opposition movement to Iran's regime, and accused Rouhani of having a long history of taking action against members of the opposition.



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.

Rudy Giuliani

Former Mayor of New York



While the Iranian regime negotiated with the United States and the west on the surface, they were enriching uranium in secret and moved forward with becoming a nuclear power. Rouhani has written and admitted

that this was a complete hoax. The last time the Iranian regime tried to fool us about their nuclear ambitions, who exposed their concealment? Who revealed their lying? The MEK revealed that. Rouhani has been a supporter of this homicidal regime from the very beginning. There are 7 brave Iranian patrons, six women and one man, who are being held hostage in Iraq right now. This follows the September 1 slaughter, the savage attack on Camp Ashraf, where 52 people were killed by Iraqi forces with the complicity of Iran. Each and every one of these 52 people and the 7 hostages have been promised protection by the United States and the United Nations and in each case so far the UN and the US have turned their backs on murder. This must stop! The President of the United States should remember how much blood is on Rouhani's hands before he considers shaking hands with him.

John Bolton

Former U.S. Ambassador to UN

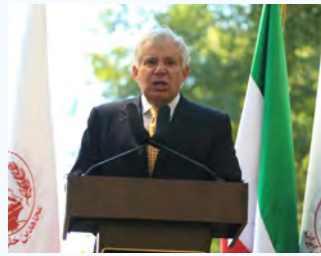


American policy, with respect to Iran, has to be regime change in Tehran. The fact is Rouhani is a fraud. He knows what he is doing is trying to get relief from the economic

sanctions to relieve pressure on the regime inside Iran. Ten years ago in 2003, Rouhani was Iran's chief nuclear negotiator. He made concessions suspensions of the uranium enrichment program, but the suspensions were going to occur anyway because the regime had technical and scientific difficulties with uranium conversion and enrichment. He got time for the regime to fix the problems, overcome the difficulties, and then continue to make progress.

Robert Torricelli

Former U.S. Senator



Rouhani fears our voices and our presence. He fears the freedom that we want for Iranian people. 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 lied to America, deceived America, enslaved its own people, killed thousands of people, brings terror around the world.

Every tyrant believes that brutality, torture, and jails can bring security, but that's not the history of man. Rouhani, understand this: Every one of us you kill, every innocent refugee, every defenseless man, woman, child that you torture, 1,000 will join our ranks to take their place. You think murdering 52 people in Ashraf will break our backs. You believe that with every missile that hits Camp Liberty, with every hostage that is taken into custody, it weakens our will; it is not so. With every offense against Liberty, our confidence grows, our determination is emboldened. A democracy in Iran, the democracy shared by people around the world is inevitable.

Michael Steele

64th Chair of the US Republican National Committee



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

imprison. The MEK has demonstrated an exceptional organizational capability and the ability to shape internal dynamics in favor of change, in favor of opportunity, in favor peace. Changing the regime begins with you, and that change is long overdue.

The current government of the Islamic Republic of Iran will eventually end up in the ash heap of history, but that will only happen because of your continued perseverance.

Patrick Kennedy

Former U.S. Congressman



Rouhani is a disgrace to that United Nations behind me. Rouhani is a war criminal who is walking in the United Nations, and as he does so he is shaming the United Nations.

There are 3100 more refugees in Camp Liberty that need to be protected. They need to be protected.

So the United States promised to protect these refugees and the United States has broken its promise, has broken its promise to these 52 martyrs and the 113 that died under the United States protection, like the rest before them. They were buried with their identity card saying they were protected persons under the United Nations and the United States. What a shame on the United States. What a shame on the United Nations that we have not protected these refugees, whose only crime is that they want a free a Iran, whose only crime is that they want to say enough is enough to the torture and imprisonment of hundreds of thousands of their fellow Iranians.

We are going to say to the United Nations and say to the United States that we expect them to live up to their words to protect free peoples, to stand up for human rights, to stand up against terrorism, instead of listening to the largest state sponsor of terrorism.

Iran's new president: A friend of the West?



Now that President Obama has opened the door to improving U.S.-Iranian relations, all eyes will be on Hassan Rouhani. In his first remarks in front of the international body, Rouhani will likely try to distinguish himself from his vitriolic predecessor Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Not everyone is thrilled with the prospects of the U.S. engaging with Rouhani. Thousands of Iranian Americans and human rights advocates were expected to gather at the Dag Hammarskjold Plaza in New York to protest Rouhani. They argue Rouhani's regime has executed 170 people since his election, oversaw two deadly attacks on Iranian dissidents in Iraq, and deceived the international community while advancing a nuclear weapons program.



Demonstrators Near UN: Iran's New President Has Blood On His Hands

NEW YORK (CBSNewYork/AP) – Thousands rallied near the United Nations Tuesday to protest Iran's new president Hasan Rouhani. The demonstrators waving their red, white and green Iranian flags were joined by some high-profile politicians who said Rouhani's recent talk of opening dialogue with the U.S. is merely a ruse.

"These martyrs were murdered," shouted former Rep. Patrick Kennedy, "Because they dared to dream of an Iran that had a democracy."

"If Obama thinks that he's shaking the hands of a moderate, he's actually shaking some bloody hands," demonstrator Amir Emadi said. "Rouhani

does not represent the Iranian people." Emadi said his father was one of 52 people killed at a refugee camp in Iraq earlier this month at the behest of the Iranian president.

Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and ex-United Nations Ambassador John Bolton were among the speakers at Tuesday's protest. "The UN and the U.S. have turned their backs on murder," Giuliani said. "This must stop. Before he shakes hands with this man, he should consider how much blood is on his hands." He called Rouhani not a moderate but a mass-murderer whom America cannot trust.

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

- Demonstrators: "Maliki is lying to America over Ashraf massacre, taking of seven hostages and democracy in Iraq."
- President Obama should ask Maliki to immediately release the hostages!



Maryam Rajavi, President-elect of the NCRI:

- The massacre of the 52 residents of Ashraf and the hostage-taking of seven others were carried out by the Iraqi government and with its cooperation. Therefore, it is incumbent on the U.S. government to say why it is concealing this reality?
- Demand that the Iraqi Prime Minister release the hostages and not hamper the provision of protective and security requirements for Liberty. In the face of any such obstructions, cut off economic aid to and weapons ties with Iraq.



Distinguished American dignitaries addressed a mass rally staged by Iranians in front of the White House, timed to coincide with the visit of Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, to strongly condemn Maliki's atrocities against Iranian dissidents in Iraq, and called on President Obama to urge Maliki to immediately release the seven Iranian dissidents he has taken hostage.

Newt Gingrich: "It is inconceivable on September 1st that armed men invaded Camp Ashraf and the Maliki government knew nothing. It is not possible."

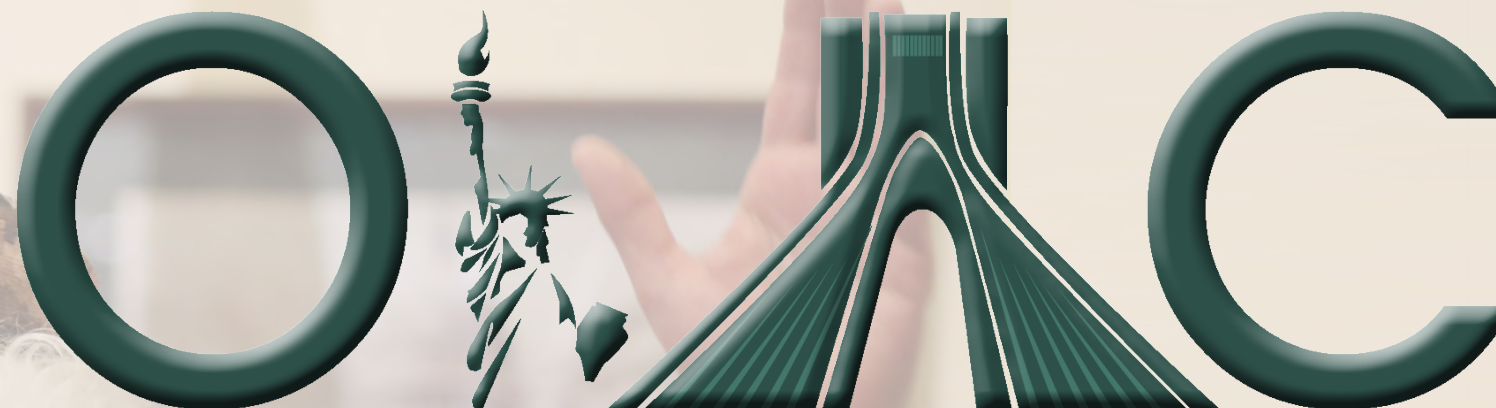
Tom Ridge: "Prime Minister Maliki, one questions whether or not you are committed to eliminate any extremism and terrorism or you are a terrorist yourself?"

Robert Torricelli: "Maliki has blood on his hands; the blood of 52 martyrs in Ashraf and the blood of martyrs of Liberty. He killed them."

Patrick Kennedy: "Nouri al-Maliki cannot be a puppet of the mullahs in Tehran and come to the U.S. and ask for more assistance."

Wesley Martin: "It is totally impossible for that attack to have been done by anybody but the American trained SWAT forces of Iraq."

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WASHINGTON, DC



Organization of Iranian-American Communities - USA

Congressional Reception

Celebrating Iranian New Year, *Nowrouz*

Democratic Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi

Thank you very much for your kind invitation to be here, your lovely introduction, your great reception.

presentation of renewal and spring time, and about the beautiful eggs, the beautiful grass, the fish going around like

I was recently in Houston... I met with members of the Iranian-American community there, we talked about Liberty, we talked about how we all need to work together to try to make a safe outcome for family members who are there...

So I'm happy to be here around this season.

I met *Uncle Nowruz*, he told me he was 3,000 years old... He told me he was secular, cultural... Well, I was very happy when I came to see the children that were here, the future.

And I was very happy to have my picture taken with a large group of the women.

I'm happy to be here with each and every one of you. Happy Nowruz.

I'm here to say happy *Nowruz* and also to see about the *Nowruz Haft-Seen*. This looks like a wonderful, wonderful

the globe, all of it so lovely, so lovely, so inspiring; but that's what you all are around the country, inspiring to us.

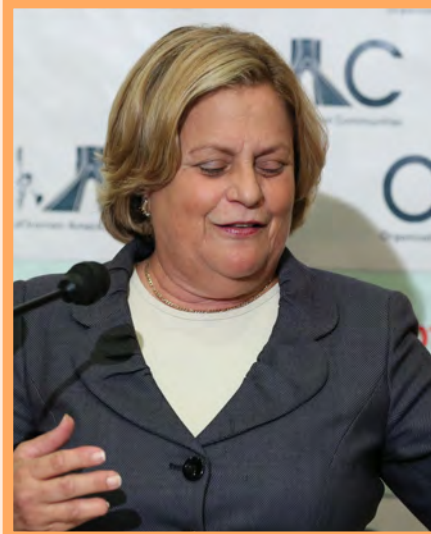


Chairwoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen

Thank you for joining us. I hope, hope, hope, that this year will bring better luck and fortune and health to our families and to our friends; I hope that the people of Camp Liberty will find safety and security, and that those responsible for terrorizing and murdering the friends and family members will finally be held accountable for their horrible actions. Last year I stood before the Iranian-American Communities with a glimmer of hope, as we marked the Persian New Year. So good to see young people with us, there is hope, there is hope right there and renewal...

The world leaders, including our own administration, continue

to bestow upon Rouhani such words as moderate, pragmatic, peaceful. He is a thug. He is a murderer. He is a tyrant. We



know that those are words that apply to him, because those

words, moderate, pragmatic, and peaceful, could not be further from the truth. He is a wolf, in a wolf's clothing...

I wish you continued strength and perseverance that you have shown throughout the years in this fight for freedom and democracy and know that we will never forget what is going on in camp Liberty, here and now, we will continue to work on behalf of all of those citizens in camp Liberty, we will continue to pray for their loved ones and we will continue to press this administration and the international community to take action, to protect the people of Camp Liberty. Thank you so much ladies and gentlemen, and happy New Year.



Chairman Ted Poe

Howdy Y'all! Happy Nowruz! I'm glad to be here.

It's not often that I have the honor to be among so many patriots. People who believe in the basic human rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

As my colleague has said, we admire you for your courage and determination and steadfastness on your pursuit of freedom for your friends and your family and

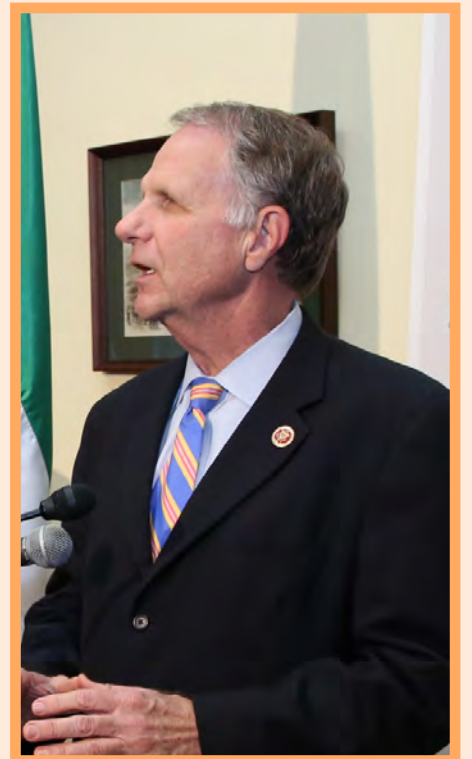


and your friends halfway around the world that are living in fear every day from another attack from the Iraqi's and the Iranians, in cahoots together, trying to hurt freedom loving people. Don't be discouraged, don't be dismayed, because at the end of the day what is life about? Life is about helping people; have a good life, but a free life. And that's what you do. Thank you very much.



your neighbors. It has been a difficult, hard, several hard years. We know that you know that better than anybody, because the sacrifices that have been made affect you personally, but I want to commend you on your hard work.

And don't quit. Don't give in. Don't let those who would steal the soul of Liberty from your friends, and neighbors win the day. They are not going to win the day. And there are many of us in Congress who support you, your family, your neighbors,





Congresswoman Sheila Jackson-Lee

Thank you. *Nowruz Mobarak!* I am happy to be here and as was given a limited lesson to know on this table there is growth and there is health and many other symbols of life for people who want democracy and who want freedom. I wanted to make sure that I did not leave this day without wishing you the best wishes of this time and see so many friends and see my friends who happen to be women, and may I for a moment ask my good doctor from California to come up and the women would you come and please stand by me? We don't often get a chance to do this. Give them a big hand and give our children a big hand. I think this is special because when the message goes to Iran, we want them to know that when women succeed in Iran, Iran succeeds...

We are engaging with the leaders of our nation on the issues that continue in Camp Liberty: The

starvation, the isolation. And I came here today because this is a good time, it is a secular and spiritual time but it is a time of remembrance, and a commitment to never forget. Many who are standing here have family members that they long for in Camp Liberty. We must look for a strategy of finding places of comfort for those in Camp Liberty to be welcome to, but while they are there, we cannot tolerate the inhumanity. WE will not tolerate it, we will not suffer it, and we will continue to stand and fight as the blessings of the New Year come to us who are free in this country...

I still remain committed to this invitation and legislation for those who we had the pleasure of being with in Paris, France to be able to touch the soil of the United States for purposes of democracy and engagement. That is a very important step.

Congresswoman Judy Chu



Well, I just had to come by and wish all of you a very, very happy *Nowruz*.

I especially wanted to come by and say that to you because I think you are the most dedicated group out there. God, you work so hard to make sure that human rights are upheld in Camp Liberty, and you have worked so hard to make sure that Iranians are kept safe, and I respect your opinion.

I respect all that you have been able to do and watch you work for; let's make sure we keep up the communications and that we work together, and let's hope for a good year this coming year. Again *Happy Nowruz!*

Congressman Al Green

I want to thank you for bringing *Nowruz* to the Capitol, and let me just start by saying happy *Nowruz* everybody!

Hopefully we will find this to be just a continuation of many of the efforts we have to make sure that liberty and justice for all truly does mean all, and goes beyond the continental United States, beyond the borders of the United States, I say continental because we've got a couple states outside of the continental United States; and I want to assure you that I support the struggle for liberty, I support the struggle for justice, wherever it is in the world. Injustice anywhere is still a threat to justice everywhere.



Chairman John Mica:

I thank you first of all for coming, for sharing your celebration and your New Year. Now I understand that you celebrate the New Year also with spring.

I thank you and I only have one thing to say and listen to say, one thing. Next year we want a free Iran and democratic Iran. Happy New Year.



Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson:

Thank you very much, first let me say happy New Year....

When people come and bring their culture and their religious beliefs that makes a richer society for this nation.

Because I believe that the more people are educated, the more there is understanding the more there is respect for each other, the more peace in the world we'll have.

So, let me congratulate you for being able to hold to your traditions, share them with people in this country, because even though we've had a democracy for 300 years, we don't know enough about the rest of the world. So as we learn more about traditions and the rest of the world, hopefully that'll make us all better people.



Congressman Rich Nugent:

I was thinking what a celebration is going on, what laughter, what a good time. It's life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, right? It's what we stand for, and for any regime, any country, to hold people down from reaching their full potential, there is nothing to be fearful about someone reaching their full potential. There are so many great things that can come from a people that are set free.



Congresswoman Donna Edwards:

Thank you very much, and I'll just be very brief and just say happy new year to everyone, and when we gather for this celebration, particularly this year for Nowruz, it's really important for us to remember friends and family members in Camp Liberty and hope that in the future that we do have some justice. It's just always good to be with you.... A very, very happy *Nowruz* and happy New Year to you.



Congressman Sanford Bishop:

Salam Aleikoem! It's a delight to be here to share the celebration with you. I look forward to this multicultural experience.

It's different for me and my staff but it's very very interesting and so I'm delighted to have met the other Santa Claus and look forward to learning more about the celebration.

So congratulations to you as you celebrate the New Year and we extend international friendship and love to you. *Salam.*



General David Phillips:

I mentioned that I feel that I have the Iranian people in my heart, maybe I do have some Iranian blood way back, because I have found such a love for the people of Iran, that I do carry next to my heart, a very small little token that was given to me at Camp Ashraf, it's a small pin that I wear, and I will always wear this next to my heart; and it was given to me by Hossein Madani at Camp Ashraf. It shows I care, and my mission will not end until all of the people that celebrated the Iranian new year with me in 2004 are home free, and then we can go celebrate it next year in Tehran.

Colonel Wesley Martin:

My brothers, my sisters, Camp Liberty, we made a lot of promises to the residents of Camp Ashraf. Every promise the residents of Camp Ashraf made to us, they kept. Unfortunately, every promise the United States government has made to the residents of Camp Ashraf has been broken.... This is the season when we celebrate, as mentioned before, strength and friendships, we reaffirm our bonds, let me say this, speaking for myself, Dave Phillips, Tom Cantwell who you'll see in a few minutes, our bonds were formed with the MeK on the deserts of Diyala province. I was honored to work with the MeK and I was always pleased to have them at my side whenever I went outside the perimeter, I remember fond memories.... Camp Liberty is the frontline for the battle of liberty for all of Iran. Keep up the fight!



Colonel Thomas Cantwell:

It's a great pleasure to be here and celebrate a happy Nowruz; and I want to specifically tell the residents at Camp Liberty, we heard Congresswomen Sheila Jackson-Lee talk about the great history of Persia, and great history is made by great people, doing great things, and I think that over time the commitment and dedication of those of you who are at Camp Liberty, your unfailing devotion and support to freedom in Iran, will be something remembered by many many people for many many years. So I want to encourage you, and honor you, and thank you for what you are doing. Thank you very much.

Dr. Ramesh Sepehrrad:

As we begin the new Iranian year, I thought it would be the most appropriate way to start our program with a few lines from our beloved poet, Rumi who says 'We may know who we are, or we may not. We may be Muslims, Jews or Christians, but until our hearts become the mold of every heart, we will see only our differences.' ...

With that said, we reaffirm our commitment to peace and freedom in our homeland Iran. We recommit ourselves to our loved ones in Camp Liberty, as they look to Washington to uphold its promise of protection. I personally have six relatives at Camp Liberty who have seen nothing but broken promises, violence, and empty words. Our New Year wish for 1393 is as follow: let the new Iranian year be the turning page in Washington's broken promise. Let the congressional voice in support of our loved ones at camp liberty be louder and most forceful in the New Year. Let us right the wrong and get our loved ones the safety and security that they deserved and they were promised in this New Year.





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