



2018 IRAN UPRISING SUMMIT

# THE PATH TO FREEDOM THE ALTERNATIVE

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## Maryam Rajavi

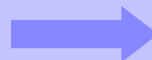
*President-elect of National Council of Resistance of Iran*

Excerpt:

The path to freedom and the **Iranian Resistance's** platform for the future of Iran.

Accelerating developments in Iran enhance the prospects of an Iran free of religious tyranny. Since the uprising of December 2017, Iranian society has essentially not stopped marching and protesting. In August, at least 27 cities in Iran rose up once again. The regime arrested over 1,000 protestors, but failed to stop the protest movements across Iran. As the Iranian Resistance's Leader **Massoud Rajavi** has said: "This is an uprising until overthrow and until victory. ... It will persist, it will spread, and it will deepen. It is linked with, and relies on, the organized resistance. And the inhuman enemy has no solutions or options to escape from it."

Today, the ruling mullahs' fear is amplified by the role of the **Mujahedin-e Khalq (MEK)** and resistance units in leading and continuing the uprisings. Regime analysts say: "The definitive element in relation to the December 2017 riots is the organization of rioters."







So-called Units of Rebellion have been created, which have both the ability to increase their forces and the potential to replace leaders on the spot." The roadmap for freedom reveals itself in these very uprisings, in ceaseless protests, and in the struggle of the Resistance Units.

At the same time, the regime is surrounded - politically and internationally, and in economic terms it is on the brink of collapse. Over the past 12 months, the national currency has lost two thirds of its value. Today, the regime has reached a point where its factions publicly threaten their president with physical elimination.

The mullahs have no way of escaping the siege imposed by an array of dangers, which is why they have activated the regime's most senior officials in their bid to deal major blows to the Iranian Resistance, while accepting the significant political risks and costs that such a strategy entails. The discovery of a number of the regime's terrorist and spying operations targeting the Iranian Resistance in Albania, France, and the U.S. in recent months; the arrest of a senior intelligence official who, while posing as a diplomat in Austria, was commanding a terrorist plot against the Resistance; and the recent warning of the French Foreign Ministry regarding the possibility of its diplomats being taken hostage by the regime as a means to secure the release of its terrorist-diplomat, are all instances of this modus operandi.

Freedom in Iran and stability and security in the region and world are intertwined. The road to all goes through the overthrow of the velayat-e faqih regime (absolute clerical rule).

# IRAN: THE PATH TO FREEDOM

**EXPANTION OF  
UPRISING**

**COUNTINUITY OF  
RESISTANCE  
UNITS**

**SLOGANS  
TARGET REGIME**

**UNSTOPPABLE**



Recently graduated Iranian Americans explain what is currently taking place in streets of Iran and how the protests have become nationwide, bigger, bolder and unstoppable. The engine for change in Iran is the formation of thousands of organized and ever growing Resistance Units that are under the leadership of MEK.





The regime's demise has gone into an expedited phase since last December uprising. Contrary to Tehran that everyday has been bleeding everywhere, the resistance has been gaining more momentum. Soon, the very final phase will come. The resistance is mobilizing for a short and least bloody transition.





## Mayor Rudy Giuliani

Excerpt:

... I don't know when you're going to overthrow them. It could be in a few days, months, a couple of years. But it's going to happen. They're going to be overthrown. The people of Iran obviously have now had enough. The sanctions are working. The currency is going to nothing. They're where Russia was, they're where Poland was. We see signs of young men and women saying give me some food. We saw a sign of a man trying to sell his internal organs. These are the kinds of conditions that lead to successful revolution, and God willing non-violent revolution.

I'll conclude by reminding everyone that when we have these revolutions and these overthrows, a constant realistic fear is what's going to replace the regime. And sometimes it has been catastrophic consequences, and sometimes it's worked out well. Here we have no doubt, under the leadership of Madame Rajavi, under the leadership of the coalition she's established - not just MEK, but a vast coalition who can stand up a government. This isn't Iraq after the Iraq invasion. This is a diaspora of Iranians who are ready, willing, and able to come, to help, to sacrifice their lives, their future, their wealth, and make Iran free.



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## General James Jones

*Former National Security Advisor  
to President Obama*

Excerpt:

... The United States and our allies have a vital role to play in helping shape the kind of free and democratic future Iran that the Ms. Rajavi's ten-point plan promises.

I think we should focus on five strategic imperatives. **One**, maintain a constant, vigorous eye on the regime's activities in the nuclear missile domain. **Two**, we should remain focused on a just outcome in Syria, a humanitarian tragedy which has sadly fallen out of news cycle as a key issue. Nothing would strengthen Tehran more than maintaining Syria as a proxy.

**Three**, support the Gulf community in its aspirations to create a defensive alliance to check the regime's existential threat and counter the armed Islamic extremist groups it supports. **Four**, reinvigorate the Middle East peace process. **Five**, to support the Iranian people who hunger for democracy and a government worthy of their hopes and dreams.

The regime's days are numbered. [applause] Not because of the condemnation and resolve of the international community that will insist on Iran's compliance with international law. They are numbered because your people will not stop in their demand for a government that reflects their hopes, their dreams, and their aspirations.





## Bernard Kouchner

*Former Foreign Minister of France*

Excerpt:

... Don't believe that the European are supporting or helping the government of Iran. This is not true. Even if we have some reason not to be in complete unity with President Trump. We have differences, but on the future of Iran, we are very much together.

**First**, we are dealing with a brutal regime. **Second**, this regime behavior in the region is unacceptable.

**Third**, this regime is engaged in terrorism in Europe. **Fourth**, the people of Iran do not want this regime in its entirety. **Fifth**, Iran has an alternative, a democratic alternative. **Sixth**, Europe, for its own principle and for its own security must adopt a firm stand towards the regime. Changing this regime is the task of Iranian people, yes, but Europe can help.



## Michael Mukasey

*Former US Attorney General*

Excerpt:

The United States can and should endorse the activities of MEK, specifically. Not just because it would help this organization and its members, but also because it would drive the mullahs absolutely crazy. Such support would also serve the purpose of focusing the activities of dissidents within Iran and showing people both inside and outside the country that there is an alternative to the regime, that that alternative has all the characteristics necessary to earn serious support.

It has an organization, a structure with the ability to conduct activities in Iran and elsewhere. It has a viable leadership focused on replacing the theocracy in Iran with a democracy that can sustain a representative government.







## Giulio Terzi

*Former Foreign Minister of Italy*

Excerpt:

"As Maryam Rajavi, president of the Paris-based exiled opposition group National Council of Resistance of Iran underscored, the theocratic system cannot exist without its ongoing pursuit of weapons of mass destruction. A new policy is needed that would eliminate the entire infrastructure of the

regime's nuclear program and, through unconditional inspections, prevent, once and for all, the regime from engaging in any nuclear-related activity, testing or research, including enrichment. But this must all be considered part of a holistic approach to Iran policy, aimed also at dismantling the regime's ballistic missile program, expelling the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps from other countries of the region, and compelling the regime to halt the torture and execution of political prisoners."

## Michael Mukasey: Iran has a viable alternative

It has a platform that includes separation of religion and state, gender equality, pluralism—Democratic, secular, and nonnuclear Iran. It supports diversity and the rights of all ethnic groups, and there are many in Iran. It has endured hardship and shown its resiliency. It has shown competence in the way that it organizes its activities. And it has shown itself to be a genuine rival of the regime by organizing demonstrations in the face of the regime's best efforts at repression. It has achieved international standing in the European Parliament and in the bipartisan support it has received in the United States.

It will take continued pressure on the regime from this organization and others for it to ultimately fall. But that pressure will succeed. We are now at a point where the government of the United States appears to have accepted the idea that the regime in Tehran will not reform, that it must be replaced. [applause] It is impossible to overstate the importance of that policy, or the significance of this moment. We have to focus every political and economic effort we can to bring about regime change. And there is no more fit and ready group to participate in that effort than the MEK.













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