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# Dissident summit sparks Iran regime's ire

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Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and a parade of former officials and current lawmakers from countries around the world told a mass virtual gathering of Iranian exiles over the weekend that the regime in Tehran was weak, illegitimate, incompetent and not long for this world.

They seem to have struck a nerve.

Iran's Foreign Ministry reacted angrily Sunday on the second day of the three-day "Free Iran World Summit 2021," which attracted anti-regime activists from more than 100 locations around the globe hosted by the umbrella group the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI).

Iran's semi-official IRNA news service reported Sunday that regime officials had handed Slovenia's envoy in Tehran an official letter of protest over a video message Prime Minister Janez Jansa speech Saturday critical of the regime, calling Mr. Jansa's remarks "baseless allegations."

Mr. Jansa was one of the few government officials currently in power to directly address the three-day gathering, but the summit heard from a broad bipartisan array of lawmakers on Capitol Hill, as well as such prominent figures as former Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper and former Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini.

It was Mr. Pompeo's extensive attack on the Tehran regime Saturday which attracted perhaps the most media attention.

Iran's theocratic government is at "its weakest point in its now 40 years of existence," Mr. Pompeo told the summit, arguing that now is the time for the U.S. and its allies to step up pressure on hard-line President-elect Ebrahim Raisi as he prepared to take office.

Mr. Pompeo was a chief architect of the Trump administration's tough line with Tehran, which included repudiating the 2015 Iran nuclear deal negotiated by the Obama administration and reimposing harsh economic sanctions on the regime and its trading partners. He said Mr. Trump's approach was beginning to bear fruit, even if "its application for under two years was insufficient to fully achieve its end goals."

He cited what he called Tehran's bungling of the COVID-19 crisis, a foreign policy that has left Iran a "pariah" in the Middle East, and economic policies that have led to food shortages and sharp increases in the price of basic consumer goods.



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Ashraf-3, Albania, July 10, 2021 – NCRI President-elect Maryam Rajavi waving to thousands of Iranians in Berlin, before addressing the three-day Free Iran World Summit 2021: The Democratic Alternative of the March to Victory. Supporters of the NCRI held rallies in 17 major capitals and cities in Europe and North America. The picture in the middle of the rally is Massoud Rajavi, the Leader of the Iranian Resistance.

"In short, Iran is not working, and the Iranian people know it," Mr. Pompeo said.

The former secretary of state — and potential contender for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination — also dismissed any notions that President-elect Raisi represents any change for the regime, even as the Biden administration moves to strike a deal for the U.S. to rejoin the 2015 nuclear deal.

"This Raisi fellow, he is not the president of the people of Iran," Mr. Pompeo argued. "He is the president of the [Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei]. His mission is clear: Inflict pain; frighten, continue to loot, and to plunder; protect the clerics and protect the Republican Guards."

The current head of the Iranian judiciary who was elected from a field in which most prominent moderates were banned from running, Mr. Raisi "was chosen by the Ayatollah because he is just about 60 years old and thus could lead for the next two to three decades," Mr. Pompeo said.

Although hard-liners in Iran opposed the original nuclear deal, Mr. Pompeo predicted the Supreme Leader and the new

president will happily accept the benefits if the U.S. rejoins in the coming weeks.

Among the dozens of others who addressed the virtual rally over the weekend were House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, California Republican; former British Defense Secretary Liam Fox; former French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner; and Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Robert Menendez, New Jersey Democrat.

Speaker after speaker on Sunday echoed the same lines of attack: that Iran's recent low-turnout elections were illegitimate and a sign of crumbling popular support;

that Mr. Raisi's brutal past — human rights groups have called for an investigation into his leading role in the executive of thousands of political prisoners during the bloody eight-year Iran-Iraq War of the 1980s — renders him unfit to serve; and that a 10-point peace plan put forward by NCRI leader Maryam Rajavi is the only realistic path to a free, democratic Iran.

The plan includes an end to the mullah-led Islamic Republic, political freedoms, an independent judiciary and gender equality, a rejection of nuclear weapons, and more economic opportunity and respect for workers' rights.

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# Q&A: Maryam Rajavi, dissident leader, puts spotlight on ‘the Iran of tomorrow’

By THE WASHINGTON TIMES

*Maryam Rajavi, President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, the world's largest Iranian dissident organization, which seeks to replace Iran's theocratic regime with a democracy, provided the following exclusive answers to questions from The Washington Times on July 7, 2021.*

**The Washington Times: Hardline cleric Ebrahim Raisi has been chosen as Iran's next president. Human Rights Watch and others accuse him of a prominent role in ordering the 1988 execution of thousands of political prisoners. What is your reaction to his ascension to the presidency?**

Maryam Rajavi: Ebrahim Raisi, who is berated by the Iranian people as the “Henchman of 1988” for his role in the massacre of political prisoners, is Khamenei's last-ditch attempt to preserve clerical rule. No other outcome could more accurately display the regime's sheer political desperation and impending overthrow. The religious dictatorship has emerged weaker and more fragile out of its presidential elections. Raisi's emergence shows that as the regime's death throes begin, Khamenei cannot trust even some of his closest apparatchiks and instead needs to put someone in place who has been completely and unconditionally immersed in the brutal massacre of dissidents. So, ultimately, Khamenei had no other option but to swallow both the scorn associated with installing such a murderer as president as well as the disgrace resulting from the nationwide boycott of the sham election. For his part, Raisi must face justice in an international tribunal for committing crimes against humanity, particularly the 1988 massacre.

**How does Mr. Raisi's arrival to the presidency stand to impact the Biden administration's pursuit of diplomacy with Iran and negotiations toward a new nuclear deal?**

Mrs. Rajavi: We have reiterated time and again that preventing a nuclear-armed theocracy cannot be accomplished by gracing the mullahs with concessions. The experience of the past 40 years has made it clear that duplicity, denial, and deception are part of this regime's DNA, and it simply exploits the negotiation process. The policy of appeasement has emboldened the Mullahs. After the 2015 nuclear deal, the regime did not stop its secret activities to develop a nuclear weapon. To the contrary, it intensified its destructive activities in the region as well as its terrorism in Europe. The international community has no justification to negotiate with or appease a regime whose next president is one of the most notorious criminals against humanity in modern times. The world must stand firm against the ruling religious fascism and alongside the Iranian people and their struggle for overthrow and establishment of a democratic republic. It has now been proven and the world has clearly seen with its own eyes that the Iranian people's vote is to overthrow the regime. Any negotiations or cooperation with this regime would simply serve the suppression and murder of the Iranian people and facilitate the regime's attempts to develop nuclear weapons and set the region on fire.

**Iran's Interior Ministry said voter turnout was the lowest since the 1979 revolution. Do you believe your organization's boycott of the election played a role in the low turnout? Why did you advocate for a boycott?**

Mrs. Rajavi: This time, the boycott of the elections had



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Maryam Rajavi, President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran.

much broader proportions. The activities of the Resistance Units inside Iran coalesced around calling for the boycott, which had a powerful impact. Based on reports compiled by the Mujahedeen-e Khalq (MEK) inside Iran from thousands of polling stations, more than 90 percent of the people refused to participate in the regime's elections. Despite the astronomical rigging, the scope of the nationwide boycott was so extensive that the regime itself was forced to announce only a 48% voter turnout, 13% of which was comprised of void ballots. These figures are even more abysmal in the capital Tehran, at 26%.

**Mr. Raisi was rumored as a potential successor of Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei. What is your view of Khamenei's future influence? Do you anticipate the current regime will survive if he dies?**

Mrs. Rajavi: The indisputable fact is that since the 2017 nationwide uprisings, the Iranian regime has entered a phase that will end in its inevitable overthrow. The regime is incapable of offering political or economic solutions to curb popular unrest, as evidenced in recent protests by oil and gas workers. Khamenei is now in a desperate situation. Whatever step he takes would produce a more antagonistic society. But this change will make the entire regime more vulnerable in the face of social unrest. The Iranian people and the Iranian Resistance will have the final say. The November 2019 uprisings presented a comprehensive and impressive model for how the popular force of rebellion and uprisings can ultimately bring about the regime's overthrow.

**Your organization advocates “regime change” in Iran. If the government in Tehran were to fall or be overthrown, would your movement support free and fair elections? What type of successor government would you support?**

Mrs. Rajavi: We have consistently declared that we seek free elections based on people's sovereignty and not on absolute clerical rule. We say ‘no’ to the clerical regime and ‘yes’ to a democratic, pluralist, and representative republic based on free elections, separation of religion and state,

gender equality, abolition of the death penalty, elimination of all forms of discrimination against followers of different religions, and autonomy for ethnic minorities. According to the first article of the NCRI's platform, following the overthrow of the clerical regime, the provisional government is “essentially tasked with transferring power to the Iranian people.” This mandate is to be fulfilled by the end of a maximum six-month period after the clerical regime's overthrow and accomplished by the establishment of the “National Constituent and Legislative Assembly” through free elections, with direct, equal, and secret ballots cast by the people of Iran. State power and sovereignty belongs to the Iranian people's republic.

**In its propaganda, the Iranian regime accuses your movement as being a “cult,” whose followers are brainwashed. What is your response to this allegation?**

Mrs. Rajavi: For a regime as riddled with crises as the ruling theocracy in Iran, eliminating the only viable democratic alternative to guarantee its own survival is of paramount importance. Having failed to achieve that goal through murder, massacres, and terrorism, it has resorted to an extensive and well-funded demonization campaign to convince international interlocutors that there is no alternative to the current medieval theocracy. Security services in various European countries have repeatedly exposed the regime's tactics through the years. For example, the Dutch General Intelligence and Security Service (AIVD) reported, “AIVD has discovered that the Iranian Ministry of Intelligence runs a European network. ... They are tasked with negatively influencing public opinion about the MEK.” Independent European courts have rejected the regime's propaganda as baseless and absurd. Since the 1990s, the German Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution (BFV) has noted that the MEK and NCRI “continue to top the list of espionage targets for Iranian intelligence services,” and that “Iranian intelligence services publish hostile content against the MEK, some of which are distributed by former MEK members. The objective of these publications is to discourage readers from sympathizing with this organization.”

**In what way is your organization's gathering this year different from previous gatherings? What do you hope this year's rally will achieve and what message does it have for the international community and the United States?**

Mrs. Rajavi: Iranian society is a powder keg on the verge of explosion. More ferocious and extensive uprisings are waiting to erupt at a moment's notice. A desperate Khamenei has found his only option for the regime's survival to be closing ranks and abandoning the spent theatrics of fraudulent reform or moderation. At the same time, the organized resistance movement is gaining ground and momentum is building through a rapid expansion and rise in the activities of Resistance Units inside Iran. Internationally, the Resistance is making advances after winning growing solidarity and support from the people's elected representatives in Europe and in the United States Iran is on the brink of a seismic change. So, when it comes to the historic confrontation between the Iranian people and the most serious threat to global peace and security, the July summit will invite all governments and international institutions to stand with the people of Iran.

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# ‘We cannot shower the Ayatollah with money in the hopes that he won’t use it to inflict terror’



**Mike Pompeo**  
**U.S. Secretary of State**  
**(2018-2021)**  
**Director of the Central**  
**Intelligence Agency (2017-2018)**

It is a pleasure and an honor to be here with you.

One conflict is the most important to understand to restore Iran to its rightful place in history. The central fight is the one in the streets, in the mosques, and in the minds of Iranians – it is the divide between the people and the organized opposition seeking freedom and democracy on the one side, and the entirety of the regime on the other.

The brutal regime is headed by Khamenei, Raisi, and the IRGC. 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.

The regime is at its weakest point in decades. 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.

The 2021 presidential election is vastly different from those before it, primarily because it took 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. Very few people actually voted FOR Raisi.

This was a boycott. Turnout was the lowest since 1979, marking a total rejection of the regime. This election was 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 Iranians pin no hope on elections as a conduit for substantive change.

They see the corrupt ruling theocracy as their true enemy and the first and foremost cause of the economic crises. So, what is ahead? What is the path forward? Like I said, the regime is at its weakest point in its now 40 years of existence.

As for this Raisi fellow, he is not the President of the people of Iran. His mission is clear: inflict pain, frighten, continue to loot, and to plunder. 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 the Iranian people must begin by holding Ebrahim Raisi accountable for his crimes against humanity back in 1988. Some of you have loved one and friends currently imprisoned in Evin and elsewhere, and, some, who have had loved ones disappeared or worse. We will never forget any of them and will pray for all of them.

As was the case with the Trump administration, human rights and counter terrorism must be at the very center of our Iran policy. We cannot shower the Ayatollah with money and economic benefits in the hopes that he won’t use it to inflict terror. This thinking is foolish, dangerous, and backwards. I pray that the United States does not increase the resources he has at his disposal to empower the theocracy. The world has learned much about the theocracy in

# Victims of the 1988 massacre deserve justice

**Janez Janša**  
**Prime Minister of Slovenia**

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.

Iran these past few years. It’s not that we didn’t know it before, but we were afraid to confront it squarely. We must continue to support the Iranian people as they fight for a freer and more democratic Iran in any way that we can. It is work that your organization is actively engaged in – keep up the fight. 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 our efforts



ABC News correspondent Kyra Phillips moderated the first day of the Free Iran World Summit 2021.





**Stephen Harper**  
Prime Minister of Canada  
(2006-2015)

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.

# ‘This year’s sham election reached a new low even for this regime’

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.

## Iranians demand separation of church and state, women’s rights

**Michèle Alliot-Marie**  
Member of European  
Parliament from France  
Minister of Defense of  
France (2002-2007)

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.

## ‘The flame of freedom burns brightly’

**John Bercow**  
Speaker of the House of  
Commons of the United Kingdom  
(2009-2019)

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.

# 'The genocidal regime cannot be reformed or moderated'

**General (Ret.) James L. Jones**  
**National Security Advisor to the President (2009-2010)**

President-elect Maryam Rajavi and honorable guests. From all indications Iran has gone through this seminal transformation, much to the chagrin of the medieval tyranny's apologists. The Iranian regime's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei engineered the election of one of his most loyal and ruthless cronies, Ebrahim Raisi, to the presidency. Raisi has risen through the ranks of the regime, through barbaric murder and suppression, and became president of the regime this year through a sham election.

The people of Iran boycotted the regime's elections because they know it is an unfair and undemocratic process with a horrendous outcome. That even according to the regime's exaggerated figures, less than 20% cast their ballots in Tehran, goes to show that this regime does not have an iota of legitimacy among the Iranian people.

The election also put an end to the false narrative the regime itself and its western apologists fed the world for more than four decades that concessions and turning a blind eye on the Mullahs' excesses at home and abroad are necessary to empower the



so-called moderates. Indeed, if the past is prologue, the policy pursued so far only strengthened the most ruthless and radical factions of this regime to the detriment of the Iranian people and regional peace and stability. The resistance units of the Mujahedeen-e Khalq (MEK) 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. In 1988, Raisi was a member of the death committee that oversaw the mass murder

of 30,000 political prisoners across Iran. The victims were buried in mass graves. The overwhelming belonged to the MEK.

In his first post-election news conference, Raisi said he was proud of committing these crimes against humanity. It is somewhat inconceivable that the West does not condemn this international criminal. Why the silence? It is time to end the culture of impunity for Tehran's mass murderers. Enough is enough. It is disgraceful and shameful that Tehran continues to enjoy impunity some 30 years after the 1988 massacre. When one looks at the Iranian political landscape, one inevitably recognizes that there are only two forces arrayed against one another: the Mullahs, the NCRI and the MEK.

The NCRI led by Mrs. Maryam Rajavi offers a truly democratic and viable alternative. This is an alternative that not only enjoys support at home, but also our growing international legitimacy. Freedom is advancing both inside and outside of Iran. The international community must support Mrs. Rajavi's 10-point plan, which calls for a free democratic, secular, and non-nuclear republic in Iran. The people of this once proud country deserve nothing less.



## 'Waging a heroic uprising against the corruption and brutality'

**Gary Locke**  
**U.S. Secretary of Commerce**  
**(2009-2011)**

My greetings to Mrs. Maryam Rajavi and to the tens of thousands of people who have joined virtually around the world.

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

Since the tyrants governing Iran came to power in 1979, hundreds of thousands of Iranians have suffered arrest and death for standing up to these cruel rulers. The murderous officials in Tehran cannot whitewash the election of Ebrahim Raisi.

The election was a sham.

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.

Iranian political prisoners were asked to identify themselves. And those who responded "mujahedin" were sent to their deaths.

As we look to a brighter future, I am very impressed with the 10-point plan for a democratic Iran – which also includes the rule of law, so important to a free society.

Your cause is just and noble. Oppressed people everywhere on earth are warmed by the flame from the lamp of liberty you hold with such courage and conviction.

Long live a free democratic Iran!

## Women play vital role bringing justice to Iran

**Deborah Lee James**  
**U.S. Secretary of the Air Force**  
**(2013-2017)**

I want to begin by thanking all of you for your dedication, your devotion, and your commitment to the cause of a secular, democratic, and non-nuclear Iran. I also want you to know that the U.S. government and the people of the United States stand with you.

I hope you are feeling tremendous pride at this point in your history, you certainly should feel that pride, for working courageously and working together, you today form the backbone of a growing and powerful resistance to the corrupt regime in Tehran—a resistance that—with your perseverance—will never ever be silenced.

Thanks to the leadership of Mrs. Rajavi, you sent a powerful message to Iran's Supreme Leader Khamenei and his cronies: We shall not take part in your sham election!



Your successful boycott of the election showed that the Iranian people are fed up with the broken promises, the economic incompetence, the systemic corruption, the disrespect for human rights and the misogynistic treatment of the women of Iran.

How ironic that the leaders of Iran treat women as less than equals—when it is this resistance movement, led by a woman and comprised of 50% women—this is the very movement that will ultimately bring them down! Ebrahim Raisi has the blood of many on his hands. As head of Iran's judiciary, and as a member of the 1988 Death Commission, he is and was responsible for the execution of thousands of political prisoners—mostly members of the MEK.

You—not them—represent the future of Iran. You—not them—are committed to equality for all nationalities and genders. You—not them—believe in peaceful coexistence and respect for the United Nations charter. And if you continue to fight, to challenge, to speak out and to resist, well then, You—not them—will one day deliver the right of self-determination and freedom to the people of Iran.



# Terror groups funded and inspired by regime 'are increasing their activities'

**Liam Fox**  
Member of Parliament of the United Kingdom

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.

Iran's own malign influence is not confined to their immediate neighbors. Even as European countries sought ways to try and finance trade with the Iranian regime, Iranian-inspired terror groups are increasing their activities across the European continent. In the Netherlands, two Iranian diplomats were expelled in June 2018, for plotting political assassinations in the country. A bomb plot to target a rally of opposition groups in Paris was foiled by French intelligence. 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.

An agreement with Iran may be possible but it must take account of Iran's human rights abuses, its exports of terror, its explicit threat to the security of Israel, and its attempt to destabilize its regional neighbors. Above all, we must return to the position that we will stop, not to delay, Iran's nuclear weapon ambitions. Wishful thinking may be an attractive idea, but it's a very poor basis for foreign or security policy.

# Wakeup call for the world

**Franco Frattini**  
Foreign Affairs Minister of Italy  
(2002-2004 and 2008-2011)

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**  
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy (2011-2013)

# 'Outposts of Mullahs' terror must be immediately closed'

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.



**Patrick J. Kennedy**  
Member of the U.S. House of  
Representatives (1995-2011)

## Time for solidarity with Iranians: *'Man Irani hastam'*

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 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]".



## 'The Iranian freedom movement is gathering strength daily'

**Martin Luther King III**  
Southern Christian Leadership  
Conference President  
(1997-2004)

I thank the organizers of the 2021 convention for a free Iran and Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, NCRI's President-elect, for your ongoing commitment and your visionary leadership in support of human rights, social justice, and democracy.

I am concerned about human rights and the freedom struggle in Iran. I am concerned about what is happening in Iran because, as my father, Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." I strongly support the 10-point plan for Iran's future. I am encouraged by the boycott of the sham "elections" by a large majority of Iranians and the growing support the Iranian Resistance has received from the international community. The Iranian freedom movement is gathering strength daily and will win freedom and real democracy.

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.

indeed across the world. But it is feared, terribly feared, by the regime and the Mullahs who control the levers of power in Tehran. The good news is time and history are on the side of Madame Rajavi and freedom for the Iranian people.



**Steve Bullock**  
Governor of Montana  
(2013 - 2021)

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 non-nuclear Republic of Iran."

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

## Mullahs fear Rajavi's vision for a free Iran



**Mitchell Reiss**  
State Department Policy  
Planning Director (2005-2007)

It is my pleasure to be able to speak today to the Free Iran World Summit. That word 'free' in other words, like in freedom, democracy, and human rights, unfortunately doesn't hold much meaning these days inside Iran.

The latest presidential election was a sham with less than 20%, perhaps as few as 10% of the people of Iran actually bothering to vote. The low voter turnout was despite threats by Ayatollah Khamenei that if you didn't vote, it was a religious sin, and yet people still stayed away.

The next president is clearly a puppet of the Mullahs. And you have to ask yourself, why was this one man selected? And I think the answer is clear. It's because of his history of repression and terror in obedience to the religious authorities in their repression of the Iranian people for so many years, dating back to the late

1980s when he served as a member of the death commission that resulted in 30,000 executions. Both Amnesty International and the U. N. Nations have called for Special Investigations into the role of this death commission and his culpability for this crime against humanity.

So, there's no doubt that the regime in Iran once more is illegitimate. The people have indicated that they don't support this regime. And it stands against a much better vision, a much more hopeful vision for Iran, one that is based on freedom and democracy and human rights and dignity, where people can assemble freely. They can read the books they want, they can post on social media as they wish, they can speak up. That's the vision that Madame Rajavi has established for a new Iran. It's very attractive. It is very appealing to millions of people across Iran and



# ‘You are on the side of universal equality’

**Donna Brazile**  
**Interim National Chair of the**  
**Democratic National Committee**  
**(2016-2017)**

Today, I join you in solidarity – in this, the 40th anniversary of the founding of the NCRI. Let’s give a solid round of applause for 40 years of survival, thriving, and for the leadership of President-elect Mrs. Maryam Rajavi.

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.
- Humility for your advancement of human rights.
- Humility in measuring your passion for freedom
- Humility for your forthright defense of the rights of women and girls.
- Humility for your persistence in seeking a nuclear-free Iran and a nuclear-free world.



Indeed, you are an example for the world – including the United States – to emulate.

I want to quote to you from an address John Lewis made at the U.S. Capitol Building to Iranian activists in 2010: “I come here to say to you, never-ever to give up, never-ever to give in, and never-ever to lose faith.

“As long as the people of Iran are

denied their basic rights as human beings – people all over the world are denied their rights.”

Let me also share the sentiments of the late Senator John McCain of Arizona.

Senator McCain addressed the NCRI in Albania. He said, in part,

“You have stood up and fought and sacrificed for freedom, for the right to live free, for the right to determine your own future.

“I thank you for being an example, an example to the whole world, that those people who are willing to fight and sacrifice for freedom will achieve it, and you are an example to everyone in the world that is struggling for freedom.”

You should never forget that when you are on the side of universal equality, that you are on the side of truth. As Dr. Martin Luther King taught us — the arc of the moral universe maybe long but it bends toward justice.

I am with you – that millions of my fellow Americans are with you – that we will draw inspiration from your courage and your persistence and will stand with you and we will be with you that day we can gather in that square.”



## ‘Change is driven by the Iranian people’

**Phil Bredesen**  
**Governor of Tennessee**  
**(2003-2011)**

Your ideas are compelling.

The awareness of the dreams and the struggle of ordinary Iranian people is moving beyond a world of insiders in the corridors of power, and into the consciousness and conscience of millions of Americans.

I support and admire your work. I’ve learned a lot about your strategies—promoting democracy, the separation of church and state, gender equality, the rule of law. Thomas Jefferson would feel right at home with the principles that you set down in your 10-point plan.

One principle that your struggle has embraced is especially impressive to me: the principle that lasting reform must come from within. You’ve figured out that lasting, durable change in Iran will only come about when that change is driven by the Iranian people themselves. Your approach, in my opinion, is very far-seeing and wise.

I believe you will be successful in creating the democratic, secular, non-nuclear Iran you seek. You’re on the right side of history. Your movement contains plenty of sophisticated, optimistic Iranians, in effect a government-in-waiting ready to step up. 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 working 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.”

## Regime’s tentacles ‘assault constantly those who want to bring democracy to Iran’

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

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. I bring that up because I think it’s important to understand that Iran does not just persecute its own people within its own borders, but its reach goes global. The regime is able to reach out and to assassinate those who disagree with it. They send out their propagandists to attack Madame Rajavi



and the POMI. They are on the assault constantly to try to keep those who want to bring democracy to Iran in check.

We heard from General Jones and from others on the incredible consequence of a sham election this year in Iran, 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 governments, the democratic governments, should deal with. This is not someone who is a representative of the people of Iran. He is simply a representative of the Mullahs and their ironclad control.

I would say the time is now, the time is now for those who support freedom in democracy in Iran to rise up to make their voices heard. And for those of us in the West, who already enjoy those freedoms, to stand with those who are, in fact, the beacons of freedom for the people of Iran. Thank you so much, Madame Rajavi for once again pulling us all together, and I am hopeful that the next time it is not simply on camera, but that we are able to see each other face to face and to support your valiant efforts.





# 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.

## 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.

## 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



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Assembly to start drafting the Constitution of the new Republic.

When Khomeini was executing the generation of countless freedom-lovers and wiping out all political groups, and when all seemed lost, the Iranian Resistance and the National Liberation Army emerged as a decisive force, compelling Khomeini to drink the poison chalice of the ceasefire with Iraq. Otherwise, Khomeini intended to reach the Mediterranean and conquer Jerusalem, as he said, through Karbala.

It was again this Resistance that saved the world from the threat of the regime's atomic bomb. Had it not made at least 120 series of revelations about the Mullahs' secret nuclear sites and activities, the Mullahs would have plunged the world into a terrible situation by acquiring a nuclear weapon.

By presenting the reality of Islam as a genuine religion of mercy and liberation, the PMOI provides an effective antithesis against clerical fundamentalism and religious tyranny. This movement is the endpoint of religious division and discrimination and the starting point of the brotherhood of various religions and creeds. It is the only example across the Middle East where a Muslim opposition movement can defend the principle of separation of religion and state.

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.

## 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. Internationally, the 40-year experience of the Iranian Resistance leaves no doubt that the threat for government policies has always been complacency with this regime; the danger of giving in to the regime's blackmail; and sacrificing the Iranian people's Resistance and human rights for commercial and political interests.

And the experience of 40 years of formidable struggle proves that the ruling regime will not change unless it is overthrown through an uprising.

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

notion of "freedom." We have been insisting on the regime's overthrow for 40 years. And we will press on it mightily, and we will continue to hammer it so hard on the wall of repression so that it will crumble, and Iran will be free.

## 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



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Ashraf3, Albania, July 10, 2021 – NCRI President-elect Maryam Rajavi applauding 1,000 members of the Resistance Units inside Iran, who had joined the Free Iran World Summit 2021 online from Iran. Several of them addressed the Summit.

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 have never sacrificed our principles and values for political expediency. We have never backed down on the

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?

## 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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## Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) Foreign Relations Committee Chair

It's my pleasure to speak with you and thank you all for your enduring commitment and advocacy on behalf of a free and democratic Iran that is prosperous at home and at peace with its neighbors.

We recently 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 U.S. 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 crack-downs 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.

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 its people. 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.



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## Regime's 'power is dependent upon the oppression of its people'

### Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation Chair, Armed Service Committee Senior Member, and Appropriations Committee

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.

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. 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) Foreign Relations Committee and Judiciary Committee

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

## 'We want to see Iran's culture and economy and society thrive'

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.

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.

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.



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## Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) Foreign Relations Committee and Judiciary Committee

I'm honored today to address the International Convention for a Free Iran.. The Iranian regime's malign activities are well known: missile proliferation; seeking the destruction of America and our allies including Israel; creating terror

## 'We need to collapse the regime'

states within states in Iraq, Yemen, and 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.

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. They sent \$1.7 billion in unmarked cash to the Ayatollah as

part of a ransom for hostages.

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

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 U.S. policy to one of maximum pressure until this evil and despotic regime finally collapses.



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## 'Supporting an American foreign policy that pushes for human rights'

## Senator Maggie Hassan (D-NH) Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight Chair

I 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'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.

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 especially needs to be held accountable for continuing to support terrorism.

home and its aggressive actions around the world. And I'll continue to urge President Biden to take this approach as well.. You can be sure that I'll continue to call across the US government to advance these principles.



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## Urging a 'bipartisan approach to the threat posed by a nuclear Iran'

## Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) Judiciary Committee and Select Committee on Intelligence

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. On the heels of yet another sham election, this changing of the guard can't be just a blip on the radar.

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.



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## Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO) Senate Republican Policy Committee Chair

## 'Every day the regime continues its missile development, we are less safe'

I'm honored to join you today 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.

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 citizens have when allowed to speak up to demand a different future.

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



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### Standing with the 'Iranian people in their pursuit for peace'

**Senator John Boozman (R-AR)**  
**Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Ranking Member**

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.



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### 'The United States must align with those fighting for freedom and democracy'

**Senator Rick Scott (R-FL)**  
**National Republican Senatorial Committee Chair, Armed Services Committee, and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee**

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 dissent. 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.

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 hear your voices and stand with you.

### 'Engaging and appeasing this regime is wrong and misguided'



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**Senator Thom Tillis (R-NC)**  
**Senate Armed Services Committee, Judiciary Committee, Veterans' Affairs Committee**

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 administrations' approach of engaging and appeasing this regime is wrong and misguided.

My colleagues in Congress and I 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.

### 'Prioritize keeping America and the world safe from Iran's malign behavior'



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**Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA)**  
**Armed Services Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capacities Ranking Member**

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. 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 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



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## **Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY)** **House Democratic Caucus Chair**

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.



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## **Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX)** **Homeland Security Subcommittee on Crime Chair and Judiciary Committee Senior Member**



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## **Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)** **House Republican Leader**

The oppressive regime in Tehran and its new president have a history of suppressing freedom of speech, supporting terrorism, and seeking nuclear weapons. We hope that America — along with you and our allies — will see a democratic Iran that protects free speech and the rights of all people. It is also our 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.



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## **Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA)** **Judiciary Committee and sponsor of the House Resolution 118**

I am pleased to announce today that 249 members of the United States House of Representatives — a solid majority of the entire House that's made up of Republicans and Democrats — have co-sponsored House Resolution 118. We are expressing support for the Iranian people's desire for a democratic,

This conference is so important that in the midst of my duties here in the United States Congress in the 118th 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

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.

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. It is becoming increasingly evident that Iran's rulers are beginning to fear this resistance.

Maryam Rajavi, who has stood with her 10-point plan to lay out the role that Iran should be playing in protecting Iranian citizens. 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. We are standing with those who believe in democracy in Iran. It is so important again, to reemphasize



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## **Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA)** **Foreign Affairs Committee Senior Member and lead Democrat sponsor of the House Resolution 118**

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. Today, we know that as many as 30,000 political prisoners had their lives taken from them. In February 2021, 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 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. 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.

I want also to take this opportunity to recognize the inspiring work of Madame Maryam 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.

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. 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.

Thank you, Madam Maryam Rajavi, for your leadership and all that you do as a leader of the free people of Iran.



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**Rep. Steve Cohen (D-TN)**  
**Judiciary Subcommittee on**  
**Constitution, Rights and Civil**  
**Liberties Chair**  
**Co-Chair of the Congressional**  
**Iran Human Rights and**  
**Democracy Caucus**

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 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.



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**Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA)**  
**Congressional Hispanic**  
**Caucus Chair and Energy and**  
**Commerce Committee**

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

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



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**Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA)**  
**Ways and Means Committee**

For years, I've been proud to stand with you in the fight for human rights and democracy in Iran, and each year



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**Rep. Brad Schneider (D-IL)**  
**Ways and Means Committee**  
**and Foreign Affairs**  
**Subcommittee on Middle East**

a democratic, secular, and nonnuclear Republic of 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 stand with you, the United States Congress stands with you, and the American people stand with you.

## Standing with the Iranian people is necessary

this conference sends a powerful statement to Iran's leaders that their repression and violence are unacceptable.

They 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 co-sponsor of House Resolution 118. 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.

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.

**Rep. Pete Sessions (R-TX)**  
**Oversight and Reform**  
**Subcommittee on Rights and**  
**Civil Liberties Ranking Member**

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.

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, that



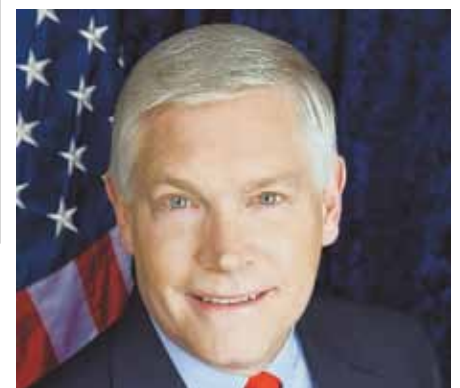
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**Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC)**  
**Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee**  
**on Middle East, North Africa,**  
**and Global Counterterrorism**  
**Ranking Member**

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.

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. The indiscriminate killing of innocent people who are demanding their basic rights inside Iran speaks to not only the brutality, but also the weakness of the regime.

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. Thank you, Madam Rajavi, for your leadership, and thank you for your dedication to establish a secular, democratic, non-nuclear Republic of Iran.



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they are brutal dictators who will kill their own people for the sake of their own power. Let's never forget the struggle that takes place and stand behind our Iranian friends who will stand against this terrible regime in Tehran.



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**Rep. Tom Emmer (R-MN)**  
**Republican Alliance in the House of Representatives Chair and Financial Services Committee**

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.



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**Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL)**  
**Energy and Commerce Committee**

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 – the regime in Iran is not our friend, and indeed, poses one of the



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**Rep. Dean Phillips (D-MN)**  
**Foreign Affairs Committee**



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**Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE)**  
**Armed Services Subcommittee on the Special Intelligence and Operations**

I am honored to be here with you today in this global forum to declare

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 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.

## ‘Iranians will be able to live without fear’

I am happy to join you today at this year’s “Free Iran Conference”, to once again express my support for a free and democratic Iran. Dear Madam President, I stand with all of you for a Free Iran.

I join you today to call for a democratic, secular, and non-nuclear Republic of Iran. The United States Congress has shown on many occasions that it stands with the Iranian people, and I am proud to be one of the Members of Congress who have supported and will continue to support meaningful change in Iran. A democratic Iran is the key to prosperity for Iranians and others in the region.

my support for democracy and human rights in Iran and express my solidarity with the Iranian people.

As stated in the House 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 non-nuclear Iran.

The recent sham election is another indication of the regime’s unabated disregard for the rule of law and democratic process. I believe U.S. 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.

**Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)**  
**Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment and Cyber**

As a co-sponsor of House Resolution 118, which expresses support for the Iranian people’s desire for a democratic, secular, and non-nuclear 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.

We must also call for an independent inquiry into the 1988 massacre of



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**Rep. Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY)**  
**Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on International Development, International Organizations and Global Corporate Social Impact Ranking Member**

To all those gathered at the free, secular, non-nuclear and republican Iran conference, I 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 who care about liberty and human rights.

The election of Raisi – somebody who has United States sanctions against him, 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 co-sponsoring legislation 118 and resolutions that support a free Iran.



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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. I am proud to join you in support of a democratic Iran enjoying basic human rights and as a co-sponsor of House Resolution 118.



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## 'Freedom and democracy in Iran are achievable'



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**Rep. French Hill (R-AR)**  
**Financial Services Subcommittee**  
**of National Security,**  
**International Development and**  
**Monetary Policy**

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.



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**Rep. Debbie Lesko (R-AZ)**  
**Appropriations Committee**

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. We will remember this as one of the darkest moments not only in the history of Iran, but in the history of this planet.



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**Rep. Angie Craig (D-MN)**  
**Energy and Commerce**  
**Committee**

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. In co-sponsoring resolution 118, I stand alongside members of both parties in condemning the human 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. Freedom and democracy in Iran are achievable and I commend you for your steadfast struggle for freedom.



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**Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)**  
**Appropriations Committee**

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

## 'Imagine an Iran that exports peace, knowledge, and friendship'



**Joe S. Donnelly**  
**U.S. Senator (2013-2019)**

The government that is in place in Iran today has a long history of human rights violations and spreads terrorist activities around the world. Iran's citizens have peacefully and heroically demonstrated in recent years for change and a better life - and they were attacked, beaten, jailed, and killed by this government because they stood up for a better future. I stand with you, the United States and the world stands with you. It is time to stop the terror tactics and the human rights abuses and to restore Iran to a place where they can be seen as a beacon for hope and peace and freedom.

The recent sham election that was boycotted is proof of the people's choice for a free Iran. Ebrahim Raisi, a member of the 1988 "Death Commission," was SELECTED by Supreme leader Ali Khamenei to be the next President. According to Amnesty International, and as addressed in the House Resolution (H.Res. 118), co-sponsored by 250 Members of Congress, thousands of political prisoners were executed in 1988. Imagine an Iran that exports peace, knowledge, and friendship. That is the Iran you are working so hard to create. You work every day to make the dream of a free and democratic Iran come true. It is not easy work, but it is noble work. We are grateful for your dedication and devotion.



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Ashraf-3, Albania, July 10, 2021 - Members of the Mujahedin-e Khalq (MEK) watching the Free Iran World Summit.



# ‘There is hope that Iran will take its place in the world that it deserves’



**Pandeli Majko**  
**Minister of State for Diaspora**  
**Prime Minister of Albania**  
**(1998-1999 and 2002)**

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.



## Regime costs ‘innocent life and regional stability’

**Lulzim Basha**  
**Opposition and Democratic**  
**Party Leader of Albania**

It is my honor to address this event.

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

The recurring act of unprovoked aggression and violence by the Iranian government against its own people, against its neighbors, and against the global community of nations have hurt countless life of Iranians and other citizens, in the region and around the world.

From torture and murder to the violent suppression of political manifestations, to harboring, aiding, and launching terrorist organizations, the Iranian regime has proven that it is willing to break the most essential norms of international order at the cost of innocent life and regional stability.

Today's event, however, confirms that in the face of such malignant adversity the international community's resolve to counter these threats, is not weakened, but only strengthened.

The democratic party of Albania has a clear and outspoken position. We stand firmly against the Iranian regime attempts to illegal and terrorist practices on our soil and to its structured enterprise to export fundamentalism to Albania and to our region.

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



**Fatmir Mediu**  
**Chairman of the Republican**  
**Party of Albania**  
**Minister of Defense of Albania**  
**(2005-2008)**

## Keep ‘protesting, resisting, sacrificing’ for freedom

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.



**Timothy Broas**  
**U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom**  
**of the Netherlands (2014-2016)**

## ‘Political prisoners in Iran are counting on you’

Many of you escaped 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.

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 vocal force for change. You have accomplished so much, through House Resolution 118, a bipartisan resolution by the U.S.

Congress, condemning Iran and embracing Maryam Rajavi's 10-point plan. Through you and your colleagues, and the boycott of Iran's recent elections, you have shown the world that the election of Raisi was a sham and a fraud. Raisi was not elected by the Iranian people. He was selected by the religious autocrats and cronies.

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.





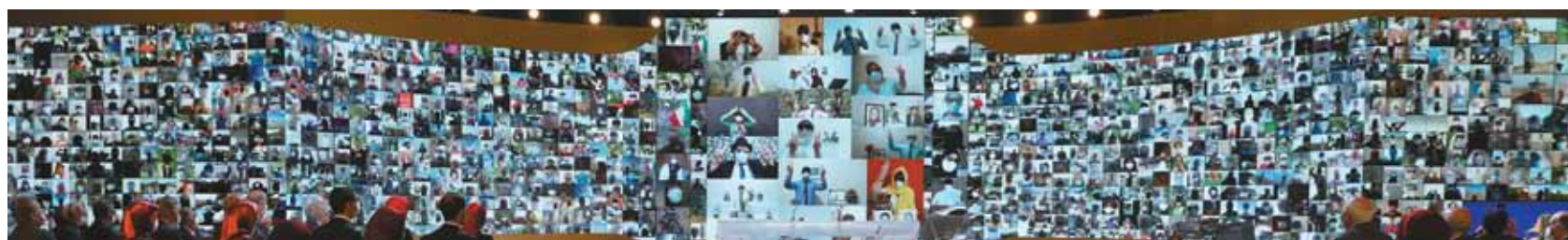
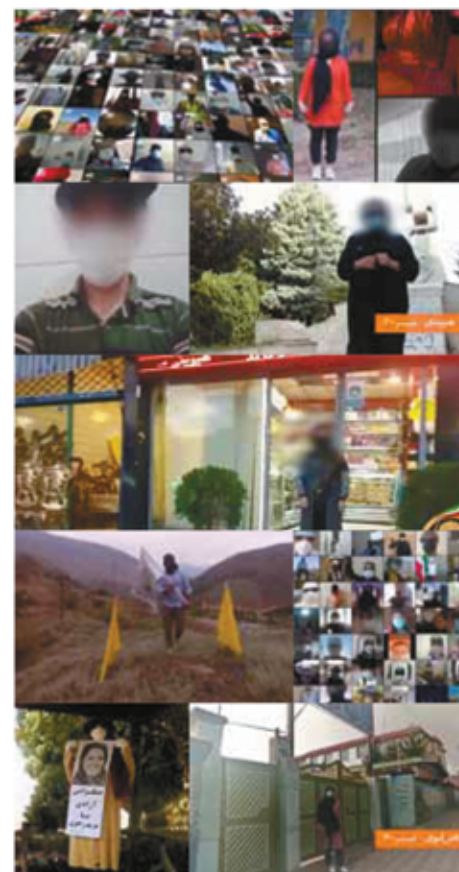
## Resistance Units grow rapidly inside Iran

Over the past few years, Resistance Units of the main Iranian opposition Mujahedin-e Khalq (MEK) have drastically expanded inside Iran. These Resistance Units are small teams of activists scattered across the country who work together to organize protests and acts of defiance against the regime. In July 2021, more than 1,000 of these Resistance Units broadcast messages and videos of their activism at the Free Iran World Summit - the Democratic Alternative on the March to Victory.

Tehran's authorities have blamed many protests and uprisings, including the December 2017 and November 2019 nationwide protests, on the MEK's Resistance Units. Regime officials have repeatedly sounded alarm bells about the rapid expansion of Resistance Units, which is attributable to the growing disenchantment of the very same regime and the increasingly organized opposition determined to make any sacrifice necessary to overthrow the extremist theocracy.

The contributions of 1,000 Resistance Units to the Free Iran World Summit this year demonstrated how fast they have multiplied all over Iran. Every day, Resistance Units carry out activities like burning posters of regime figures like Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, writing anti-regime slogans on walls across the country, and attacking the regime's symbols of oppression and misogyny.

These Units are comprised mainly of daring young Iranians, a considerable number of whom are women leaders. They are inspired by the MEK and its female leaders, and they stand ready as a significant force for democratic change in Iran.



1,000 members of the MEK Resistance Units join the Free Iran World Summit 2021 from Iran. Mrs. Rajavi, far right reacts as they declare readiness and commitment to overthrow the ruling theocracy.

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