



2021 FREE IRAN WORLD SUMMIT

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Tens of thousands gathered virtually & in 17 capitals in all continents took part in a global summit - called for prosecution of Iran regime's president Ebrahim Raisi & expressed support for Iran protests.

KYRA PHILLIPS

2021 Free Iran Event Emcee

Hello everyone. I'm Kyra Phillips with ABC news, and I am honored to be here with you today to introduce quite a distinguished lineup of leaders and advocates for a free Iran. We are talking about more than 65 speakers, 50,000 locations and millions of people watching and listening around the world, including all those brave supporters inside Iran that are sacrificing so much for freedom and democracy. You will now engage in a bipartisan and united effort to support the Iranian people and their right to change their repressive regime.



Kyra Phillips is an Investigative Correspondent for ABC News. She joined the network in April, 2018.

Phillips created a school newspaper in the 4th grade, landing her first interview with Dr. Seuss. That was just the beginning. From covering war zones to the South Pole, and interviewing icons from U.S. presidents to Mother Teresa, Phillips' journalistic journey has been nothing but awe-inspiring.

An award-winning journalist, Phillips joined CNN in 1999 anchoring Live From, CNN Newsroom, American Morning, and moved to HLN in 2012 to anchor Raising America with Kyra Phillips, a daily interactive, investigative program that focused on news impacting the modern American family. She also led the network's 2012 election coverage.

She has traveled the world to cover and investigate a wide range of breaking news, including four tours reporting in Iraq, first as an embedded journalist aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln, then covering the war, and its effect on the Iraqi people. Her stories included the Baghdad School for the Blind, substance abuse within the Iraqi military, and an exclusive look inside Saddam Hussein's cell and his personal diary.



MRS. MARYAM RAJAVI

President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran

The democratic alternative marching towards victory

Maryam Rajavi, President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, addressed the annual "Free Iran Global Summit." Below are excerpts from her speech given on July 10, 2021:



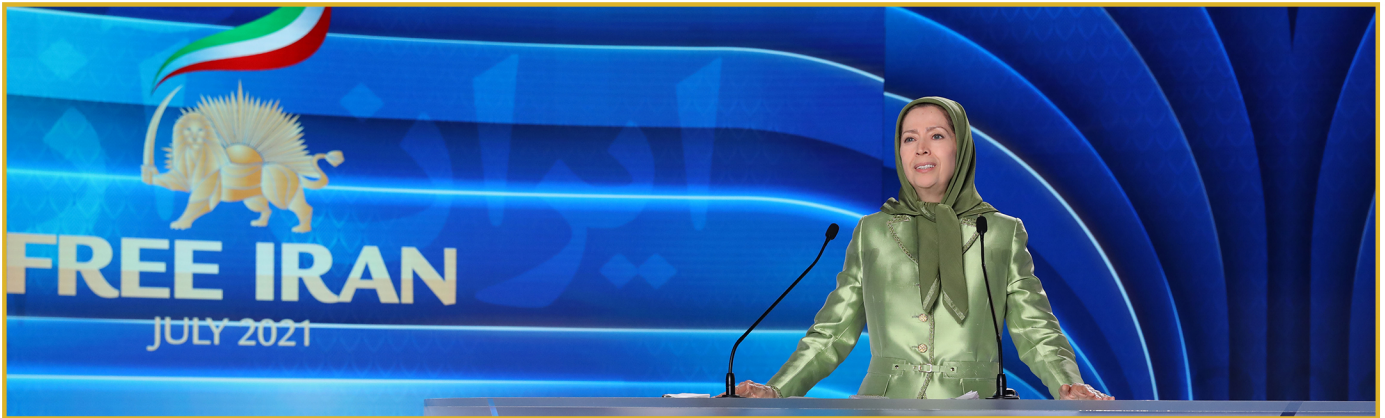
In this summit, we hear the voices of the Iranian people, the rebels and protesters, as well as freedom advocates who say that the Mullahs' regime is at an impasse and staring at its impending overthrow. The Iranian people and their Resistance are advancing towards victory and will ultimately liberate Iran.

Our society is besieged by religious tyranny, the Coronavirus, and hunger, but it is also harboring within itself volcanic uprisings.

The Iranian Resistance had previously predicted and announced how the clerical regime would purge and eliminate its internal factions on its path to solidify power in the terminal phase of its rule. The truth in this prognosis was proved after the regime's election sham, which marked the greatest defeat and disgrace in the clerical regime's history.

Yes, the Mullahs' religious fascism chose the henchman of the 1988 massacre to solidify their rule and close ranks, to preserve their power, and to prevent their inevitable overthrow in the face of looming uprisings. But they have actually dug their own graves. They are like a scorpion that stings itself after being surrounded by flames. Only the regime's fear of the uprisings and the supreme leader's political demise can explain Raisi's taking office.

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Squad of Cannibals

Raisi was among the perpetrators of the massacre of 30,000 political prisoners in 1988, 90% of whom were affiliated with the Mujahedeen-e Khalq (PMOI/MEK). Before and after that, he was involved in the torture and execution of thousands of other people.

Now, let us examine the regime's current situation: a henchman heads the Executive Branch; an executioner and a notorious torturer by the name of Eje'i heads the Judiciary Branch; and a bloodthirsty Mullah is at the helm of the entire regime. Indeed, the squad of cannibals is now complete.

Khamenei has brought a mass murderer who is himself at the center of the regime's problems. The Velayat-e Faqih regime is thus digging a deeper hole. He is treading a path that leads straight to the graveyard.

Three major developments

All this is the regime's reaction to an era distinguished by three major developments.

First, the regime is politically and socially in a state of emergency, grappling with rampant crises;

Second, Iranian society has entered a phase of upheavals and uprisings since December 2017;

And third, a nationwide network has emerged, which is comprised of courageous, selfless rebels who keep alight the flames of the Resistance Units' fight against symbols of religious fascism.

In this era, pseudo-solutions and fabricated or virtual alternatives will not have the critical space needed to maneuver. Fake notions of moderation and reformism will lose color, and the only brilliant option remaining will be a revolution and the regime's overthrow. The Iranian people and Resistance are marching towards victory and Iran will be free.

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Freedom is the answer for Iran

In the face of religious fascism, which looks for a solution among detested henchmen and mass murderers, the Iranian people find their answer and their victorious solution in a freedom-loving Resistance and in establishing a free Iran.

To achieve this glorious objective, the Iranian Resistance's asset and greatest backing are the furious masses who are not satisfied with anything less than the overthrow of this regime.

Our asset is the rebellion and revolt of the army of youths who took to the streets in November 2019. And our power comes from a nationwide network of Resistance Units who have been working ceaselessly every day of the year.

In this historic confrontation between tyranny and freedom, the Mullahs' problem, as they have repeatedly declared, is the PMOI's organizational structure. This is just what they were trying to do in the 1988 massacre; they sought to eradicate the PMOI's organizational structure in prisons and torture chambers.

After the uprising in December 2017-January 2018 and once again after the November 2019 uprising, the Mullahs' supreme leader spoke out furiously against the PMOI as the entity leading the uprisings.

The role of the Iranian Resistance in contemporary history

Over the past 40 years, the NCRI has been tested numerous times for its freedom, independence, durability, and capability. It has played a unique role in Iran's contemporary history and is the viable alternative for establishing a democratic republic.

According to its platform, six months after the overthrow of the Mullahs' regime, the NCRI will hand power over to the Constituent and Legislative Assembly to start drafting the Constitution of the new Republic.

The Iranian Resistance also defends with a clear plan the right to autonomy for all oppressed ethnic minorities within the framework of Iran's unity and territorial integrity. Likewise, the Iranian Resistance holds up the banner of just relations based on respect for independence, national sovereignty, and mutual interests with its neighbors and the world.

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The Iranian Resistance's Experience

The Iranian Resistance's experience is a concise summary of the Iranian people's 120-year struggle for freedom.

The great experience of the Iranian people and Resistance since the outset on June 20, 1981, can be summed up in the phrase “neither the Shah nor the Sheikh (mullahs).” This is the true, essential, and necessary meaning of freedom and independence in action. Our 40 years of experience has proven that religious dictatorship does not lead to reform or transformation.

The so-called reformist and moderate currents, or the sham election, have been used as a pretext to conceal the objective conditions ready to overthrow the regime.

Having understood this need, the Mojahedin pave the way for the Iranian people's freedom through greater dedication and devotion to the cause and making more sacrifices to multiply their resolve and strengthen the struggle.

Believing in the human capacity

Our determination to struggle and overthrow the regime stem from our belief in human potential. We believe that every member of this Resistance, every supporter of this movement, every member of the Resistance Units, can achieve the impossible, and every free human being who helps this movement by a pen, or a coin, or a step is decisive. We bow to any person or party, or group that seeks to overthrow the regime and establish freedom in Iran. And we never have and will never give preference to our group's interests over what can more quickly free Iran from its captivity.

It is not our policy to wait and see. On the contrary, we have always taken practical initiative. For example, on gender equality, we have already started to implement what we want for tomorrow's society, and we have cherished women's leadership in the ranks of this Resistance.

As for a nuclear-free Iran, we have already started working on it and have closed the pathway for the regime.

And as for independence, which should be the fundamental principle governing the destiny of our country, we have already started on this path by applying it to ourselves.

We want freedom, democracy, and equality

But what do we and our people want? And how do we get there?

Our will and that of our people can be summed up in these three words: freedom, democracy, and equality. As far as the international community is concerned, we ask it to recognize the struggle of the Iranian people to overthrow this regime and recognize these three concepts.

We want to bring to justice the Mullahs' supreme leader, Ali Khamenei, his president, Ebrahim Raisi, his Judiciary Chief Gholam-Hossein Mohseni Eje'i, and others responsible for the 1988 massacre on charges of committing crimes against humanity and genocide.

We urge the UN Security Council to arrange for the international prosecution of Mullah Raisi and holding him accountable for crimes against humanity and to refuse to accept his presence at the next session of the UN General Assembly.

We say that the Mullahs' regime will never give up the project of acquiring nuclear weapons, its export of terrorism, and its incitement of war in the region. Therefore, as the main threat to peace and security, it must be subjected to international sanctions under Chapter Seven of the UN Charter.

The Prosecution of Khamenei, Raisi, and Eje'i

The historic expiration date of the religious dictatorship has arrived. Khamenei, the enemy of the Iranian people, must go. This criminal Mullah killed thousands of young people during the November 2019 uprising. He is the one who ordered the gasoline price hike and supported the successive price hike of other basic staples. He is the one who deliberately spread the Coronavirus and prevented the import of vaccines. Khamenei bears the ultimate responsibility for the deaths of more than 320,000 of our compatriots from this disease, a disaster that was preventable to a large extent. Khamenei and his regime make millions of Iranians go hungry in order to amass billions of dollars of wealth through his foundations.

One must ask: Isn't the country's wealth and income far greater than the needs and shortages of the society? Then why do millions of people have to sleep on an empty stomach? Why do thousands of oil and petrochemical workers not have sufficient salaries to pay for their minimum living needs? Why do interns and nurses have to commit suicide because they have no salary and no rights? And why are the Iranian people being deprived of their most basic electricity, water, and food needs?

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The Resistance Units

To achieve freedom, we are not betting on chance or pinning hope on a miracle that will break the spell of repression. The campaign for the overthrow is something we build with our own hands and through immense suffering.

The strategy of this Resistance is based on the nature and politics of this regime. This strategy, taken from the encyclopedia of the great uprising of November 2019, is the answer to religious fascism which will sustain its repression until the last moment.

We have charted our path and gleaned our principles from the same principles that govern the conditions of society. We have illuminated the path that the oppressed society is eager to follow. Yes, the army of the countless hungry and unemployed people have nothing to lose. And this will lead to the rise of the great army of freedom.

Let's light up the dark house again;
Let's plant flowers in the ruined motherland again;
Let us free this wounded country again;
From the chains and fetters of the enemy.

With such great passion and thirst for freedom, we say: The way and the solution are represented by this Resistance. The Resistance Units and those who follow this path are ready and prepared. They build the bridge of victory to the future and will win freedom for the Iranian people.

Long live freedom!
Long live the people of Iran!

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SECRETARY MIKE POMPEO

70th United States Secretary of State (2018-2021)



Zarif wears a western suit and speaks English with a smile, but he is a terrorist who would kill his own people to save the regime just as quickly as any other of the Ayatollah's henchmen. And now, Ebrahim Raisi; He will take on the role as heir apparent to the faith and determined negotiator who conquers America by getting the immoral sanctions placed upon the people lifted and improving life for all.

They – all of them – will keep the show going, as long as they can. I am confident the people of Iran won't let it continue. Because their audience wants the show to come to an end. The regime, they are prepared to use the IRGC, the Basij and any tool to keep their grip on power.

The power destruction of the regime that resulted from our sanctions and our maximum pressure was real, but its application for under two years was insufficient to fully achieve its end goals.

Excerpts:

I am proud that I have been on the right side of this fight for over a decade now. As far back as 2010, I spoke of the Iranian people and their history, their kindness and their respect for reason, knowledge and human life. They too are tolerant people a homeland for Arabs and Jews, Christians and Muslims can be found on Iranian soil.

Iranians want to prosper in their faith and protect their families – this is as true in Tehran as it is in Los Angeles, Austin, Nashville or Kings Point.

The regime, of course, is headed by Khamenei, Raisi and the IRGC. It is revolutionary in its zeal. It is brutal. It is theocratic. It is craven and kleptocratic. Its leaders will kill their own by the thousands and then choose those who committed these massive atrocities to now lead their terror organization and their regime. Its leaders can shoot down a civilian airliner killing hundreds of civilians and think nothing of denying responsibility and hiding that black box from the rest of the world.

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The regime is at its weakest point in decades. With no ability, no ability to sell more than a few hundred thousand barrels of crude per day, no money – no money for foreign exchange; less than 10% of their foreign exchange reserves continue to this day. Facilities blowing up all over the place – not only inside of Iran but across the world and at sea.

And the IRGC-conquering-hero was erased from the map of evil that the regime had used to keep down the patriots at home and those who wanted good things for Iran abroad. We sent the Rial tanking to unprecedented weakness. And we filled the administration, the Ayatollah, with the paranoia that was justified by the understanding that the revolution cannot be maintained forever, and will not be. And the resistance forces inside of Iran, these noble Iranian patriots, are as strong as they have ever been and provide optimism to all who support them.

Since 1979, every election in Iran has served only to give an appearance of republicanism to a corrupt, brutal theocracy. The 2021 presidential election, however, is vastly different from those before it, primarily because it is taking place when the theocratic regime is at its most precarious state since 1979, and its prospects of survival are openly questioned by regime insiders and challenged by a restive, freedom-loving nation. In short: very few people actually voted for Raisi.

This was a boycott. Turnout was the lowest since 1979, marking a total rejection of the regime and its candidates. It was, in fact, a boycott and the regime knows it. They can publish whatever numbers they want, but make no mistake. Turnout was insignificant and the fact that this is a “show” laid bare for the entire world to see.

This election is heavily impacted by a series of major social upheavals, including the 2017, 2018, and 2019 uprisings, whose main slogan was:

“Hardliners, reformers, the game is over now,” and “Death to the dictator,” this shakes the very foundations of the regime in its entirety. These uprisings demonstrated the Iranian pin no hope on elections as a conduit for substantive change. And the election of 2021, truly the selection of Raisi as the Ayatollah's president proved this out.

As for this Raisi fellow, he is not the President of the people of Iran. He is the President of the Ayatollah. His mission is clear. Inflict pain. Frighten, continue to loot, and to plunder.

Protect the clerics and protect the Republican Guards. He was chosen by the Ayatollah because he is just about 60 years old and thus could lead for the next two to three decades. This will give him the time he needs to get his own people into place and demonstrates that the Supreme Leader wants him to have some time to prepare for the next phase of the revolution with the system in place. He will use the IRGC and its Qods force to generate conflict externally to deflect attention and to maintain the narrative of the oppressed. This is how he will behave.

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This calls for a clear response - the United States should take the lead to hold him accountable for crimes against humanity. Any dealings with Raisi, would be tantamount to dealing with a mass murderer. This is not only immoral but also counterproductive. We should make clear to our allies in Europe and Asia as well to make sure that they hold him accountable, and that if they deal with this man who sent thousands of his countrymen to execution in a massacre in 1988, the United States would hold them accountable as well.



Actions supporting our love of the Iranian people must begin by holding Ebrahim Raisi accountable for his crimes against humanity back in 1988. I know there are those in the audience who have had family that were killed in Raisi's massacre.

Too, some of you have loved one and friends currently imprisoned, in Evin and elsewhere in Iran, and, some, who have had loved ones disappeared or worse. We will never forget any of them and will pray for all of them.

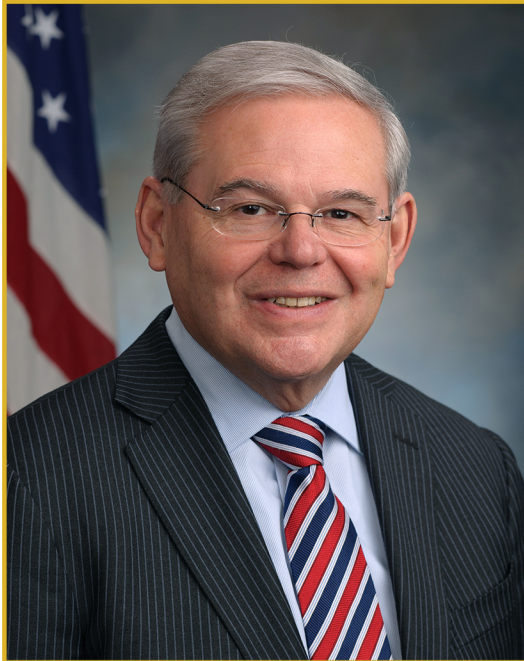
In the end the Iranian people will have a secular, democratic, non-nuclear Republic, I pray that this day will come soon and with the support of Iranians living all around the world – and those who resist from within - that day will come sooner. I am committed to this cause; I know you all are too. May your mission be blessed and protected. May the Iranian people be blessed. It is a hopeful time and a time to redouble all of our efforts.

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CHAIRMAN ROBERT MENENDEZ (D-NJ)

Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee



“It is a beacon of hope, that one day the people of Iran, the United States and indeed all the world will rejoice in an Iranian government that is at peace with the international community and works to secure a better future for it's people.”

Excerpts:

Hello everyone, it's my pleasure to speak with you and thank you all for your enduring commitment and advocacy on behalf of the Free and Democratic Iran that is prosperous at home and at peace with its neighbors.

Last weekend we celebrated in the United States the 4th of July, a joyous occasion to join with family and friends to rejoice the founding of this great nation and an opportunity to reflect upon and give thanks for the values and rights expressed so eloquently in the Declaration of Independence.

It says, “We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal. That they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights and among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. And to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the government”.

These immortal words ring true today as they 245 years ago. And they apply not only to the people of the United States as we continually strive to achieve a more perfect union but to people around the world, including to the people of Iran.

Unfortunately, the people of Iran remain abided by a government that has repeatedly shown no interest in securing anything beyond its own self-preservation, sewing chaos abroad, and corruption and repression at home seeking a pathway towards a nuclear weapon. We need to look no further than Iran's recent presidential

election, in which Ebrahim Raisi, a hardline crony of the supreme leader who is subject to US human rights sanctions was elected president. Mr. Raisi won a sham election after the regime cleared the field of any credible challenger in which a majority of eligible voters showed their disgust by refusing to participate, leading to the lowest voter turnout since 1979.

While it remains clear that the supreme leader Khamenei remains the ultimate ruler, it is a further indictment of his rule that he would not only endorse but tip the scales in favor of a man who like Raisi becoming president of Iran. A man who is actively involved in the forcible disappearance and extrajudicial killing of thousands of Iranians dissidents in 1988. A man who was involved in brutal crackdowns against peaceful protesters in both the green movement of 2009 and more recent protests of 2019. A man who Amnesty International's Secretary General Agnes Callamard, recently said must be investigated for crimes against humanity.

In the case of such callous disregard for the most fundamental rights and freedoms of the Iranian people and the risk that Iran under Khamenei and Raisi create in the entire region and the world, your continued advocacy remains absolutely vital.

Thank you again for your hard work and we continue to stand with you until that day comes, of freedom, of respect for human rights and being part once again, of the international community that the Iranian people deserve.



SENATOR JEANNE SHAHEEN (D-NH)

Chair, Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation,
Foreign Relations Committee
Senior Member, Armed Service Committee & Appropriations Committee

Excerpts:

...Like most members of Congress, I have been following the developments in Iran closely and with alarm. Human rights abuses have become common with an Iranian government that lacks legitimacy and whose hold on power is dependent upon the oppression of its people. The election process is distorted in favor of the regime's candidate and at the expense of the Iranian people. Further, Iran continues to support and perpetuate violence in its own country and across the region. Despite this, the Iranian people continue to push for a democratic, secular and peaceful Iran. For this, I commend every Iranian and Iranian - American who fights for a better future.

Standing up for a free and democratic Iran is not your burden alone. The United States and the international community stand in support of your efforts. Human rights have long been a pillar of U.S. foreign policy. As we continue to engage Iran, human rights must be a principal part of the U.S. approach. Congress and the Biden administration have made it clear to Iran and our allies that the United States supports those in Iran who are fighting for the rights and freedoms of all Iranians...



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SENATOR CORY BOOKER (D-NJ)

Senate Foreign Relations & Judiciary Committees



“We want to see Iran’s culture and economy and society thrive, unrestricted by oppressive leaders working constructively on shared problems and peacefully engaging with its neighbors and the rest of the world.”

Excerpts:

Thank you all very much. It is an incredible honor to be speaking to you at the International Convention for a Free Iran.

This idea, this sacred hope for Iran, which is a hope for all people is that we know that whether it’s in Iran or the United States, we cherish basic rights such as freedom of expression and the freedom to choose your leaders. The culture, customs and history of Iran and its people are incredible. They are truly remarkable. They deserve to be celebrated within Iran and around the world not stifled by authoritarian leaders fearful of their own people.

Like you, I look forward to the day when there is a democratic government in Iran, dedicated to the highest ideals of humanity to safety and security, to nuclear nonproliferation and the basic respect for human rights, gender equality, and religious and ethnic tolerance. These are foundational freedoms not of the United States or Iran, but of humanity. Iran’s history has celebrated those very ideals.

Unfortunately, we know the people of Iran have been denied these rights for far too long, decades now. Iranian people have demonstrated their remarkable resistance. There is a grit and greatness in the people of Iran, and despite the challenges many faced when first arriving in the United States, we’ve seen here, time and time again how Iranian Americans have found extraordinary success across the board. They’ve had tremendous impact on their communities

and the broader US society. America is greater because of Iranian Americans.

And yet they continue to hold like so many Americans, a love of their homeland and a celebration of their culture and in this case, the great Persian culture.

I’ve also seen the willingness of Iranians inside their own country to put themselves at great personal risk by engaging in protests, participating in social movements and finding creative ways to defy the authoritarian Iranian regime. Their desire for democracy, for justice, for freedom, outweigh their fear of being injured or taken to jail. The United States is a friend to the Iranian people. I’m so proud of that.

I remain hopeful that we will someday, in fact I remain confident that we will someday see the free and open Iran that we all hope for and dream of.

Iran’s and its people have so much to offer if they are simply given the chance.

I would like to again thank the Organization of Iranian American Communities and specifically the Iranian American Community of New York and New Jersey for inviting me to contribute to this celebration. I congratulate you on the success of this convention and I stand with you for a Free Iran. I stand with you with the Iranian people. I stand with you for the highest ideals of humanity. May they be real for all God’s children.



SENATOR MAGGIE HASSAN (D-NH)

Chair, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight,
Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee

Excerpts:

Hi, I'm Senator Maggie Hassan from New Hampshire. I'm sorry that we couldn't gather together in person, but welcome to the international convention for a free Iran. The Iranian American community has made such important contributions in a whole host of fields and studies show the potential that can be unleashed and the power of what's possible when we honor the freedom and dignity of all people.

I'll continue supporting an American foreign policy that pushes for human rights and stands with democrat movements in repressive countries. The regime in Tehran must be held accountable for treating women as second-class citizens. And for persecuting human rights advocates, journalists and ethnic minorities. And it specially needs to be held accountable for continuing to support terrorism.

I look forward to working with all of you and with the Biden administration to advance a brighter future for the Iranian people. Thank you again to everyone here.



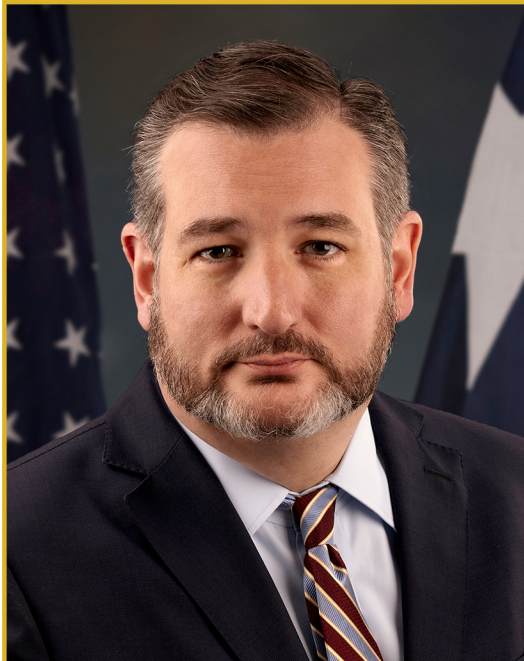
I want to thank everyone here for the work to support the Iranian people and for advocating for their dignity and freedom. I'm proud to call myself an ally and friend in this fight for freedom. And as evidenced by the bipartisan support of this conference, democrats and republicans join in solidarity with all of you.

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SENATOR TED CRUZ (R-TX)

Committee on Foreign Relations & Committee on the Judiciary



“Make no mistake I will continue leading the fight in the senate to hold the Iranian regime accountable for their malign activities. And to return US policy to one of maximum pressure until this evil and despotic regime finally collapses.”

Excerpts:

I'm honored today to address the International Convention for a Free Iran. I know that we are deeply concerned about much of what's happening in Washington, DC. Where the Biden Administration is rushing to dismantle the sanctions against the Ayatollah Khamenei and the mullahs. The Iranian regime's malign activities are well known: Missile proliferation, seeking the destruction of America and our allies including Israel, creating terror states within states in Iraq, in Yemen, in Lebanon. Flowing the Assad regime in Syria.

Funding and directing terrorism across the globe and of course inside Iran, over and over again, committing unthinkable human rights atrocities. When we are talking about the future of Iran, it is my belief we need to collapse the regime. This used to be a very straight forward and broadly accepted idea.

But six years ago, President Obama entered the United States into the catastrophic nuclear agreement with Iran. As you all know, far too well, the deal put the ayatollah on the path to building a nuclear arsenal. A nuclear arsenal that he would be all too happy to use against us and against our allies.

It also reconnected Iran to the global financial system, and flooded the ayatollah with hundreds of billions of dollars in sanctions relief, giving them everything they need to launder vast sums of money across the world for terrorism and proliferation.

Alongside the deal, they sent 1.7 billion dollars in unmarked cash to the ayatollah as part of a ransom for hostages, because the Obama Administration knew how it would look if they implemented the deal without at least some hostages being released.

I urged president Trump to withdraw from this disastrous deal and he did so. Then he took significant and meaningful steps to reverse course and to impose maximum pressure, diplomatically isolating Iran, including taking out Soleimani, a designated terrorist responsible for the deaths of at least 603 American service men and women.

We are now heading into a dangerous chapter with the Biden Harris Administration. They work actively to undermine the national security gains made in the last 4 years and to reinvigorate the ayatollahs.

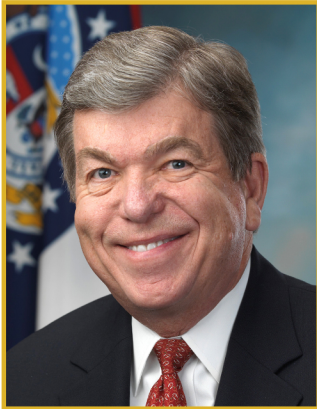
The administration has shown every sign that it intends to and will embrace and appease the regime.

And we are seeing the fruits of that appeasement in the forms of constant attacks by Iran and by its terrorist armies on American forces and our allies across the Middle East. Make no mistake I will continue leading the fight in the senate to hold the Iranian regime accountable for their malign activities. And to return US policy to one of maximum pressure until this evil and despotic regime finally collapses.



SENATOR ROY BLUNT (R-MO)

Chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee



Excerpts:

I'm Senator Roy Blunt, I'm honored to join you today by video to support all of those who stand for a free and democratic Iran. The current regime in Iran as you all know is not simply sustainable nor an effective option for the Iranian people.

Safety and protections are the fundamental service a government should provide to its citizens, but the ayatollah and his enablers continue to deny the Iranian people basic political, religious or social freedoms including the basic right to life itself.

Iranian authorities conduct unimaginable horrors especially against those who dared to speak the truth. These abuses have to stop. The Iranian regime's brutal suppressions are tied to another basic principle government, the fundamental right of citizens to determine who they are governed by and to elect leaders who support their beliefs and their well-being.

This is not happening in Iran today. By stifling dissident and holding these sham elections, the Iranian governments revealing the truth. It's deeply afraid of its own people, and the power of ordinary citizen have when allowed to speak up and demand a different future. I'm encouraged by the protests that have taken place in recent years that reflect these principles of life. I hope we can see them continue.

I truly believe it's possible to achieve a better free government in Iran. I believe we have to continue to hold the Iranian regime accountable for its abuses at home and its aggressive actions around the world. Every day the regime continues its missile development, support for terrorism, nuclear enrichment and weapons trafficking, we are less safe than we were the day before.

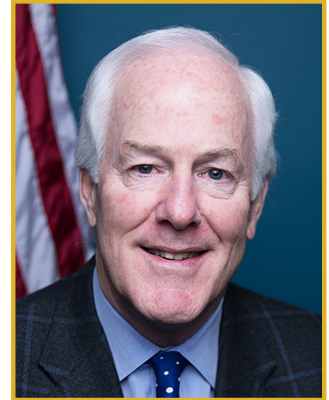
I'm proud of the leadership the United States has taken in the last administration to hold this regime accountable for its crimes. And I'll continue to urge President Biden to take this approach as well. Thank you again for the opportunity to speak today and support freedom, stability and democracy. You can be sure that I'll continue to call across the US government to advance these principles.

SENATOR JOHN CORNYN (R-TX)

Select Committee on Intelligence

Excerpts:

Hi Friends, I'm Texas senator John Cornyn. I'd like to wish a warm welcome to today's convention as you continue to fight for a free Iran. America stands in full solidarity with the Iranian people. And we echo their call for liberty, democracy, and peace. And on the heels of yet another sham election, this changing of the guard can't be just a blip on the radar.



I continue to urge President Biden to work closely with Congress to identify an effective and bipartisan approach to the threat posed by a nuclear Iran.

We must take a unified stance in opposition to the oppression and tyranny that the hardliner Ebrahim Raisi represents.

I continue to urge President Biden to work closely with Congress to identify an effective and bipartisan approach to the threat posed by a nuclear Iran.

Thank you for having me with you today and I hope you enjoy the rest of your convention.



SENATOR JOHN BOOZMAN (R-AR)

Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies, Senate Appropriation Committee



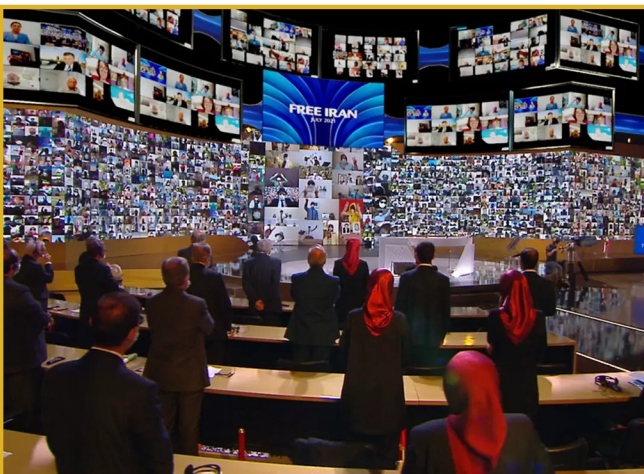
Excerpts:

Dear Friends and Participants at the July 2021 International Convention for a Free Iran

Thank you very much for asking me to speak at this event, and I apologize that I am unable to attend the Iran Rising for Freedom conference, on July 10, 2021. As you know, I support the efforts of the

Iranian people to bring change and democracy to their country.

I am disturbed by the ongoing human rights violations in Iran and I support the Iranian people in their pursuit for peace. The U.S. remains committed to democracy, human rights, civil liberties, and the rule of law, and supports the Iranian in their calls for a democratic government that respects these rights and freedoms. I also remain committed to preventing Iran from developing a nuclear weapons program. Yours is a notable cause and it is very important that we continue the dialogue on this matter. I hope it is productive gathering, and I wish you all the best of luck.

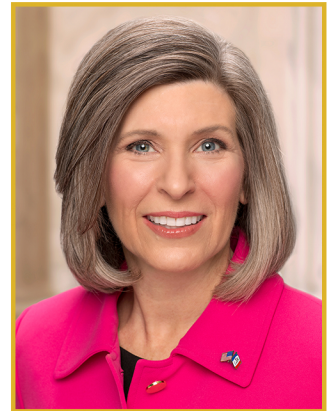


SENATOR JONI ERNST (R-IA)

Member, Senate Armed Services Committee

Excerpts:

Hi everyone, this is Senator Joni Ernst, a junior senator from the great state of Iowa. Today I'm honored to come together to share a few words with all of those across the globe who long for a Free Iran and to break the chains of authoritarianism.



As a combat veteran who has served in the United States uniform for over 23 years, I was proud to fight for the freedoms and liberty we cherish in my country. The same values you are fighting for today. Here in the United States as ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Emerging threats and capacities, I have been urging the Biden administration to prioritize keeping America and the world safe from Iran's malign behavior and destabilizing activities. The murderous Iranian regime remains the world's foremost state sponsor of terrorism and poses a significant threat to global peace and security.

Rewarding Iran for continuing to back Hamas and other terrorist organizations, while building up their nuclear arsenal is not the right path to ensuring the safety and security of Americans. The Iranian regime is not an honest broker and the United States should never go back to the failed Iran nuclear deal.

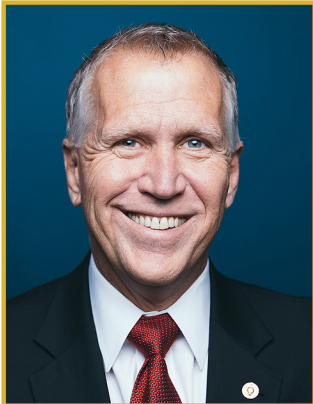
I will continue to urge the president of the United States to remember the threat posed by Iran's leaders as it exists today and take actions to work for what's best for peace and security worldwide. I hope the people of Iran can one day be free from the bounds of authoritarianism and support their efforts to throw off the burden of the evil leaders. I look forward to a day when all Iranian men, women gain representation and the rights of free people.

Thank you for inviting me to say a few words today. I hear your voices and stand with you.



SENATOR THOM TILLIS (R-NC)

Senate Armed Services Committee,
Committee on the Judiciary,
Veteran's Affairs Committee



Excerpts:

Hi I'm Thom Tillis, Senator from the great state of North Carolina. It's an honor to join you as a champion of a democratic and free Iran.

The recent sham election underscores the need for change. The declared winner and new president of Iran has been involved in interrogation, murder, torture and issuing death sentences for democratic activists and opponents for years.

The ayatollahs installed him because they know their regime is weak and vulnerable. They can hear the calls for freedom grow louder and louder.

They need to crush any dissent, which threatens their rule. We have to side with the Iranian people in their struggle. Your movement has been instrumental in leading and organizing protests. Sanctions should not be lifted and negotiations with state sponsors of terrorism should always be avoided.

The Obama and Biden administration approach of engaging and appeasing this regime is wrong and misguided.

My colleagues and I in Congress support your cause for a free and democratic republic in Iran that respects human rights and international laws. That's what the people of Iran want and deserve. That's why I'm proud to support you.

SENATOR RICK SCOTT (R-FL)

Chair, National Republican Senatorial
Committee, Senate Armed Services
Committee, Committee on Homeland
Security and Governmental Affairs

Excerpts:

Hi I'm Senator Rick Scott, I'm honored to join you for the International Convention for a Free Iran. The regime is a proven adversary and the world's largest state sponsor of terror.



Now Iran's president elect is a mass murderer committed to suppressing dissident. President Biden needs to make it clear that the United States will not ease sanctions and will ensure consequences for the regime's dangerous actions. The regime should also know that they have an opportunity to become productive members of the world community and bring peace and prosperity to their people.

The choice is theirs. We all want peace, today and every day the United States must align with those fighting for freedom and democracy, clearly denounce terrorism and stand up against those that do not respect human rights.



LEADER KEVIN McCARTHY (R-CA)

House Republican Leader



Excerpts:

I'm happy to be with you today to stand in support of a free and democratic Iran.

The oppressive regime in Tehran and its new president has a history of suppressing freedom of speech, supporting terrorism, and seeking nuclear weapons. To the families who have lost loved ones in opposing this regime, I am sorry for your loss, and I share your concerns.

But I have also hope.

Hope that America -- along with you and our allies -- will see a democratic Iran that protects free speech and the rights of all people.

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Hope that the dark days of fear under the Supreme Leader will subside, as Iran blossoms into a responsible democratic nation.

Imagine it. A free Iran.

Thank you for striving to make this goal a reality in our lifetime. Together, it can be done.



CHAIRMAN HAKEEM JEFFRIES (D-NY)

Chair of the House Democratic Caucus



“I commend you on your courage, on your strength and on your leadership in helping to bring about a free, a secular and a non-nuclear Iran and to give the Iranian people the types of freedoms and liberties that they deserve.”

Excerpts:

Hello, I'm Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, I represent the 8th Congressional District here in New York and also have the honor of serving as Chair of the House Democratic Caucus.

I want to thank you for extending the invitation for me to participate in this conference where we are discussing a free, secular and non-nuclear Iran.

The Iranian government brutalizes its citizens and exports terrorism throughout the world.

And so I commend you on your courage, on your strength and on your leadership in helping to bring about a free, a secular and a non-nuclear Iran and to give the Iranian people the types of freedoms and liberties that they deserve.

I stand with you.

I know that Members of Congress on both sides of the ideological spectrum, Democrats and Republicans and both sides of the Capitol, the House and the Senate stand with you.

And that the Biden administration also understands the importance of bringing about a free, a secular and a non-nuclear Iran.

We want to unleash the brilliance and the talents and the abilities of the Iranian people that are being suppressed by a brutal regime and lift up freedom and liberty for all.

God bless you. God bless your efforts. And, of course, God bless the United States of America.



CONGRESSMAN TOM McCLINTOCK (R-CA)

**House Committee on Judiciary,
sponsor of the House Resolution 118**

Excerpts:

America has just celebrated the 245th anniversary of our Independence from a tyrannical king who trampled on the fundamental right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness that is the birthright of every human being. We look upon July 4, 1776 as the day we took back our freedom, our dignity, and our future.

I believe such a day is fast approaching for the people of Iran, and that centuries from now, a free, prosperous and happy nation will look back to you – to each of you in this convention today – and to so many more fighting for Iran's destiny at home and abroad – with the same gratitude and thanksgiving and reverence that Americans look back on our founding freedom fighters.

We call it the “Spirit of ‘76”, the compelling desire and will to throw off the bonds of tyranny and secure for our children the blessings of liberty. Nowhere in the world today is that Spirit of 76 stronger than it is right here and right now. You can see it – you can feel it – in the many rounds of protests in over 100 cities across Iran since 2017. But, if we fail to hold the current regime to account, there is no telling what it may decide to do next about those who desire such basic freedoms.

Iran is one of the oldest and greatest civilizations in history, but it has been suppressed and plundered by a clique of theocratic thugs that comprise the illegitimate Iranian government. In past eras, the Iranian people have known the happiness and prosperity that freedom makes possible and are now seeking to reclaim it.

This is why I am pleased to announce today that 249 members of the United States House of Representatives - A solid majority of the entire House and made up of Republicans and Democrats - have co-sponsored House Resolution 118 - Expressing support for the Iranian people's desire for a democratic, secular, and non-nuclear republic of Iran and condemning the violations of human rights and state sponsored terrorism by the Iranian Government.

I have written to President Biden to call attention to this resolution and urge his Administration that the United States must hold Iran's corrupt regime accountable for its crimes against its people and its continued sponsorship of global terrorism.

Recently, the Biden Administration has considered reentering the disastrous nuclear deal that lifted sanctions against the world's largest sponsor of global terrorism and allowed it to develop nuclear weapons with no meaningful oversight. Thankfully, the Iranian people have resisted nuclear adventurism and have pushed for a non-nuclear country. It was the Iranian resistance that first blew the lid on the regime's illegal nuclear sites and weapons programs. These are realities entrenched in the Iranian people's psyche and stamped with their countless sacrifices in over a century of struggle for a secular, representative democracy.

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This resolution conveys the sense of an overwhelming majority of Congress that Iranian rulers must be held accountable for their unrelenting destructive behavior and that the United States must pursue a clear eyed and fact-based policy approach to dealing with the Iranian regime. H.Res.118 emphasizes that the world stands with the freedom fighters of Iran and against the tyrannical rulers who have devastated the country and the Middle East through terrorism and brutality.

This House resolution comes ahead of the recent election of Iran's new President, Ebrahim Raisi, a criminal who has committed egregious human rights violations against political opponents, journalists, and anyone else who dares to oppose him. According to Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, Raisi was part of the four-member "death commission" responsible for the 1988 massacre where as many as 30,000 political prisoners were murdered, most of whom were involved with the Iranian opposition movement.

To date, the Iranian government continues to deny this atrocity and still frequently calls upon the Revolutionary Guard to wage violence against peaceful protesters and political dissidents, which is why our resolution acknowledges this massacre and calls for long overdue accountability of current senior Iranian officials who sanctioned this death committee.

H.Res.118 details a picture that many in the global community have come to refer to as "an ongoing crime against humanity" in Iran - where thousands are regularly and arbitrarily detained, tortured, assaulted and murdered without due process of law or regards for their God given, inalienable rights.

Although, as the Iranian regime has become more oppressive and extreme, the international resistance to them has become stronger and more resolute. The more the story of Iran is told, of its proud ancient heritage of freedom and civilization, and of its current curse of despotism and terror, the more the world has rallied to its cause.

It is becoming increasingly evident that Iran's rulers are beginning to fear this resistance. During the massive opposition protests in late 2018, authorities shut down the internet for more than a week to suppress information about the protests and related state violence. When silencing protesters wasn't enough for them, they killed them in the streets.

Despite domestic and international acknowledgement of Iran's oppression, the regime has remained intent on provocation and destabilization. They attack foreign oil tankers in the Strait of Hormuz and continue using embassies as fronts to plot terrorism.

This regime has made clear that it intends to break any agreement, tell any lie, and commit any atrocity to obtain nuclear weapons and once acquired, to use them against peaceful countries throughout the world. Short of a devastating war, the only thing that will stop them is the Iranian people rising up to overthrow them.

So you are not only fighting for the freedom of Iran, you are fighting for peace throughout the world.

When America won its freedom 245 years ago, one of our Founders, John Adams, said, "Whatever may be our fate, be assured that this declaration will stand. It may cost treasure. It may cost blood. But it will stand. And it will richly compensate for both. Through the thick gloom of the present, I can see the brightness of the future as the sun in heaven. We shall make this a glorious day – an immortal day. When we are in our graves, our children will honor it...On its annual return, they will shed tears...not for subjugation and slavery... but of exultation, gratitude and joy."

Such a day will dawn – and dawn soon – for the Iranian people, who will look back through the generations to the struggle that each of you are now waging. They will know that it was your sacrifices that reclaimed their birthright to liberty, prosperity, and happiness. Let us strive to see that day.



CONGRESSMAN BRAD SHERMAN (D-CA)

Senior member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and lead Democratic sponsor of the House Resolution 118

Excerpts:

Hello,
I'm Congressman Brad Sherman from California's best-named city, Sherman Oaks.

Iran is the home to humanity's first human rights document, the Cyrus Cylinder. But today the Iranian people are forced to live under an autocratic and corrupt regime that targets its own people and is the chief state sponsor of terrorism internationally from Syria to Lebanon to Gaza to Europe to South America and across the globe. We must not forget what this regime is and what it has been capable of doing.

The world should not forget the mass murders carried by the Iranian regime in 1988. It was in July of that year that Ayatollah Khomeini issued the bloody order to annihilate the enemies of Islam immediately. Executions of thousands continued for months with hundreds of people hanged each and every day before being buried in mass unmarked graves. Today we know that as many as 30,000 political prisoners had their lives taken from them. They lost their lives because they supported the dream of a free Iran.

I am a lead democratic sponsor of House Resolution 118, a resolution supporting the people of Iran and their desire for a democratic secular and nonnuclear future. This resolution also condemns the current Iranian regime's systematic human rights violations and its state sponsor of terrorist acts against America, Iranian dissidents and others.

In addition to that resolution, in February Congressman McClintock and I led a letter addressed to President Biden, urging him to work with our allies, including particularly our partners in Albania and other Balkan countries, where Iran has expanded its presence, and to hold the regime

accountable for breaching its diplomatic privileges and to call on nations to work to prevent the malign activities of the Iranian regime's diplomatic missions. The regime of Tehran uses violence and espionage to target its own people at home and abroad. A prosperous Iran must begin with a peaceful Iran, where the Iranian people's freedom and human rights are restored. We must work toward a secular, nonnuclear and democratic Iran where these goals can become realities.

But there is some hope that the regime will soon be on its last legs. We saw how the Iranian people boycotted the recent elections. They were not fooled by the desperate attempt to distract them from the regime's corruption. There are so many around the world who stand in solidarity with the Iranian people and who are working for a new chapter in that great nation's history. This new chapter will be written by Iranians, not Americans. Democracy will come to Iran from Iran, not from foreign military intervention. But we must support the Iranian people as they fight for democracy.

I want also to take this opportunity to recognize the inspiring work of Madame Rajavi. She has shown her unwavering support for democracy, for women's rights and minority rights in Iran. All human beings are born with equal and inalienable rights and fundamental freedoms. These rights are not limited to just some of us. They belong to everyone including the people of Iran. I remain dedicated to helping those who are trying to achieve democracy in Iran.

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CONGRESSWOMAN SHEILA JACKSON LEE (D-TX)

**Chair of the Subcommittee on Crime,
House Committee on Homeland Security
and senior member of the House Committee
on Judiciary.**

Excerpts:

I am Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, this conference is so important that in the midst of my duties here in the United States Congress in the 18th congressional district, I thought it was so very important to salute the 2021 free Iran conference, because we want to free Iran. And we want the democracy that is necessary to empower the women, children, youth and families to say enough is enough.

We demand democracy. Thank you to Maryam Rajavi, who has stood with her 10-point plan to lay out the role that Iran should be playing in protecting Iranian citizens. Thank you, for those who stood against Camp Ashraf, and all of the camps that were detrimental to the people of Iran. I'm excited about the fact that you're holding this conference.

Let me thank the President of the United States, Joe Biden, who understands the value of human rights and your fight, you should never give up your fight. The late John Lewis who came here with me understands that the people who are dissidents, and standing for democracy should never give up, never give out and never give in you who are resisting must never give up, never give out and never give in.

Thank you to my sister for the opportunity for the world to see. I was glad to be part of the fight to take you and the organization off the terrorists list. We made that fight, and we were successful.

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You are a free and democratic organization who brings about the idea of freedom. I was glad to support h res 118. To be able to ensure that the world knows the story of the freedom fighters in Iran, not violent, but fighting for democracy. And it is important that our president, President Joe Biden, and the vice president Kamala Harris, have stood up for human rights.

Republicans and Democrats have stood on the record of knowing what an important message you sister Rajavi have, thank you for leading thank you for being unafraid. Thank you for bringing us together, you must stand united because a house divided against itself, just like in the United States will never stand.



We are the United States of America standing with those who believe in democracy in Iran. It is so important again, to reemphasize on it, I am to be here at the 2021 conference. I am sorry, I can't be with you. But I am here in spirit. And I am here to be able to commemorate, celebrate, salute and honor, that democracy be spread around the world, that free people are able to speak about freedom, that you're not denied. If you are a dissident, if you want change, Iran should understand that the change is nonviolently coming. It is coming because the young people are willing to stand up for democracy.

And they're reading and understanding the 10-point plan. So let me close and simply say it is an honor to be able to stand with you, those who love democracy. I love democracy.

Just a few weeks ago in the United States of America. We announced my legislation that was introduced to create Juneteenth. What is June T, it is acknowledgement that we had slaves in the United States, but that they were free. It is about freedom, emancipation, and liberation. That is what I believe in. So, as you do your conference in 2021, I hope that you will speak to the issues of liberation, emancipation and freedom for the people of Iran who want freedom and they want democracy. We will get that because you can never deny a free people their right to democracy. Thank you, Madam Maryam Rajavi, for your leadership and all that you do as a leader of the free people of Iran. God bless you, and a free Iran and God bless the United States of America.



CONGRESSWOMAN JUDY CHU (D-CA)

House Committee on Ways and Means.

Excerpts:

Hello. I'm Congressmember Judy Chu from California's 27th Congressional District, and I'm so proud to join with my Iranian American friends and constituents at this year's Free Iran Virtual Conference. For years, I've been proud to stand with you in the fight for human rights and democracy in Iran, and each year this conference sends a powerful statement to Iran's leaders that their repression and violence are unacceptable.

But instead of heeding your repeated calls for human rights, peace and democracy, Iran's leaders have continued to respond in their usual way, through terror. Iranians who were brave enough to speak out have been tortured, beaten, waterboarded, shocked and more, and they even tried to bomb the 2018 Free Iran gathering. Fortunately, the would be terrorist was caught and convicted. But these repressive and brutal responses show why we must stand up to Iran's leaders, and that is why I was so proud to be a cosponsor of House Resolution 118.

This critical resolution condemns Iranian state-sponsored terrorist attacks and expresses support for the people of Iran who are engaged in legitimate and peaceful protests against the Iranian regime. I am proud that this resolution has 246 bipartisan cosponsors already, which is the majority of the House of Representatives. Having such a large bipartisan bill condemning the Iranian government's support for terrorism sends a clear signal to the people of Iran that they are not alone.

That message is especially important now as one of Iran's most brutal killers, Ebrahim Raisi, was just elected president in an election that was neither fair nor free. Instead of trusting the Iranian people to choose their own leaders, Iran's guardian council manipulated the election to clear the way for the man responsible for mass murders in 1988. Thousands died by his orders and yet instead of being held accountable, Raisi has been put in a position of greater power over others. This is deeply troubling for all Iranians but especially women, minorities, those who fight for free and fair democracy and all who respect human life. That is why it is more important than ever that we continue to speak out against this state led violence and why we need resolutions like House Resolution 118 to let Iran's leaders know that we are watching and to let the people of Iran who fight for freedom and democracy know they are not alone.

The Iranian people deserve to be free from the harsh and violent rule of Iran's mullahs and the world deserves to feel safe from Iranian support for terror and violence. I support your work to establish a free and democratic Iran that works with the U.S. and others to build a safer world. So thank you all for your important work to promote human rights and a more free Iran.

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CONGRESSMAN JOE WILSON (R-SC)

**Ranking member of the House Committee
on Foreign Affairs, Sub-Committee on Middle East,
North Africa and Global Counterterrorism.**

Excerpts:

Greetings to my Iranian American friends and people from across the world who are participating in the "2021 Free Iran Online Conference."

I am Joe Wilson, a member of congress from South Carolina's Second Congressional District.

As a member of House Foreign Affairs Committee, I am deeply concerned about the Iranian regime's malign activities and murderous agenda. Year after year, the Iranian regime is a serial perpetrator of gross human rights abuses and remains the number one state-sponsor of international terrorism.

The world is right to be concerned about the Iranian regime's nuclear weapons program, but it is also critical that we acknowledge that Iran's mullahs also rely on terrorism against the citizens of Iran and terrorism against the international community to survive. It is no longer a secret that they use terrorism as a leverage in their international dealings and have been using diplomats to plan terrorist activities. And certainly, indiscriminate killing of innocent people who are demanding their basic rights inside Iran, speaks to the brutality but also the weakness of the regime. Which betrays the extraordinary cultural heritage of the talented citizens of Iran.

My friends, I join you and my colleagues in United States Congress in reminding the world that Iranian people want a secular, democratic and non-nuclear republic.

This is the message of Iran's vibrant resistance units and the message of House Resolution 118, of which I am a proud cosponsor. I was also grateful to introduce H.R. 2117, the Iran Human Rights and Accountability Act, this Congress. This legislation would hold top prison heads and IRGC officials accountable for their arbitrary detainment and abuse of Iranian citizens. The goal of improving human rights for Iranian citizens has never been more urgent given the murderous history of Hassan Rouhani's successor, Ebrahim Raisi.

Thank you for your engagement and thank you Madam Rajavi, for your leadership, and thank you for your dedication to establish a secular, democratic, nonnuclear republic Iran.

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CONGRESSMAN STEVE COHEN (D-TN)

Chairman of the Subcommittee on Constitution,
Rights and Civil Liberties of the House Judiciary
Committee.

Excerpts:

Dear Friends at the "2021 Free Iran Conference in Support of a Secular, Democratic, Nonnuclear Republic Iran".

Thank you for inviting me to share a message with you today. I'm Congressman Steve Cohen, and I represent the Ninth Congressional district of Tennessee.

As the Co-Chair of the Congressional Iran Human Rights and Democracy Caucus, the human rights and democratic freedom of Iran are very important issues to me and are some of my top priorities

I have long been a supporter of the Iranian people for a Free Iran and strongly support an Iran that is democratic secular and non-nuclear.

I will continue to support your work in Congress to promote these important values in Iran.

I will work with my colleagues and the Biden Harris administration to continue our progress on Iranian human rights. We cannot let perpetrators of crimes against humanity in Iran go unpunished.

I look forward to communicating with the Iranian American community members to hear about their priorities. Please feel free to reach out to the Caucus to connect with members of Congress and to update U.S. leaders on important information about Iran.

I welcome President Biden's efforts to make Human Rights and Justice key components of America's engagement with the world. It is important for all of us to work together to reaffirm the United States' and Congress's commitment to human rights.

As you may know, I am an original cosponsor of House Resolution 118, which condemns Ayatollah's human rights abuses and holds Iran accountable for using its embassies and supposed diplomats to plan or commit acts of terrorism.

This resolution is bipartisan, with over 250 members of Congress cosponsoring it, and reaffirms the House's commitment to holding the Iranian government accountable for its oppressive, despotic, fundamentalist, misogynist, and terroristic rule.

In November, many Iranians took to the streets in over 100 cities to seek justice and demand basic human rights.

The regime's response to the unarmed protesters with indiscriminate force was disgraceful and resulted in many injuries. Governments that respond to peaceful protests in this way must be held accountable.

The Iranian people deserve a government that respects their fundamental rights and freedoms, including freedom of speech and assembly, gender and religious equality.

Due to the resilience of the Iranian people and all the wonderful work you do, I am hopeful of the progress that lies ahead.

I commend and support Mrs. Rajavi's works in fighting for a free Iran and paving the way to support the people of Iran and their democratic aspirations. I look forward to continuing working with all of you on creating a free and open Iran.



CONGRESSMAN BRIAN FITZPATRICK (R-PA)

**Ranking member of the Sub Committee on Europe,
Energy, the Environment and Cyber,
House Foreign Affairs Committee.**

Excerpts:

Hey, everyone. Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick here and thank you for inviting me to your 2021 Free Iran Global Summit. As a cosponsor of House Resolution 118, which expresses support for the Iranian people's desire for a democratic, secular and nonnuclear Republic of Iran and condemns violations of human rights and state sponsored terrorism by the Iranian government, it is an honor to speak with you today.

And as a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I believe that the United States must always speak with one voice in support of freedom and liberty. We must be clear in supporting the rights of Iranians to choose their own future, which is critical now more than ever following decades of appeasement and concessions that have made Iran the world's largest state sponsor of terrorism. America and our allies must make it clear to Tehran that certain violent action against those who peacefully assemble to demand change will result in the application of further targeted sanctions against the regime and its terrorist proxies.

In the days following November 15th of 2018, the Iranian government cracked down on protests, leading to the death of 1,500 protesters, the bloodiest anti protest crackdown since the Islamic Revolution in 1979. Iran's mounting aggression against their own people and their direct and imminent threat to Americans serving in critical missions abroad cannot be ignored.

Responses by our service men and women to attacks on the U.S. and our allies by Iranian-backed militias are a necessary deterrent and remind Iran that the proxies and our adversaries around the world that attacks on U.S. interests will not be tolerated.

We must hold the Iranian regime accountable for its dangerous and provocative actions that threaten Israel, threaten the Middle East and the entire world.

We must also call for an independent inquiry into the 1988 massacre of political prisoners in Iran. In 1988 the Iranian regime slaughtered over 30,000 prisoners. Three member death commissions were established across the country to facilitate the assassination of political prisoners that refuse to abandon their beliefs. These victims were buried in unmarked mass graves and under international law, the Iranian regime must guarantee the families of victims their right to know the truth about the fates and the burial places of their loved ones.

Today I am proud to join you in support of a democratic Iran enjoying basic human rights and as a cosponsor of House Resolution 118. Know that I will always have your back and will continue to promote a free Iran throughout my entire tenure in Congress. Thank you and God bless.

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CONGRESSMAN RAUL RUIZ (D-CA)

**Chairman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus,
Member of the Energy and Trade Committee.**

Excerpts:

It is a true honor to be with you for this year's Free Iran Conference.,

democratic, secular and nonnuclear Republic of Iran.

Standing up for the human rights of the people of Iran is not only necessary but vital to helping ensure that the Iranian people know that America and all peace loving people stand with them in their pursuit liberty, democracy and a peaceful Iran.

The Iranian people have spoken, and the United States has heard you and stands with you in solidarity. Know that we will continue supporting you as you pursue your basic rights, freedom and democracy.

I am a strong supporter of H. Res. 118, which underlines a plan to promote a

I stand with you, the United States Congress stands with you, and the American people stand with you.



CONGRESSMAN BRAD SCHNEIDER (D-IL)

**Member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs,
Subcommittee on Middle East.**

Excerpts:

I am so pleased to address your conference this year, and I want to thank all of you for being here today, especially in the light of the recent election in Iran, an election that was anything but free and fair, your activism and engagement is critical for holding Iran and countries across the world accountable not only to their citizens but also to human rights.

The Middle East and the entire world will benefit from a democratic Republic of Iran that respects freedom we all hold so near and dear. We must continue doing everything we can to speak out against Iran's human rights abuses and hold the regime to account. This also includes preventing Iran from ever acquiring nuclear weapons.



CONGRESSMAN TOM EMMER (R-MN)

**Chairman of the Republican Alliance in the House
of Representatives, member of Committee
on the Financial services.**

Excerpts:

Thank you for inviting me to join your summit today. I am proud to stand with you in your mission for a free and democratic Iran. We come together today with shared goals: an end to repression, an end to persecution, and an end to terror.

As all of you know, so-called "President" Ebrahim Raisi is not the true choice of the Iranian people far from it nor will he bring them a better future. Together, we can look forward to the day when all Iranians will be able to live without fear.



CONGRESSMAN GUS BILIRAKIS (R-FL)

House Committee on Energy and Trade.

Excerpts:

It is a pleasure to speak with you today as part of your Free Iran Global Summit 2021. I am honored to be here with you today, in this virtual global forum to declare my support for democracy and human rights in Iran and express my solidarity with the Iranian people. Iran has been a destabilizing and antagonizing force in the Middle East for a long time. However, let me be clear – (regime in) Iran is not our friend, and indeed,

poses one of the biggest threats to our national security than any other nation. The recent sham elections are another indication of the regime's unabated disregard for the rule of law and democratic process. Iran's election is a selection. Allowing just a mass murderer of thousands of political prisoners, and other loyalists as the preferred candidates for the presidency by the supreme leader once again shows his desire to remain in power at any cost.



CONGRESSMAN FRENCH HILL (R-AR)

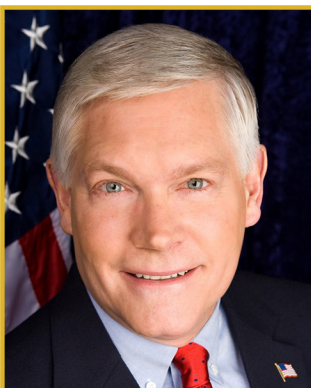
Ranking member of Sub-Committee on National Security, International Development and Monetary Policy, House Committee on Financial Services.

Excerpts:

I am honored to participate in this year's summit in support of a democratic and free Iran. For the past four decades, the people of Iran have lived under the brutal dictatorship of the Ayatollahs in Tehran. The Iranian people are rightfully calling for accountability.

The Iranian people want change and have been advocating for freedom and democracy.

America stands for freedom, and I stand with the people of Iran as they peacefully protest in their streets demanding the basic freedoms.



CONGRESSMAN PETE SESSIONS (R-TX)

Ranking member, Sub-Committee on Rights and Civil Liberties of the Oversight and Reform Committee.

Excerpts:

The new president is a man who has been a part of brutal thuggery that takes place not only in Iran but around the world.

that they are brutal dictators who will kill their own people for the sake of their own power.

H. Res. 118 is just one example of our fight to make sure that the world knows, as we isolate Iran for what they are,

Let's never forget the struggle that takes place and stand behind our Iranian friends who will stand against this terrible regime in Tehran.



CONGRESSWOMAN ANGIE CRAIG (D-MN)

House Committee on Energy and Trade.

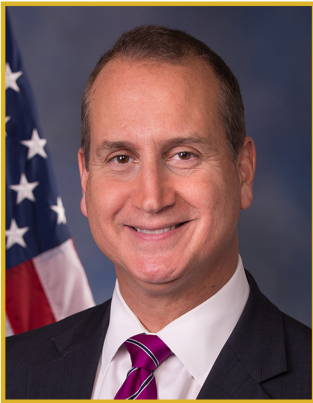
Excerpts:

Thank you all for inviting me to address this important event today. I'm honored to join my colleagues in Congress and folks around the world in expressing my support for a democratic and secular Iran.

rights abuses of the Iranian regime, including their violent actions to suppress a peaceful democratic protest movement in 2019, which resulted in the deaths of nearly 1,500 innocent Iranians.

In cosponsoring the resolution 118, I stand alongside members of both parties in condemning the human

Freedom and democracy in Iran is achievable and I commend you for your steadfast struggle for freedom.



CONGRESSMAN MARIO DIAZ-BALART (R-FL)

House Committee on Appropriations

Excerpts:

To all of you that continue to fight for the freedom of Iran, please know that there are so many of us that are with you.

This terrorist plague that has hurt and destroyed so much and so many for such a long time, will forever be in the heap of trash.

Iran will be free because of your efforts. Iran will be free because the Iranian people are demanding freedom.

We are with you, and victory and freedom will reach Iran sooner than.



CONGRESSWOMAN DEBBIE LESKO (R-AZ)

House Committee on Appropriations.

Excerpts:

We stand united in the cause of a free Iran. In the cause of the elimination of that terrorist regime that has oppressed and repressed the Iranian people for decades. Iran will be free because of your efforts. Iran will be free because the Iranian people are demanding freedom.

This terrorist plague that has hurt and destroyed so much and so many for such a long time, will forever be in the heap of trash and will be remembered as one of the darkest moments not only in the history of Iran, but in the history of this planet.



CONGRESSMAN DON BACON (R-NE)

House Committee on Armed Services,
Sub-Committee on the Special Intelligence and Operations.

Excerpts:

I am honored to be here with you today, in this global forum, to declare my support for democracy and human

rights in Iran and express my solidarity with the Iranian people. As stated in the resolution 118, tens of thousands of people gathered in Paris at the Free Iran gathering to show support for the opposition leader Mrs. Maryam Rajavi's 10-point plan for the future of Iran, which calls for the

universal right to vote, free elections, a market economy, advocates gender, religious, and ethnic equality, a foreign policy based on peaceful coexistence, and a nonnuclear Iran.

The recent sham election is another indication of the regime's unabated disregard for the rule of law and democratic process. I believe US policy towards Iran must be based on our commitment to human, women's, religious, and minority rights, and our unwavering support for the establishment of a democratic republic in Iran.



CONGRESSWOMAN NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS (R-NY)

Ranking member of the Subcommittee on International Development, international organizations,
House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Excerpts:

To all those gathered at the free, secular, nonnuclear and

republican Iran conference and I wanted to thank you for coming together to advocate for a free Iran.

What happened in this election was very disturbing to not only those who want a free Iran but to those all around the world that care about liberty and human rights.

The election of Raisi as somebody who has United States sanctions against him, as someone who's responsible for the death of thousands of Iranians who were just advocating for their own rights and freedom, is very disturbing.

As a member of Foreign Affairs Committee, I have been at the forefront of cosponsoring legislation 118 and resolutions that would do for Free Iran.



GENERAL JAMES JONES

**1st National Security Advisor to President
Barak Obama,
32nd Commandant of the Marine Corps
and Commander,
United States European Command and
Supreme Allied Commander Europe (2003 - 2006)**

Excerpts:

The Resistance Unites and MEK activists in Iran should be commended for their effective work inside Iran to encourage the people of Iran to reject this regime. Mrs. Rajavi, your call for the boycott was heard loud and clear. Through their boycott, the Iranian people made it palpably clear that they will not be satisfied with anything less than the over-throw of this medieval theocracy and all its factions.

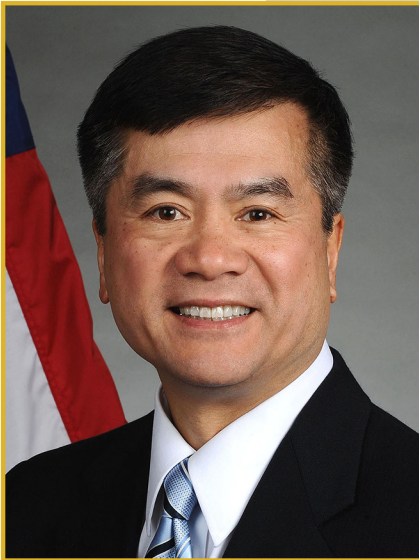
Khamenei could only trust someone like Raisi, a mass murderer and genocidal madman who has been involved in some of the regime's most heinous crimes. In 1988, Raisi was a member of the Death Committee that oversaw the execution and mass murder of over 30,000 political prisoners across Iran.

The victims were buried in mass graves and their families know nothing about their fate. They were executed for their belief in democracy and the overwhelming majority of them were members and supporters of the principal MEK.

The outcome of the election is a vindication of what the Iranian Resistance has been saying for the past four decades, that this regime is incapable of reform and no amount of political and economic concessions will moderate its behavior.

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AMBASSADOR GARY LOCKE

United States Ambassador to China (2011-2014)
21st governor of Washington (1997-2005)
Secretary of Commerce (2009-2011)

Excerpts:

Greetings to Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, President - elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, and to the tens of thousands of people who have gathered virtually around the world to participate in this Iran Human Rights and Democracy Conference.

You are waging a heroic uprising against the corruption and brutality of the terrorist regime. I say with unwavering confidence that a brighter future awaits Iran thanks to your efforts.

In addition to being the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism, the evil regime in Tehran continues to suppress the most fundamental human rights of its own people.

The Iranian people deserve a government that respects democratic norms, the rule of law, and places the needs of the Iranian people above funding its adventurism and terrorism abroad.

It is critical for the United States and other democracies around the world to stand with the Iranian people. This 2021 Free Iran Conference is critical to keeping alive your movement for freedom and democracy.

Raisi's election means he is the first serving Iranian president to have been sanctioned by the U.S. government before entering office, for his involvement in human rights abuses – including the mass execution of political prisoners in 1988.

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The U.S. Treasury Department sanctioned him in 2019, citing reports that, under Raisi, the judiciary had condoned the execution of child offenders and arrested lawyers for defending political prisoners and human rights defenders.

The U.S. government has also noted his involvement in what it described as a "brutal" crack-down on protesters following the 2009 election and the uprisings in 2016, 2017, and 2018. Dissidents have zeroed in on his role in a "death commission" that ordered the executions of thousands of political prisoners in 1988.

Iranian political prisoners were asked to identify themselves. And those who responded "mujahedeen[MEK]" were sent to their deaths, while others were questioned about their willingness to "clear minefields for the army of the Islamic Republic," according to a 1990 Amnesty International report. It is estimated that some 30,000 Iranians were killed.



MS. DONNA BRAZILE

**Veteran Democratic political strategist,
Former interim National Chair of
the Democratic National Committee**



Excerpts:

Today, I join you in solidarity – in this, the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the National Council of Resistance of Iran. Let's give a solid round of applause for forty years of survival, thriving, and for the leadership of President - elect Mrs. Maryam Rajavi.

I want you to know personally that I am with you – that millions of Americans are with you – that we draw inspiration from your courage and persistence and will stay with you until "Someday, we all gather in that square."

I am here not just in gratitude for sharing this occasion. I am here in humility. The humility that comes from observing your remarkable courage and leadership. Humility in watching you stand up to religious tyranny. Humility for your firm resoluteness in seeking a secular state.

This is a good place to conclude my greeting. The struggle for self-determination, equality, and Human Rights is often hard, and always long.

You should never forget that when you are on the side of universal equality, that you are on the side of truth. As Dr King taught us the arc of the moral universe always bend toward justice. Freedom must be won by the ppl you yearn to live in a society where everyone is treated with decency and respect.

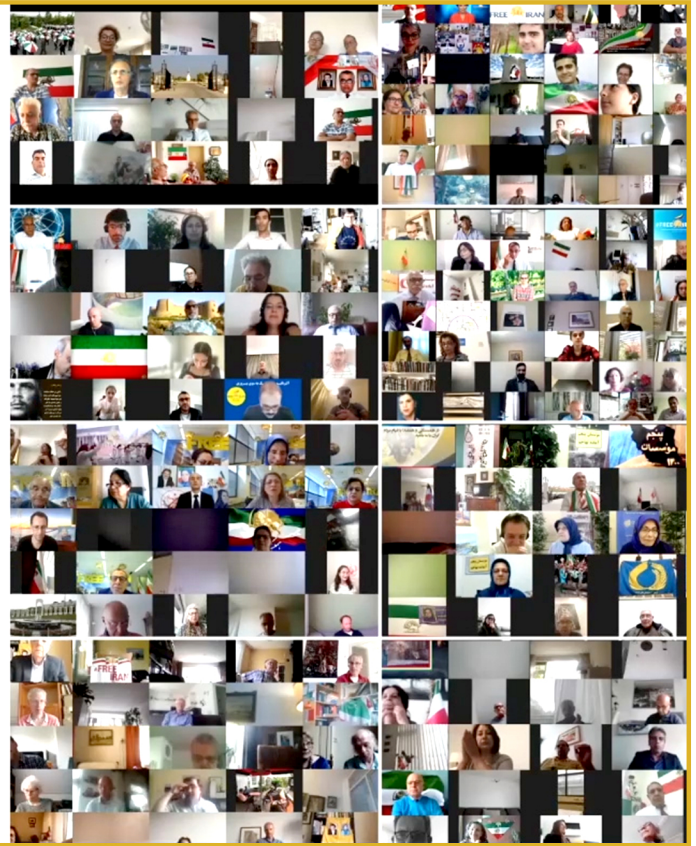
I want you to know that the Spirit of Bipartisanship in the current 117th Congress of the United States in support of you will continue. And the American people will always stand by those who believe in the universal truth of equality and justice for all.

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Indeed, you have so many friends here in America and allow me to mention two great patriots who believed in your cause. They were outstanding public servants, a Democrat and a Republican who have supported NCRI.

We should mention these men because – despite their different upbringings, and the current difficulties to bridge political differences in working together – they represented the bipartisan spirit in United States Congress and public life for your efforts.



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I knew late John Lewis, the Congressman from Atlanta, Georgia. He was active in the Civil Rights Movement at the age of seventeen.

He was one of ten who spoke at the 1963 March on Washington where the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr delivered his “I Have a Dream” address. Lewis was the last of the ten to leave us in 2020. We miss him and continue to mourn his passing.

Let me also share the sentiments of the late Senator John McCain of Arizona — the 2008 Republican presidential nominee and Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

As many of you know, Senator John McCain suffered for five years at the hands of war enemies when he was a prisoner in Hanoi, North Vietnam. He was a young Lieutenant Commander.

Hanoi offered him an early release from prison, but he refused it. He refused because the release was based on the privilege of his being the son of a four-star Admiral. Instead, McCain stayed with his men until they were all freed.

President-elect Rajavi, I know you knew John McCain personally too. You had a meeting with him in Albania in 2017. Both of you caught some flak for it.

Proof that no good deed goes unpunished.

McCain undertook that arduous trip in mid-April of 2017. He underwent brain surgery in early July, a mere two months later.



SECRETARY DEBORAH LEE JAMES

23rd Secretary of the United States Air Force

regime in Tehran - a resistance that with your perseverance will never be silenced.

Most recently, thanks to your collective efforts and the leadership of Mrs. Rajavi, you sent a powerful message to Iran's Supreme Leader Khameni and his cronies. That message quite simply was: **WE SHALL NOT TAKE PART IN YOUR SHAM ELECTION!**

Specifically, there is overwhelming bipartisan support in the US House of Representatives for H.Res. 118—a Resolution expressing support for the Iranian people's desire for a democratic, secular and non nuclear Republic of Iran. H.Res. 118 also condemns Tehran's violations of human rights and state sponsored terrorism. As you know, Mrs. Rajavi's 10 point plan was the model used to craft this resolution

Excerpts:

I also want you to know that the government of the United States stands with you, the people of the United States stand with you, and as a former Secretary of the US Air Force, a mother, a daughter and a sister I also stand with you.

My friends, I hope you are feeling tremendous pride at this point in your history. Working courageously and together, you today form the backbone of a growing and powerful resistance to the corrupt



SENATOR JOE DONNELLY

Senator from Indiana (2013 -2019)

Excerpts:

The power of your organization and all of you is amazing – you come from over 100 countries and five continents with a common goal of a democratic Iran for you, your children, and all future generations.

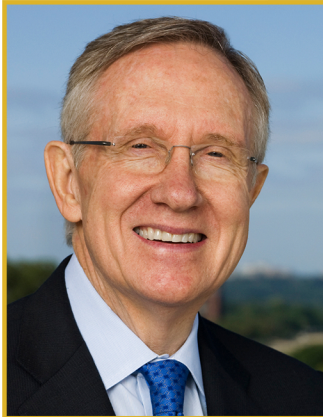
The recent sham election that was boycotted by most of Iranians, is a prove of the people's choice for a Free Iran.

Ebrahim Raisi, a member of 1988 "Death Commission" was SELECTED by Iran's Supreme leader Ali Khamenei to be the next President of Iran. According to Amnesty International, and as addressed in the House Resolution (H.Res. 118), cosponsored by 250 Members of Congress, thousands of Iranian political prisoners were executed in 1988.

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On June 30, 2018, thousands of people gathered in Paris at the Free Iran gathering where they supported advocates for a democratic, secular, and non-nuclear Republic of Iran, and showed support for the opposition leader Mrs. Maryam Rajavi's 10-point plan for the future of Iran.





SENATOR HARRY REID

(1987-2017)

Senate Majority Leader (2007-2015)

Excerpts:

There have been many who have tried to run a government using tyranny and terrorism. It lasts for a while but it won't last forever. And

what we have going on in Iran today is not going to last forever.

Iran has a great heritage in the past. They were first in math and science and great in architecture, but they've become a country run by people who believe in murder and terror. It will not continue. I look forward to the day when the country of Iran has new leadership and becomes part of the civilized nations of the world.



SENATOR MARY LANDRIEU

(1997-2015)

Chair of the Senate Committee on Energy
and Natural Resources (2014-2015)

Excerpts:

A special hello to all the participants of Free Iran Convention 2021. Thank you for the leadership of your president elect, a strong and brave woman

who exemplifies our hopes for all people in Iran in the future and particularly women who seek freedom and liberation and equality. It's a pleasure for me to join all of you today and lend my voice to your great and noble work, to free Iran from oppressive leadership.

The "selection" of your new president has made your job even more difficult but there is hope ahead if we stay united and focused on the inspiration and hope of the goals of freedom, personal freedom, economic liberty, equality for women, freedom of religion, choice of religion and worship. These are things that are the bedrock of a democracy.

The right to vote, to free elections, these are the bedrocks of democracy that are under attack all over the world. So your work to get Iran on a stronger, more vibrant, more hopeful path, not only will help your country but will help freedom-loving people all over the world.

Thank you for continuing to raise your voice against this oppressive regime. The United Nations has stepped up. Amnesty International has called him a criminal and a murderer for the things that he is promoting in the country, and we stand with you. I'm a former member of the United States Senate. Stood with you for many years during my term there and I know there are still many members of the United States Senate and the majority of the members of the House of Representatives in the United States that feel strongly and encourage you for the work that you continue to do. Thank you so much. Thank you for letting me be a part of this special convention this year and best wishes. Stay safe and strong.



CONGRESSMAN ELIOT ENGEL (1981-2021)

**Chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee
(2019-2021)**

Excerpts:

I join you today at the 2021 Free Iran Human Rights Conference and I think it's important for us to view and treat the regime in Iran according to their deeds.

Now the mullahs ruling Iran just elected a president who is a hardliner, who was a member of the 1988 Death Commission. So you see nothing really has changed. In fact, it's been getting worse.

I want to say a few words about accountability here as well. As many of you know, I have always supported a secular, democratic and nonnuclear Republic of Iran.

In addition to recognizing their struggle as it is embodied in Mrs. Rajavi's 10 Point Plan for the future of Iran, 242 of my colleagues in the House of Representatives signed onto... the House Resolution is 118 and it documents instances of crimes against humanity in Iran and urges accountability.

Ebrahim Raisi has the blood of many on his hands and the whole world knows it. As head of Iran's judiciary, and earlier in his career as a member of the 1988 Death Commission, he is and was responsible for overseeing unspeakable actions, including the forced disappearance and execution of thousands of political prisoners mostly members of MEK and the targeting of Iranian dissidents abroad. According to Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International, he should be investigated and tried for crimes against humanity, not installed as the President of Iran. And I wholeheartedly agree.

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CONGRESSMAN TED POE (2005 -2019)

**Chair of Subcommittee on Terrorism,
Non-Proliferation and Trade,
Committee on Foreign Affairs (2017-2019)**

Also today, the terror designation is lifted and the MEK is thriving both inside and outside Iran. The MEK resistance units have been growing steadily inside Iran both in number and in strength.

Excerpts:

Greetings to members of the Iranian diaspora, distinguished guest, Madame Rajavi and participants of the 2021 Free Iran Virtual Meeting.

We have to keep the pressure on until this weakening regime falls completely. While I was in the United States Congress and afterwards, I joined you in multiple fronts to help the Iranian people and their organized resistance transform the way the world had viewed the true nature of the mullahs' regime. From protecting the people of Camp Ashraf in Iraq to removing the un-just terrorist designation on the MEK, we confronted injustice. We confronted evil. And today Ashraf 3 and Albania stand as a true beacon of hope and leadership of a free democratic, secular and nonnuclear Republic of Iran.

This growth is directly proportional to the weakening of the regime. On the other hand, the mullahs are showing their true colors with killers like Raisi, but the error of impunity is over. With the growing international call for accountability, these killers will find it harder and harder to maneuver or hide in the dark.

I want to reiterate my commitment to a free and democratic Iran with Madame Rajavi's leadership and with the strength of resistance units inside Iran, legitimate protests against this oppressive and corrupt regime will continue to gain momentum and grow. That is why I have full faith that we are witnessing the fall of this bankrupt regime. And to the mullahs, I say this. We are not going away. And that's just the way it.

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GOVERNOR STEVE BULLOCK

24th Governor of Montana (2013 -2021)

Excerpts:

Not a single country has been without a history of struggle or with a straight line to progress. Each nation's struggles are unique, and some far more oppressive than others. But no matter the hurdles, where and when progress is made is through a common thread: a determined people.

It's not so often that the United States Congress comes together to agree on something in a bipartisan manner, when the two political parties echo the same message. House Resolution 118 is one of those moments. Over 240 elected officials representing states spanning across a diverse America, "[recognize] the rights of the Iranian people and their struggle to establish a democratic, secular, and nonnuclear Republic of Iran."

During the struggle to end apartheid in South Africa, Nelson Mandela stated: "I have walked that long road to freedom. But I have discovered that after climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb. I have taken a moment here to rest, to steal a view of the glorious vistas that surround me, to look back at the distance I have come. But I can only rest for a moment, for with freedom comes responsibilities, and I dare not linger, for my long walk is not yet ended."

The people of Iran have witnessed and summited many of the hills before them. Hills of state sponsored terrorism, of human rights violations, of torture of dissidents. The hills of the suppression of ethnic and religious minorities, of discrimination against women and girls.

"You refuse to stand by while prisoners and political dissidents are subjected to inhumane conditions, torture, or disappearances. You refuse to let fear, retribution and terrorism overcome opportunity for peace."

The people of Iran have witnessed the hills of elections that are anything but democratic, free and fair. And yet, you dare not linger.

The Iranian people, in the battle for a free and democratic Iran, are a determined people.

You refuse to accept the status quo, never settling for less. You refuse to allow discrimination and violence against women and girls, and among the many minority populations. You refuse to stand by while prisoners and political dissidents are subjected to inhumane conditions, torture, or disappearances. You refuse to let fear, retribution and terrorism overcome opportunity for peace.

Most importantly, you refuse to give up hope. For it is hope that keeps alive the determination of the Iranian people to exercise the rights of freedom of expression and peaceful assembly to hold the Iranian regime accountable.



MARTIN LUTHER KING III

Human rights advocate.
The oldest son and oldest living child
of civil rights leaders Martin Luther King Jr.

“As my father, Martin Luther King, Jr. Once said, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” And that remains one of the compelling truths of our times.”

Excerpts:

I thank the organizers of the 2021 convention for a free Iran and Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, president-elect of the national council of resistance of Iran, for your ongoing commitment and your visionary leadership in support of human rights, social justice and democracy.

But the main reason I am concerned about what is happening in Iran is because, as my father, Martin Luther King, Jr. Once said, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” And that remains one of the compelling truths of our times.

I strongly support the ten-point plan for Iran's future, developed by Maryam Rajavi and other leaders who are resisting the dictatorship in Iran. The stated goals of this plan include genuine democracy and self-determination for all Iranians; freedom of speech and association; ending the death penalty; religious freedom for all Iranians; eradicating discrimination based on gender; establishing an independent judicial system and compliance with the universal declaration on human rights; equal employment opportunities; an end to development of nuclear weapons and all weapons of mass destruction; and a commitment to peaceful coexistence.

I was gratified by Maryam Rajavi's “I have a dream” speech, which affirmed solidarity with my father, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s vision of a world where all people can live together in justice, equality and peace. And today, I want you to know that my father's dream of hope and brother and sisterhood very much includes the people of Iran.





SENATOR DOUG JONES

Senator from Alabama (2018-2021)

Excerpts:

The recent activity in Iran was not an “election,” where the people of Iran duly elect their next president, but in reality, a “selection” by Iran’s Supreme Leader of a loyalist, Judiciary Chief Ebrahim Raisi, whose rise to power has been marked by repression and injustice and the execution of literally thousands of political dissidents dating back to the 1988 Massacre which you are all too familiar with. Many who are in attendance at this conference are the mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, and children of the fallen at the hands of the regime and Raisi.

This year’s so-called election comes at the regime’s most precarious time as its prospects for survival are being questioned from both inside the regime and outside by freedom seeking people in Iran and across the globe. That vulnerability has been on full display since the last Iranian election with a series of successive uprisings each year since 2017.

The people of Iran are demonstrating time and time again, year after year, that they are willing to make the sacrifices for freedom. In particular, the youth of Iran, the students and younger generation of Iran, are leading the efforts for a more inclusive society. A society where all are treated equally. One that does not discriminate based gender, ethnicity or class. These young people see the value to the world of an Iranian society that freely allows the Persian people to showcase their talents in business and science and the arts. As with all countries, but particularly Iran, the future lies in its youth.

The power and strength of young people are especially significant for me. I grew up in a period of unrest in America, where the youth of America demanded civil rights and equal opportunities for American citizens of all races.

“But change will not and should not come to Iran because other countries want it or even demand it. No my friends, change must come and I believe will come from you and the people of Iran.”

And I am proud to say that it was the youth of my city Birmingham, Alabama that became the shining example and inspiration for America’s civil rights movement some 60 years ago.

Today, it is the youth of Iran that is also a beacon of hope. Time and time again it is Iranian students and youth that are leading the way for freedom in Iran. Major uprisings in December 2017 signaled that regime change is within reach. January 2018 protests dispelled the false narrative that there was a struggle between hardliners and moderates within the regime. The November 2019 uprising encompassed nearly 200 cities and towns resulting in even harsher repression by the regime. And in January 2020 nationwide protests were triggered by a cover up orchestrated by the regime after the IRGC shot down a Ukrainian airliner. As happened in Birmingham some 56 years earlier, students and others took to the streets demanding change.

But change will not and should not come to Iran because other countries want it or even demand it. No my friends, change must come – and I believe will come – from you and the people of Iran. You are the source and instrument of change. You are the inspiration for change. As the late Senator John McCain said to you just a few years ago,

“You are the example to the world that those people who are willing to fight and sacrifice for freedom will achieve it.”



GOVERNOR BILL RITTER, JR.

41st Governor of Colorado (2007-2011)

Excerpts:

I would argue that the installation of Ebrahim Raisi as the president is really another sign of weakness. This is a man who should not be president of Iran. He should be on trial for crimes against humanity and people around the world and the international community for a very long time have understood Raisi's role in the 1988 massacres, where literally because of him and the death commission, there were tens of thousands of Iranians who were murdered.

I want to congratulate all the people who are here today and here in resistance to the regime presently in Iran. I want to thank our keynote speaker and thank her for her courage, for her vision, and for just being bold in her resistance. Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, thank you.

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We stand in solidarity with you in the present and in the present struggle. But we are here and we will do everything we can as part of that international community to ensure there is a different Iran in the future, to ensure that we welcome into the international stage an Iran that looks completely different from the weakened regime of today. We stand with you in your struggle.



GOV. PHIL BREDESEN

48th governor of Tennessee (2003 -2011)

Excerpts:

Let me begin by acknowledging and thanking the Convention for a Free Iran and of course Mrs. Rajavi for the opportunity to speak with you today. You're at special crossroads in history; it's an honor for me to be associated, even in this small way, with your work.

There are strong parallels between what you are working to accomplish today, and the birthing struggles our United States went through in the 18th century.

But what you're doing taking power from a corrupt elite and placing it firmly in the hands of ordinary people, the common men and women of your nation, is something we Tennesseans value and respect. We can see a little bit of our Tennessee character and worldview in you.

However, however, we have never experienced anything like the regime now controlling Iran. The corruption, the purposeful and calculated brutality, the crimes against humanity it has committed, have to be exposed to the world, to sunlight, and the murderers there's no other word that have committed these crimes be punished. This reckoning with the past must take place before you can build a new Iran, and the world will understand this.

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So I salute you. You're doing what I think grown-ups are obligated to do, working to make things better for the next generation. But you're also not just any generation in a long line of them, you're in a very special time and place. Iran and with it the whole Middle East is at a fork in the road. One leads backward to more corruption, more brutality, to an even darker place. The other road the one you are trying to construct, leads to light a better world for the young people of Iran today and for many more generations to come. To a world where your sons and daughters will finally have their own shot at "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

I support you and I respect you. Godspeed.



AMBASSADOR NATHAN SALES

**Ambassador-at-large and the U.S.
coordinator for counterterrorism
(2017-2021)**

So what do we do about it?

That's a big question, but I think that any policy toward the Islamic Republic of Iran has to begin with a simple principle.

Excerpts:

Thank you very much. It's a great pleasure to join you all at this year's Iran Human Rights and Democracy Conference. I'd like to thank the tens of thousands of people who are joining us virtually today from all around the world.

Most importantly, I'd like to thank the Iranian people – those who are watching inside Iran as well as the diaspora here in America and across the globe. For more than 40 years, you've stood up for democracy and liberty, confident that a better day is coming. Your example is an inspiration to all freedom loving peoples around the world.

I'm here to talk about terrorism – the Iranian regime's use of it, and what we can do about that. Make no mistake : The Islamic Republic of Iran is the world's worst state sponsor of terrorism. Acting through the Revolutionary Guard Corps and countless terrorist proxies, the regime has murdered innocent civilians, taken countless hostages, and shed blood on a hideous scale, not just in the Middle East but around the world.

Why? Because, ultimately, the Islamic Republic is a revolutionary regime. It seeks to consolidate and export the revolution, and terrorism is one of its main tools for doing so. If you think you're on a divine mission, then laws against murder and extortion don't apply to you.

And now the regime is doubling down on its crimes against humanity. It has used a sham election to install a butcher as president – Ebrahim Raisi, a man whose hands are stained with the blood of thousands of his countrymen.

First, do no harm. What that means is, at a minimum, don't hand the regime resources it will use to support terrorism around the world. Don't hand the regime resources it will use to further entrench itself and violently suppress those who are calling for change. In 2019, the United States sanctioned the IRGC for supporting terrorism. That same year, we sanctioned Ebrahim Raisi for decades of appalling human rights violations, including his role in the 1988 "death commission" that slaughtered thousands of political prisoners.

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In closing, I want to speak directly to the Iranian people. There is no quarrel between the United States and the people of Iran. We seek friendship, and we know that you're not responsible for the crimes committed by your self-appointed "leaders." The American people will always support you in your pursuit of freedom and democracy. Because we know that the Iranian people deserve better than the Iranian regime.

The Iranian people deserve a government that's accountable to them at the ballot box.

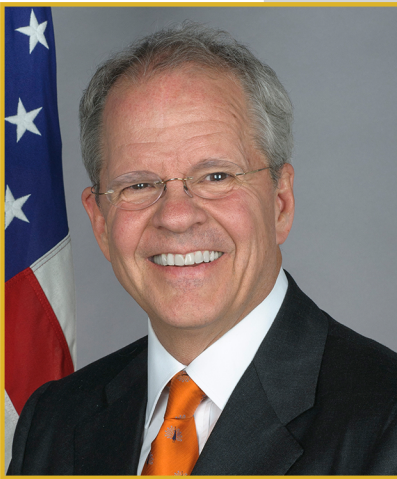
They deserve a government that respects human rights and the rule of law.

They deserve a government that doesn't murder peaceful protesters in broad daylight.

They deserve a government that's led by statesmen, not criminals.

They deserve a government that's at peace with its neighbors.

And above all, the Iranian people deserve a government that doesn't plunder their wealth to support terrorism and bloodshed around the world. To our Iranian friends, the American people know that your cause is just, and we will always stand with you as you fight to determine your own future. Thank you.



AMBASSADOR TIM BROAS

**The United States Ambassador
to the Netherlands (2014-2016)**

It is also our mission to keep the world safe from nuclear proliferation. We do not impose our values or traditions or laws on our hosts, but we explain, project and educate as much as possible the American way of life.

Excerpts:

Good morning. It is an honor to be here to address the Iranian-American Community at the 2021 Human Rights and Democracy conference. My name is Timothy Broas. I am a lawyer, and a former U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands. I had the privilege and pleasure to serve in this position under President Obama.

As an American Ambassador, one of my main tasks was to project America, and all that it stands for, to the people in the country in which I served. Be it our democratic electoral system, our respect for human rights, our zealous protection of equality across every race, age, color, gender, sexual preference or heritage, our vigorous enforcement of the rule of law, the personal liberties of free speech, religion and press, it is our job as diplomats to embrace those values and share and spread them.

“A democratic, secular and non-nuclear Iran may sometimes seem an unattainable dream, but it's not. Thanks to your resistance and your persistence, it is more hopeful and possible than ever.”

As Iranian Americans, many of you came here from Iran, and many more of you were born and raised here. Some of you have fond memories of living and working in pre-revolutionary Iran and dream of returning. Those of you who were born here likely dream of visiting and discovering your homeland, and perhaps moving there and living there someday. Like our European founders, many of you came here to escape totalitarian and autocratic rule, intolerance and injustice. You left behind an authoritarian and lawless theocracy, a sponsor and supporter of terrorism, a denier of basic human rights, a misogynistic collection of male rulers intolerant of women. Conceived in the name of eliminating corruption and foreign influence, today's Iran is an isolated land whose only friends and allies are fellow sponsors of terrorism and dictatorships. Iran openly threatens to destroy Israel and takes pains to persuade its citizens that America is the enemy. It aspires to develop nuclear weapons. Instead of eliminating corruption, Iran has become one of the most corrupt countries in the world.

But there is hope for Iran, for its citizens, and for all of humanity. And that hope rests squarely and centrally with all of you: the resistance. You are a force, a loud and vocal force for change. But you can and must become even louder. You can and must turn up the volume. You need to keep growing, keep speaking out, keep organizing, keep working with your friends and allies, both here in the U.S. Government and elsewhere in the civilized world. You have accomplished so much already, through House Resolution 118, a bipartisan resolution by the U.S. Congress, condemning Iran and embracing Maryam Rajavi's ten point plan.



Through you and your colleagues, and the boycott of Iran's recent elections, you have shown the world that the election of Mr. Raisi was a sham and a fraud. Mr. Raisi was not elected by the Iranian people. He was selected and appointed by the religious autocrats and cronies.

The people of Iran are speaking through their actions. They are protesting with their conduct. They are showing the world that non-violent protest is the most powerful and effective force to affect change. Throughout history we have seen how non-violent protest can affect the most profound change. Our own civil rights movement comes to mind, as does Nelson Mandela and his crusade against apartheid in South Africa, Mohatma Gandhi in India, and many others.

Please intensify and expand your advocacy. The women and children of Iran are counting on you. The political prisoners in Iran are counting on you. Like you, they are yearning for a democratic, secular and non-nuclear republic of Iran. They seek a government that treats all of its citizens equally. They desire a country with a legal system and courts that enforce and respect human rights, including access to justice, health and education and economic opportunity.

All of this change is within reach. A democratic, secular and non-nuclear Iran may sometimes seem an unattainable dream, but it's not. Thanks to your resistance and your persistence, it is more hopeful and possible than ever.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak with you today.



PATRICK J. KENNEDY

Member of the U.S. House of Representatives
(1995-2011)

Excerpts:

My uncle President Kennedy wrote a famous book called *While England Slept*, documenting the failure of appeasement towards

Adolf Hitler in World War II. He fought against the imperial dictatorship, against Hirohito, and his brother, my Uncle Joe, was killed in Europe fighting for the freedom of our allies.

Electing a mass murderer like Raisi shows that Khomeini and his Mullahs have given up any facade of moderation. There's no excuse anymore for denying the truth.

The United States ranks Iran's Mullahs as the

number one exporter of terrorism in the world, the number one violator of human rights of its own people, and the number one executioner as well as sending its agents to Europe, to United States, Latin America, under the pretense of diplomacy, to plant bombs in our backyard. Even more, they were also caught red-handed, building a nuclear weapons program after promising the world that they would comply with international treaties.

President Kennedy went to Berlin during his administration.. His famous words to show his solidarity that Berlin's fight was all the world's fight, was when he said, "Ich bin ein Berliner." So, I am proud as I have said before at this gathering and others in Farsi to say "Man Irani hastam [I am an Iranian]".



LINDA CHAVEZ

Assistant to the President for Public Liaison (1985)
Chair of the Center for Equal Opportunity

Excerpts:

It is such a pleasure to be with you, Madame Rajavi. I wish that we could be together as we were in 2018.

I remember those days outside of Paris in the suburbs, when you literally had 100,000 people coming to support your efforts to overturn the regime in Iran. Little did any of us know at the time that while we were there, in Villepinte, that the regime's tentacles had reached out and were plotting to have a mass terrorist attack on that event. It's important to understand that Iran does not just persecute its own people, but its reach goes global.

The regime is able to to assassinate those who disagree with it. They send out their propagandists to attack Madame Rajavi and the POMI.

We heard from General Jones and from others on the incredible consequence of a sham election this year, in which an actual butcher was elected. This is not a man whose hands are only dipped in blood. This is a man whose whole body has been dipped in the blood of martyrs for freedom in Iran. And it is a striking commentary how little we have heard from Western countries about the election of this man. He is not somebody that reasonable, democratic governments, should deal with.

The time is now for those who support freedom in democracy in Iran to rise up to make their voices heard.

JANEZ JANŠA

Prime Minister of Slovenia



Excerpts:

Let me first emphasize to you, dear participants [of the Free Iran World Summit], is my message through you to the Iranian people, to all those watching the event via satellite or online. I just regret not being able to address you in person.

My special greeting goes to the keynote speaker of the summit, the President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, Mrs. Maryam Rajavi.

Let me start by saying what I have said many times before, the Iranian people deserve democracy, freedom, and human rights, and should be formally supported by the international community. As you know, the European Union (EU) has put a range of restrictive measures in place in response to many issues of concern. Specifically, the EU restrictive measures adopted in response to serious human rights violations by Iran. The Iranian regime must be held accountable for human rights violations and the international community must be more firm on this.

I would also like to address the families of the 30,000 political prisoners who perished during the 1988 massacre and send my support for justice and accountability and the formation of the United

Nations Commission of Inquiry into the 1988 massacre.

For nearly 33 years, the world had forgotten about the victims of this massacre. This should change. The United Nations Commission of Inquiry is of crucial importance to shed light on the horrible 1988 massacre. Families of the victims see the Commission of Inquiry as a means so that they could finally obtain justice and closure.

This is especially important in light of the fact that the regime's next president will be Ebrahim Raisi, who is accused by Amnesty International of crimes against humanity for his role in the massacre.

Therefore, once again, I clearly and loudly support the call of the UN investigator on human rights in Iran, who called for an independent inquiry into allegations of state ordered executions of thousands of political prisoners and the role played by the president-elect as the then deputy prosecutor.

Dear friends, I will personally continue being engaged on all these issues of concern. You can always count on my understanding and support.

STEPHEN HARPER

Canadian Prime Minister (2006-2015)



Excerpts:

Greetings to President Rajavi and to all supporters and friends of the National Council of Resistance of Iran. This marquee event, which demonstrates not only the breadth and endurance of opposition to the fascist, religious dictatorship in Tehran, but also the determination to see it replaced.

Friends, the Ayatollah's government tells many lies. But perhaps even more disturbing are the lies that others repeat on its behalf. One of the biggest lies is that the regime possesses some mysterious faction of so-called moderates. Year after year, we've been told that if we handle the regime with kid gloves, we strengthen the position of these so-called moderates, and that this will allow them to rise in the regime, and to change its course.

Not only did the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) leave the mullahs closer to a nuclear weapons capacity than ever before continuing to accumulate enriched uranium, continuing to work on missile delivery systems, continuing to keep its nuclear facilities operating, continuing to conceal the truth from inspectors. The government I led was never fooled by the supposed existence of a phantom moderate faction. This year's sham election reached a new low even for this regime. The winning candidate did not even pretend to be a moderate. In fact, Ebrahim Raisi is the very person whom the regime has long entrusted to jail or kill anyone who is actually moderate. In 1988, as one of the four members of the prosecution committee, he ordered the execution of some 30,000 political prisoners.

Let's be crystal clear. Ebrahim Raisi is a criminal, guilty of crimes against humanity. He is a living symbol of the folly of trying to appease the Ayatollah's regime. Shame on any government in the world that would sit down and try to negotiate anything with an administration led by Ebrahim Raisi.

What a contrast to the use of religion by the Ayatollah's regime as a weapon of conflict and hate, and what a contrast that is in turn to you in the NCRI, which is one of President Rajavi's core concepts, calls for the separation of religion and state, and the freedom of religion and faith, and of course, peaceful coexistence with all other nations.

I believe that the regime is weakening. That the selection of an open and bloodstained extremist as president, betrays a regime so worried about its survival, that it dares not risk any shadow of deviation from the Ayatollah's extremist direction. The Iranian people who have suffered more than any other from the tyranny of this theocracy, yearn more than any other, for it to end and for it to be replaced by the democratic, secular and pluralist forces that the NCRI represents.

Keep up the fight for the day of victory is coming. The regime sponsorship of terrorism has only swelled the ranks of its opponents around the world. And its pursuit of nuclear weapons cannot save it from the opposition of its own people. So, continue your struggle, keep hope alive, and prepare for the new Iran that will come to pass through your efforts.



FRANCO FRATTINI

Italy's Foreign Affairs Minister
(2002-2004, 2008-2011)



Excerpts:

Madam President-elect Rajavi, thank you very much for your words that I consider, as a European, a wakeup call for Europe. I can see a wakeup call for the international community as a whole.

Why? Because during the years as the foreign minister or vice president of European Commission, many of my colleagues in the European Union, in North America and elsewhere, have been having contact with representatives of the Iranian regime, sometimes so-called reformists, sometimes so-called conservatives. I can tell you, from my direct experience, there are no differences at all.

It's important now to open the eyes of the international community. When the Iranian negotiators try to regain ground on the table with the European Union negotiators or the P5+1 countries, they use the nuclear deal as leverage for a recognition of their role in the region. They want to be recognized politically and this is the point where they should fail.

They cannot be recognized as a viable partner, a viable negotiator. Nuclear is only one element of a number of issues. The issues that come to my mind are the 30,000 political prisoners, the executions, and the deprivation of fundamental freedoms. There is not only nuclear negotiation. And if we fall into the trap to sit around the table and negotiate again, we just give the regime a legitimization. And their role is unfortunately to destabilize the whole Middle East, especially now, after the election of Mr. Raisi.

There was not an election, it was a designation, a message of weakness, because designating Mr. Raisi means the regime is going towards more repression, because it's completely losing its reputation.

Sanctions are not affecting the free people of Iran. Lifting sanctions would only give more money to the regime, not to the free people of Iran. It is the corruption of the regime, it is the imbalance in distribution of wealth among the people, which is affected by giving more money to the regime.

What to do about this increasing threat represented by an aggressive regime and led by a designated president who should be held accountable for being responsible for thousands of political prisoners being executed.

My colleagues in Europe should seriously consider not sitting around the same table with the regime, not recognize persons who try to sign an agreement with bloody hands. We have to be very strict in respecting our Constitution, the Charter of Fundamental Rights of European Union. Don't sit around the same table to negotiate, don't recognize the legitimacy as a serious interlocutor of a country whose president deserves to be held accountable.

What you are doing is not only a wakeup call, but an appeal for respecting universal rights. These are not only the legitimate rights of the Iranian people. These are universal rights. Since you are doing the right thing, the others are on the wrong side of history. They will lose. You will win.



GIULIO TERZI DI SANT'AGATA

Italy's Foreign Affairs Minister (2011-2013)

Excerpts:

It is a great honor to address this important event of the Iranian Resistance taking place at an extremely critical juncture for the international community and for the Iranian people. Now is the time to get rid of the genocidal regime of the Mullahs.

Many ex-officials and ministers attending this NCRI Summit are concerned about Mullahs' human rights violations, secret nuclear program, Iran's meddling in other countries' affairs.

We all know the real face of the regime in Villepinte three years ago with the terrorist plot engineered by the regime and almost executed by Assadollah Assadi, the regime's diplomat-spy based in Vienna.

For the first time in Europe, a national court imposed maximum penalty on Assadollah Assadi and his accomplices.

It is necessary to take a firm action against embassies and consular offices. These "outposts" of terror must be immediately closed and definitely removed.

It is no more acceptable to deal with those, like Ebrahim Raisi, who have on their hands the blood of tens of thousands of Iranians.



The regime is weak; it is facing numerous crises and an explosive society.

The Mullahs' regime does everything it can to eliminate the MEK and the NCRI as the only democratic alternative for Iran. It even opens the way for and helps the remnants of the Shah's monarchy to appear as an opposition group competing the MEK and the NCRI..

If the West wants to be effective, it must acknowledge the democratic alternative that the corrupt clerical regime is trying to hide under a tremendous amount of demonization and through the buying the media and journalists and others.

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JOHN BERCOW

Speaker, United Kingdom House of Commons
(2009-2019)

Excerpts:

I am here to express support for the people of Iran in the continuing quest and struggle for freedom, democracy, and human rights. I paid the very closest attention to what President Rajavi had to say and I am absolutely crystal clear, in my mind, that the Iranian people continue to reject all oppression. And indeed, throughout the protests I have still ringing in my ears, those compelling and forceful slogans: "down with the oppressor," be it the Shah's dictatorship or the Supreme Leader's. I am here to back the people of Iran in calling for a secular and democratic republic and support the NCRI president's 10-point plan for Iran's future.

References have been made to the 1988 massacre, and that cannot be forgotten or forgiven or shoved under the carpet. Amnesty [International]'s call be honored that there should be an investigation of Raisi for crimes against humanity.

Democrats around the world are clear that this distinction between hardliners and reformists is a total and unmitigated sham. It is a devious device to convey the impression that there is hope for a moderate leadership. The mass boycott of the presidential election spoke volumes. It was powerful. The regime has been shamed by it, a turnout of below 10%.



And on the subject of Mr. Raisi, that former Chief Justice of Iran was a key player in the death commissions, which massacred tens of thousands of people. Your message has been heard. The clarity, the moral principle, and the unswerving conviction of your position, which is to say no to dictatorship, no to the Shah, no to theocracy, but yes to democracy.

The flame of freedom burns brightly and will never be extinguished. In due course, hopefully sooner rather than later, you will prevail, you will succeed, you will win.

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LIAM FOX

**MP, Secretary of State for International Trade
(2016 – 2019), United Kingdom**

Excerpts:

The Iranian people have a proud and distinguished history. It pains us to see what Iran has become in the hands of narrow minded, bigoted fanatics.

Iran's identity was not created by the Islamic Revolution, nor will its future be defined by it. In the meantime, we have to deal with a dangerous, draconian, and destabilizing regime which oppresses its own people and exports fanaticism and instability to its own region and beyond.

None of us have any quarrel with the Iranian people, but with the regime that increasingly oppresses them, that exports violence and instability to its neighbors, and which threatens to provoke conflict through its attempt to become a nuclear weapon state.

Lebanese Hezbollah remains Iran's primary terrorist proxy. And of course, through its proxies, Iran continues both direct attacks on Israel itself and on Israeli targets in other parts of the world.



Internationally, the great piece of unfinished business is the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). I always believed that the agreement was fundamentally flawed. It was neither credible nor responsible to see Iran's nuclear ambitions outside its support and encouragement for its terror proxies. And the original aim of stopping Iran from becoming a nuclear weapon state had morphed into a deal merely to put its ambitions on hold for a decade or so even before the deal was completed. Iran was immediately rewarded for signing and not implementing the agreement by the immediate unfreezing of \$150 billion worth of Iranian assets.

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THERESA VILLIERS

**Parliament Member, United Kingdom
Secretary of State for Environment,
Food and Rural Affairs (2019-2020)**



Excerpts:

Mrs. Rajavi, honorable colleagues, elected representatives from around the world, ladies and gentlemen, it's a great privilege for me to be here with you today.

The promotion of Ebrahim Raisi to the presidency after a sham election signals that the regime has no intention of altering its antagonistic approach to the international community.

Groups such as Amnesty International have expressed the greatest concerns about Mr. Raisi's elevation, citing evidence of his involvement in the horrific mass killings of 1988, which saw thousands of political prisoners murdered.

Many UK Members of Parliament have called for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to use its Magnitsky sanctions regime to impose targeted punitive measures on officials like Mr. Raisi.

I joined many other speakers at this massive event in encouraging the UK Government and the international community as a whole, to engage with the NCRI as an opposition grouping capable of offering a viable democratic alternative for the people of Iran. I will continue to advocate for human rights, respect for the rule of law, democracy and justice until Iran is free. Thank you.

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BERNARD KOUCHNER

French Minister of Foreign and European Affairs (2007-2011)

Founder, Doctors Without Borders

Excerpts:

More than 40 years after the Islamic Revolution is Iran an ordinary country? Is the name of a terrorist country fitting? All countries around Iran are concerned and everyone is protesting against Iran's belligerence, against its so-called Islamic revolution.

In a revolutionary euphoria, Iran has just elected a new president, Ebrahim Raisi, and should we believe in United Nations' terminology for a criminal, this very election is a sad reminder of a crisis for humanity.

Today, after the election, we have to draw some conclusions: Ali Khamenei has already ruled and picked the candidates. And an extremist named Ebrahim Raisi has been the outcome of the election. Note that in Iran, there is no talk of elections, but selection is more appropriate to use instead.

He is also accused of being a member of what was called the Death Committee, which had to select from among thousands of prisoners who were condemned to die and whose bodies were buried in mass graves.

Hence, in the field of human rights, this person is absolutely despised and in fact for 40 years, with the possible complicity of the president and the leader and the rest, Mr. Ebrahim Raisi has been a torturer and an executioner, someone against whom a global protest has already been shaped.

More than half of the population in Iran refrained from voting. So, someone came to power who was conservative and remained conservative and was very dictatorial and murderous throughout his life. Therefore, what do we think about this?



This man has been the perpetrator of torture and execution of thousands of Iranians. He has been the prosecutor of several provinces, then the attorney general of Iran, and later the judiciary chief. If I can say, the Iranian judiciary. And that is why he has been chosen as a possible representative of someone who could succeed Khamenei. This new president should be the subject of an international investigation into his involvement in crimes against humanity.

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GÉRARD LONGUET

Minister, Defense of France (2011 – 2012)
France Senate (2001–2011)

Excerpts:

The presidential election showed a vast number of people didn't turn out with almost half of the voters, probably

because the candidates selected by the religious authority did not represent all opinions.

We must pursue and encourage those who want to modernize Iran, meaning the open democracy of a country with a ruling class, elites, engineers, academics, scientists, high-quality entrepreneurs. I believe that they have the right to enjoy the same facilities that are offered to the most advanced countries.

I simply have to say that we, the Europeans and French, are monitoring very closely what is happening in Iran, because we know that there will be no progress, lasting peace, free and respectful exchanges, strong partnership, without strong change.

Yes, indeed, it is our duty to know well what is happening in Iran, and paying attention, listening, and conveying the truth, is the message of sympathy for all those who, like the EU, have more freedom, more democracy in their lives. Hence, they defend these rights. Peace is inalienable with prosperity, and peace necessitates the freedom of all. Iranians have precisely the same right.



MICHÈLE ALLIOT-MARIE

Member of European Parliament from France
Minister, Defense of France (2002-2007)

Excerpts:

My most friendly greetings to Maryam Rajavi. I would like to thank the President once again for inviting me to attend your annual big gathering.

In a world that is always complex, we need personalities such as Maryam Rajavi with her commitment to human rights, democratic values, the separation of church and state, and rights for women to express themselves. Yes, Maryam Rajavi, I wish once again for you, your values and ideas, to continue leading this struggle for a long time.

An important event has taken place in Iran, the presidential election. It is true that in all democracies, the presidential election is a crucial moment, probably the most intense moment for a

democracy because citizens vote on who will be responsible for preparing for the future and for representing the country abroad.

It is a shame that this moment took on a special aspect in Iran that was far from what the European Union expected and far from what was anticipated for a great country like Iran. Turnout in this presidential election was the lowest since the establishment of the Islamic Republic in 1979. Less than one in three voters cast their vote for the presidential candidate.

But, the work continues based on common values that make a democracy. These values include respect for women's rights, women's equality, the rights to expression and for opposition. Today all this is vanished under the current regime and we have seen a large number of Iranians demand these values as they refrain from voting or cast invalid votes.



PANDELI MAJKO

Minister, State for Diaspora
Prime Minister of Albania (1998-1999 and 2002)

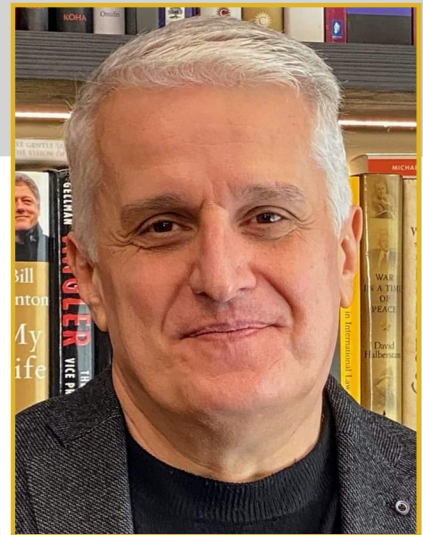
Excerpts:

It is a pleasure for me to congratulate this gathering and the leadership of Maryam Rajavi.

We express our deep concerns about ongoing human rights violations in Iran. The government of Albania, expelled the Iranian ambassador and three diplomats for their engagements against international law.

I consider very important the resolution No. 118, of the majority in the U.S. Congress in support of the Iranian people's desire for a democratic, secular and non-nuclear republic. Which raised the positive and important steps of the Albanian government in expelling the Iranian diplomats.

In February 2021, a Belgium court sentenced Iran's diplomat in Vienna for his role in planning to plant a



bomb in the middle of Europe.

The Iranian people boycotted the last presidential election. Raisi, accused of crimes against humanity, is elected now as president.

With Maryam Rajavi, there is hope that Iran will take its place in the world that it deserves. Thank you.

FATMIR MEDIU

Chairman, Republican Party of Albania
Minister, Defense of Albania (2005-2008)

Excerpts:

The Iranian people and resistance have a history of almost half a century protesting, resisting, and sacrificing for freedom. We have seen in 1999, 2011, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and more than 1,500 people were killed during 2019 protests.

We should condemn these atrocities against Iranian people and MEK. But this is not enough.

We should push our governments to stand strong against the Iranian regime's crimes. We expelled the regime's Ambassador in Albania and 3 diplomats, in December 2018, for involvement in terrorist plots against MEK.

All agents of the Iranian regime's intelligence and security agencies should be expelled from Albania and the rest of Europe.



Recently, Iran had so-called election. They elected Raisi as President who is accused of mass murder and crimes against humanity.

As Chairman of Republican Party of Albania, I support NCRI as the alternative to the regime to bring about peace and freedom in Iran. The 10-point-plan of the NCRI President-elect, Madam Rajavi, elect, for a democratic, secular, and non-nuclear republic of Iran, is the way for free Iran.



LULZIM BASHA

Opposition and Democratic Party Leader
of Albania

Excerpts:

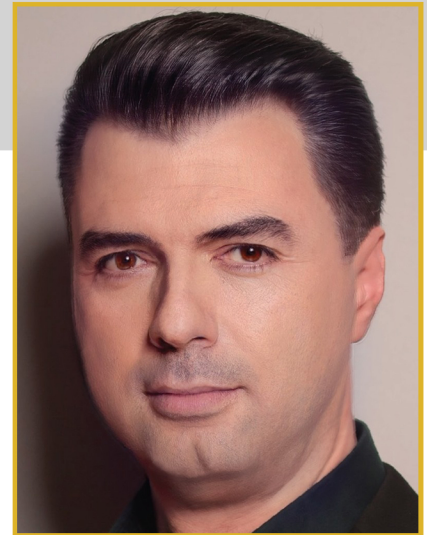
It is my honor to address this event.

The Iranian people's aspiration for freedom, democracy and respect for fundamental human rights will continue to have the full support of the democratic party of Albania and myself.

The recurring aggression and violence by the Iranian government against its own people, its neighbors, and the global community of nations have cost countless lives of Iranians and other citizens.

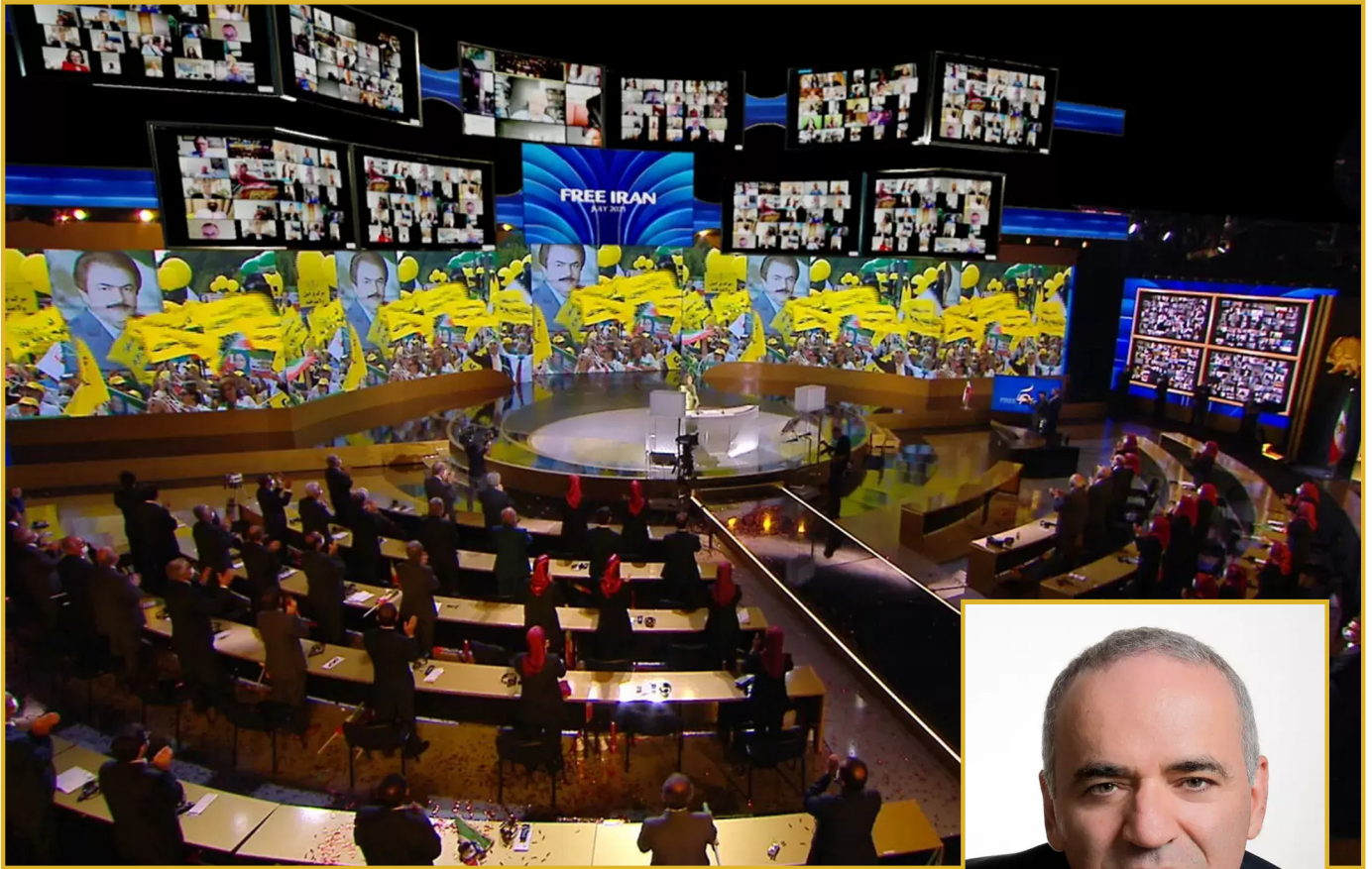
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We stand firmly against the Iranian regime's illegal and terrorist practices on our soil and its



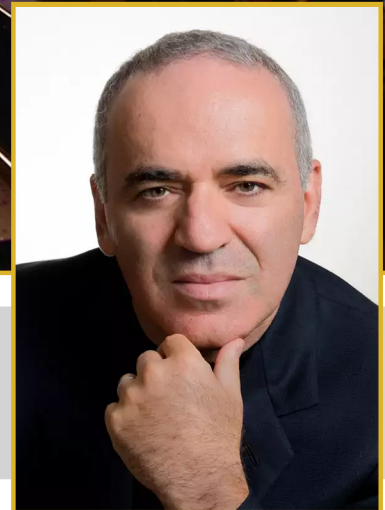
enterprise to export fundamentalism to Albania and our region.

We support the Iranian people and their goal for a democratic and non-nuclear Iran, and commend Madam Rajavi and her efforts to offer the people of Iran the perspective of a free, secular, and democratic country.



GARRY KASPAROV

Chairman of the Human Rights Foundation



Garry Kasparov is a Russian pro-democracy leader, global human-rights activist, business speaker and author, and former world chess champion

Excerpts:

"The only way to dishonor the victims of dictatorship is by forgetting them. This remarkable exhibition and its brave hosts are keeping the memories of the victims of the murderous Iranian regime alive, and with those memories, they also keep alive the dream of justice. The fight for rights, for respect, for the truth, is the work of a stone mason."

"You keep hitting the huge rock with the little hammer and it looks like nothing is happening. But suddenly it cracks, and then splits. Keep hammering my friends, because the human spirit can crack the hardest stone."



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July 10, 2021



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<https://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/iran-anger-us-european-support-opposition-group-78780848>

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<https://news.yahoo.com/iran-anger-us-european-support-130340405.html>



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By Associated Press July 11, 2021

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Iran's official IRNA news agency reported that the country's foreign ministry on Sunday summoned Slovenia's envoy in Tehran over a video message by the EU nations' prime minister at the event hosted by the National Council of Resistance of Iran.

The NRCI is the political wing of the Mujahedeen-e-Khalq, which is considered a terror organization by Iran and was once designated as such by the United States until it was delisted in 2012. The EU removed the group from its terrorism list in 2009.

Hundreds of people rallied Saturday in front of Berlin's iconic Brandenburg Gate, while speakers including former U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Democratic strategist Donna Brazile and numerous serving U.S. senators from across the aisle lauded the NRCI and its aims.

Pompeo, who defended the Trump administration's hard-line stance against Iran over its nuclear program, claimed in his video address that the Iranian government was "at its most precarious state" since the 1979 Islamic Revolution and called for sustained pressure on Tehran.

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People attend a protest rally in Berlin, Germany, Saturday, July 10, 2021 as part of the 'Free Iran World Summit 2021'. (AP Photo/Michael Sohn)

Iran slammed Western politicians taking part in the event, with Foreign Ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh accusing them of "(selling) themselves cheap for a Europe-hosted circus arranged by a once Saddam-backed terrorist cult with Iranian blood on its hands."

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<https://apnews.com/article/europe-middle-east-government-and-politics-iran-6fb3961e6bc524fadacb826637dc71e4>

IRANIAN EXILES PROTEST, DEMAND PROSECUTION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT

July 10, 2021



REUTERS



Excerpts:

BERLIN, July 10 (Reuters) - Supporters of Iran's exiled opposition rallied in Berlin and elsewhere on Saturday to demand the prosecution of the Islamic Republic's newly elected president, Ebrahim Raisi, whom they accuse of crimes against humanity.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/iranian-exiles-protest-demand-prosecution-president-elect-2021-07-10/>

IRAN OPPOSITION SAYS RAISI VICTORY SHOWS REGIME WEAKNESS

July 10, 2021



Excerpts:

A leading Iranian exiled opposition group on Saturday held a hybrid physical and virtual meeting it said was unprecedented in scope, lambasting incoming president Ebrahim Raisi as a "henchman" of the regime whose election showed its weakness...

Raisi, who takes office in early August, is accused by the NCRI and international rights groups of playing a key part in the executions of thousands of opposition prisoners - mostly suspected members of the MEK.

<https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20210710-iran-op-position-says-raisi-victory-shows-regime-weakness>



People attend a protest rally in Berlin, Germany, Saturday, July 10, 2021



INDEPENDENT

IRANIAN OPPOSITION FORCES SHOW BIPARTISAN ALLIES, FLEX POLITICAL MUSCLE AT ANNUAL GATHERING IN DC

John Bowden | Sunday 11 July 2021



Democrats, Republicans join together for rare moment of bipartisan unity

Excerpts:

At a conference on Saturday hosted by the Organization of Iranian American Communities (OIAC), Republicans and Democrats shared a virtual stage and a common message of support for the group, a rarity especially following the events of 6 Jan which have left Capitol Hill more divided than ever.

More than 1,000 dignitaries and lawmakers from various countries attended the packed event; US guests included allies of former President Donald Trump such as Mike Pompeo, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, and Sen Ted Cruz while others seen as close to Speaker Nancy Pelosi, such as New York's Hakeem Jeffries and California's Judy Chu were also in attendance.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/iran-oiac-conference-rajavi-b1882178.html>

IRANIAN EXILED GROUP DEMANDS PROSECUTION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT RAISI



July 10, 2021

Excerpts:

In a keynote address, Maryam Rajavi, the leader of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, or Mojahedin Khalq (MEK), accused Raisi of being the "henchman" responsible for the massacre of thousands of political prisoners in 1988.

Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch have said Raisi's election was a blow for human rights and called for an investigation of his role in what they and Washington have called the extrajudicial executions of thousands of political prisoners.

<https://iranintl.com/en/iran-in-brief/iranian-exiled-group-demands-prosecution-president-elect-raisi?page=1>

GERMANY - IRAN POLITICS - UNREST - DEMO

Excerpts:

Demonstrators pose with mock-ups of gallows as they take part in a protest called by the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI) against the Iranian regime in front of the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin on July 10, 2021.



(Photo by PAUL ZINKEN/AFP via Getty Images)



Demonstrators, among them supporters of the National Council Of Resistance of Iran (NCRI) and its leader Maryam Rajavi, gathered in front of the Brandenburg Gate in a protest against the current Iranian regime and on the occasion of the online Free Iran World Summit 2021, the NCRI's annual gathering, which is held from July 10 until 12.



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