

Money Laundering



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Introduction

Cutting off the financing of terrorist organizations is a critically important component of the war against terror and to protect state institutions. More importantly still such monitoring allows for greater prevention as in essence it prevents nefarious groups from carrying out and even fomenting attacks for a lack of resources.

To that effect the United Nations passed several resolutions and conventions - such as Resolution 1373 and the Terrorist Financing Convention (1999). In its introduction the Terrorist Financing Convention refers to UN Resolution 51/210 and a previous request from the UN General Assembly for all states to take measures in view of preventing and confronting terrorism in all its forms.

"Recalling the Declaration on the Occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations, contained in General Assembly resolution 50/6 of 24 October 1995,

Recalling also all the relevant General Assembly resolutions on

the matter, including resolution 49/60 of 9 December 1994 and its annex on the Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism, in which the States Members of the United Nations solemnly reaffirmed their unequivocal condemnation of all acts, methods and practices of terrorism as criminal and unjustifiable, wherever and by whomever committed, including those which jeopardize the friendly relations among States and peoples and threaten the territorial integrity and security of States,

Noting that the Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism also encouraged States to review urgently the scope of the existing international legal provisions on the prevention, repression and elimination of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, with the aim of ensuring that there is a comprehensive legal framework covering all aspects of the matter,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996, paragraph 3, subparagraph (f), in which the Assembly called upon all States to take steps to prevent and counteract, through appropriate domestic measures, the financing of terrorists and terrorist organizations, whether such financing is direct or indirect through organizations which also have or claim to have charitable, social or cultural goals or which are also engaged in unlawful activities such as illicit arms trafficking, drug dealing and racketeering, including the exploitation of persons for purposes of funding terrorist activities, and in particular to consider, where appropriate, adopting regulatory measures to prevent and counteract movements of funds suspected to be intended for terrorist purposes without impeding in any way the freedom of legitimate capital movements and to intensify the exchange of information concerning international movements of such funds,"

To survive terror organizations, whichever schema they may apply to, depend for their survival on their respective ability to generate money and/or access funding. More often than not Terror has had to engage in illegal activities to sustain its operations, but not only. Many organizations also utilize the convenient cover of various charitable organizations to funnel funds and hide their criminal dealings behind a veil of respectability. It remains crucial for governments to stay vigilant.

Mojhahedin-e Khalq Organization

A well-known terrorist organization the Mojahedin-e Khalq Organization, also known under the acronym MEK and MKO has been able over the decades to hone down its financing skills.

Since its creation in 1965 the MEK has been responsible for the death of an estimated 12,000 Iranians. After it was banned from Iran's political life on the back of the 1979 Islamic Revolution the MEK first found shelter in Iraq, to finally resettle in Albania after the fall of Saddam Hussein.

In 1983, Massoud Rajavi sided with Saddam Hussein in exchange for financial support against the Iranian Armed Forces in the Iran–Iraq War, a decision that was viewed as treason by the vast majority of Iranians and that destroyed the MEK's appeal in its homeland. In 1986, the Islamic Republic of Iran (IRI) requested France to expel the MEK from its base in Paris. In response, it re-established its base in Iraq, where it was involved, alongside Saddam Hussain, in Operation Mersad, Operation Forty Stars ,and the 1991 nationwide uprisings. In ,2002 the MEK was a source for claims about Iran's clandestine nuclear program .Following the occupation of Iraq by U.S .and coalition forces in ,2003 the MEK signed a ceasefire agreement with the U.S .and put down their arms in Camp Ashraf.

The European Union ,Canada and the United States have previously listed the MEK as a terrorist organization .This designation has since been lifted ,first by the Council of the European Union on26 January ,2009 by the U.S .government on 21 September ,2012 and lastly by the Canadian government on 20 December.2012 The MEK is designated as a terrorist organization by Iran and Iraq .In June ,2004the U.S .had designated members of the MEK to be' protected persons 'under the Geneva Convention IV ,relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War ,which expired in 2009 after full sovereignty of Iraq.

America's insistence to cozy up to the MEK to better serve its' regime change 'ambitions in Iran has long been a source of controversy.

U.S .State Department counter terrorism official Daniel Benjamin in his article", *Giuliani Took Money from a Group That Killed Americans. Does Trump Care?*" ¹discloses this issue ,and cites the withdrawal of the MKO from the list of foreign terrorist organizations in the United States as proof that a political compromise was struck with the group as Washington seeks to shore up support against Tehran's clerical rule.

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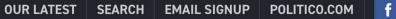
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By DANIEL BENJAMIN

The MEK has a base in the French city of Auvers-sur-Oise ,where the leadership council of the organization resides ,and another in Albany, where about 3000 members of the organization are currently settled.





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How rich is the MEK?

Due to a lack of transparency and a clear disinterest from the international community it has been so far impossible to accurately evaluate the finances of the MEK. However, in light of the many activities the group has been engaged in - such as lobbying in the United States, it is evident the group has had and continues to have access to large sums of money.

In an interview with Jordan-based news outlet Albawaba News in 2018, former MEK head of security Massoud Khodabandeh detailed the covert means through which the Saudis helped fund the group, including regional smuggling networks and black-market transactions. According to Khodabandeh, gold and other valuable commodities, such as Rolex watches, were shipped from Saudi Arabia to Baghdad and then sold on black markets in the Jordanian capital of Amman by Saudi-linked businessmen. The proceeds from those transactions were then placed in offshore accounts tied to the MEK and subsequently used to fund their operations. The former MEK official also told Albawaba that he had personally overseen the transfer of valuables from Saudi Arabia to Baghdad that were then sold in order to fund the group. In one instance, Khodabandeh had smuggled three trucks filled with gold bars from Saudi Arabia to Baghdad along with two Iraqi and two Saudi accomplices. He estimated that the gold contained in the trucks was worth nearly \$200 million, all of which eventually found its way into MEK coffers.

Following is a breakdown of some of the MEK activities and spending:

Lobbying

The MEK has over the years spent huge sums of money lobbying for support in the U.S. Chris McGrill, an investigative journalist with the Guardian (UK) in Washington, was the first western researcher to conduct an investigation into the group and how it managed in 2012 to have its name removed from the U.S. official Terror list. In his investigative reporting McGill revealed how the MEK, by throwing millions of dollars at the 'right' people successfully reinvented itself an ally of Washington- thus white washing its criminal past.

McGill published the names of US officials and lobbying companies that had worked with MEK.

The MEK's lobbying activities are still ongoing. To shore up the support of E.U. members and secure the continued goodwill of U.S. officials the group has had to allocate large sums of money still.

NBC News reporter Richard Engel lifted the lid on the group's 'generosity' towards Rudy Giuliani, Donald Trump's adviser, and John Bolton, former U.S. national security adviser. ¹ In his report, he revealed how the two officials were paid by the MEK for speaking at several of their rallies and conferences - most notably in Paris (France). Giuliani who did not deny being paid for attending the MEK gathering however claim not to recollect just how much his fee was.

The MEK has legitimized paying off individuals by arguing speaking fees and other honorariums.

¹ The report of Richard Engel



ARGUMENT Spain's Vox Party Hates Muslims— Except the Ones Who Fund It

The upstart far-right party is unapologetically Islamophobic, but without donations from Iranian exiles, it may have never gotten off the ground.

BY SOHAIL JANNESSARI, DARREN LOUCAIDES | APRIL 27, 2019, 4:28 PM



Santiago Abascal, the leader of the far-right party Vox arrives to a rally at Palacios de Congresos on Apr. 17 in Granada, Spain. (DAVID RAMOS/GETTY IMAGES)

Funding of the VOX party (Spain)

In late January 2020 leading Spanish newspaper El Pais reported that two lawmakers for the Vox Party received party salaries from the MEK.

"Two lawmakers for Spain's far-right Vox, Santiago Abascal and Ivan Espinosa de los Monteros, received party salaries for eight months that drew on funds from donations by the National Council of *Resistance of Iran (NCRI),"* El Pais quoted sources as saying, referring to the MEK by its other name.

According to the paper, both leaders received around €65,000 in total. The MEK was on the United States' list of terrorist organizations until 2012, a year before the group funded Spain's ultra-nationalist party. *"Vox, which is now the third-largest force inside the Spanish parliament with 52 lawmakers, was created in 2013 with around* €1 *million donated by the NCRI,"* the paper said.

"On December 17 of that year, the day that it was registered as a new party on the Interior Ministry's records, Vox received its first transfer from abroad by sympathizers of the Iranian exiles. The transfer was in the amount of $\leq 1,156.22$," it said. The report added that a month after that, then-secretary general Santiago Abascal and senior official Ivan Espinosa de los Monteros began earning salaries paid for by the opponents of the Islamic Republic.

"The money reached Vox thanks to the mediation of Alejo Vidal-Quadras, the party's original founder and first president. Abascal's monthly salary was fixed at net €3,570 (€5,000 before taxes), which he received between February and October 2014, for a total of €40,000 ... Espinosa de los Monteros received a monthly net amount of €2,300 (around €3,083 before taxes), according to two former party officials. Espinosa de los Monteros, who is now the spokesperson for Vox in Congress, earned this salary during the same period of time as Abascal, but invoiced the payments through a company," it added.

Another article in Foreign Policy also made notes of the MEK's links to the Vox Party. In this article entitled "*Spain's VOX party hates Muslims ,except those who fund it*",¹ Foreign Policy highlights some of the group's financial links to the likes of Saudi Arabia ,Israel and other governments opposed to Iran.

Experts in the United States have reached similar conclusions about the source of the MEK's funds ,among whom Ambassador Daniel Benjamin ,Director of the John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding at Dartmouth College and former Coordinator for Counterterrorism at the State Department.2009-2012

¹ Spain's Vox Party Hates Muslims—Except the Ones Who Fund It, Foreign Policy, BY SO-HAIL JANNESSARI, DARREN LOUCAIDES | APRIL 27, 2019, 4:28 PM



Annual Programs

For several years now the MEK has held annual conferences ,forums and other gatherings at great financial cost - it has been estimated that the group spends well over 1\$ million per annum on such events .From speaking fees for its VIP guests to renting luxury venues and travel arrangements ,the MEK has had to put out quite a lot to sustain its image and friendships.

But how can such an organization maintain a high profile while hiding the source of its funding ?The MEK's lack of financial transparency is notorious.

So far the group has maintained that it has received generous donations from its supporters in Iran but since the United States and the E.U. have levelled stringent sanctions against Iran and Iran's ability to freely transfer money through the world banking system, such claims are rather dubious.

More to the point is the fact that the MEK has little to no support



within Iran .For most Iranians the MEK betrayed Iran by siding with Iraq's former strongman ,Saddam Hussein in the1980 s against their own countrymen .The MEK is responsible for the death of thousands of Iranians.

A 2004 FBI investigation uncovered a glut of shady fund-raising operations .According to the report ,the voracity of which has been called into question ,money raised by the Los Angeles and Washington D.C .cells was transferred overseas through a complex international money laundering operation that uses accounts in Turkey ,Germany, France ,Belgium ,Norway ,Sweden ,Jordan and the United Arab Emirates .At one point ,MEK was also operating charities called the Committee for Human Rights and Iran Aid ,which claimed to raise money for Iranian refugees persecuted by the Islamic regime ,but was later revealed to be a front for MEK's military arm ,the National Liberation Army.



Methods of financing in the Mojahedin-e Khalq Organization

Like so many other terror organizations the MEK has relied on criminal activities and secret political dealings for money ,such as:

1 -Use of shell companies and fronts

2 -Financial crimes such as money laundering ,robbery ,drugs, antiques auctions ,etc.

3 .Assistance from governments in opposition of Iran

Use of shell companies and fronts Food production and distribution

Global marketing company

"Global marketing Ltd "in English titled as Glob. marketing ,is one of the MEK's active companies in the field of food production and distribution in Europe ,the Americas and Asia. Mohammad Tarighat Monfared) MKO member ,(the first director of Glob. Marketing and other members of the group ,have been able to generate significant profits by connecting with African countries and supplying raw materials at low prices .In addition to African countries ,the role of China ,India ,Iraq ,Jordan ,Australia ,the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom as centers of production and marketing for the MEK should not be discounted .Over the years ,the company has introduced itself to clients as a food industry expert with ties to Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

The current manager of the company is Aziz Naderi.

Dana Dairy and Hanikam Group

Dana Dairy and Hanikam Group operate in Arab and Affrican countries in the food production and distribution sector .The management of these companies was left in the dare of Reza Maktabi(,aka Peter Sanderz)and Massoud Memari.

On March ,2009 ,31 Massoud Memari was accused of false impersonation.

Bank documents revealed some of the MEK's practices in terms of money transfer and the origins of funds. For example ,some of the money managed by Massoud Memari originated from accounts held by Abdol Hamid Lolachian - also known as Mohammad Tarighat Monfared .Monfared who grew tired of the MEK explained he had been forced to become complicit to an elaborate money laundering network ,with money raised through donations was funneled through various E.U .and Swiss accounts to give the appearance of legitimacy.

Massoud Memari also committed fraud against the Iraqi government. He is suspected to have deceived Iraqi officials to obtain a contract for the supply of dry milk for the Hanikam Group and Dana Dairy. He led several clients to believe that he had ties with Swiss milk producers and could thus supply them with high quality products.

Fundraising

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Just as it is illegal to become a member of a terrorist organization, so is financing and sponsoring terror operations .Such crimes can be prosecuted under international law.

United Nations Security Council Resolution 28,1373 September,2001and UN Security Council Resolution 26,1735 December,2006 as well as the text of the Common Positions of the Council of the European Union,COMMON POSITION,No,2001/931.and the text of European Union Regulations,COUNCIL REGULATION,No2580/2001. dated 27 December 2001 all make clear the need to crackdown on Terror's financing arms.

Indeed ,to address the issue of Terror finances is a natural step to identifying a group as a terrorist organization - as the United States Supreme Court emphasized in the case of Roya Rahmani Et.Al V .the United States of America:

"Inserting the MEK in the list of foreign terrorist organizations of the United States Department of State has three juridical effects :First, all the U.S .financial and credit institutions that have MEK-owned assets are required to block their financial assets and transactions. Secondly ,its members and representatives of the terrorist organization are not entitled to have a visa to enter and must be

expelled from the country .And thirdly ,anyone who consciously finances the mentioned terrorist organization in the territory of the United States of America or within its jurisdiction shall be found guilty."¹

In this case ,the plaintiff's appeal was dismissed and his sentence carried out on the basis that he had joined an identified terrorist organization and helped fund its activities.

In ,2006 members of the MEK in Germany were found to have financed and sponsored the MEK at a time when the MEK was plotting several terror attacks against Iran .A report published in2006 by the Protection Department of the Constitution of the Nordrhein-Westfalen emphasizes:

" The National Council of Resistance has an office in Cologne but has gradually shifted the center of its activities to Berlin over the year .Members and supporters of MEK raise funds through affiliated associations and exaggerated social advertising."

The report also added:

"In ,2006 MEK's financing activity was higher than previous years and the aid is mostly provided by the Human Rights Foundation for Immigrants in Aachen ,the Iranian Human Rights Foundation in Dortmund ,and the Human Rights Association for Iranian Immigrants in Dusseldorf."

Despite obtaining such information German police did not pursue the matter further .There is no doubt about it that without such extensive financial support ,the terrorist organization MEK could not afford its military operations.

The German penal code considers any act which is contrary to German penal law to be criminally prosecutable .Therefore ,the finaners



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The Site Vereinwelle

Advertised as a charitable ,non-denominational association ,founded in ,2004 Vereinwelle says to be engaged in the following activities: the promotion of human rights ,the promotion of freedom in Iran, rescuing victims of torture ,aiding refugees ,supporting efforts to bring about democracy and gender equality in Iran ,promoting intercultural and interpersonal understanding.

The site ,which is available in German ,English and French has

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raised money online .The organization is a well-known MEK front, established for the sole purpose of generating money through deception.

It should be noted that the Swiss Foreign Ministry ,in response to Iran's information and warnings ,has stated that Vereinwtelle has no legal status in the country.

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The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of its Note Nr-80/53269 informing the Department of its view on the association "Verein Welle".

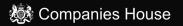
The Department thanks the Embassy for this information and would like to draw its attention to the "Zewo Foundation". Zewo sets standards for Swiss chanties and certifies those who comply to these standards. "Verein Welle" is not eligible to have the Zewo seal. However, donations to associations registered in Switzerland remain private decisions and may not be influenced by the Swiss authorities.

The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassof the Islamic Republic of Iran the assurances of its highest consideration.

Bern, 22 May 2019



Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran Bern



TOLERANCE INTERNATIONAL LTD

Company number 04947566 Follow this company Overview Filing history People More Officers Persons with significant control Filter officers Current officers 10 officers / 7 resignations **RAHIMI, Shirin** Correspondence address 10 Queen Street Place, London, United Kingdom, EC4R 1BE Role ACTIVE Appointed on 6 February 2012 Secretary

Tolerance International

The British company ,which mainly focuses on issues relating to the environment and combating global warming ,started its operation in 2003 and has since ,had eight executives ,most of whom Iranianborn .Mr .Siavash Pisheh Warz has managed the company from 2003 to .2004 The current director of the company is Ms .Shirin Rahimi.

The company's website is available at www.ticoff.org .Like so many other MEK fronts the site makes it possible for the public to donate money ,buy merchandise and offer their services for free .While the organization may initially appear genuine a closer look into its management points to yet another MEK subsidiaries.¹

All of the company's executives have one thing in common :they are MEK members .For example ,Ms .Laleh Tarighi ,who operated as secretary and director of the company from 2003 to ,2012 is one of the military members of the Rajavi's terrorist sect whose story is in the article ,tank girls :the frontline feminists ,published in the Independent on 28 December.2004

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| Ms Maryam Poorsaleh | Director | Aug 1957 | 30 Oct 2003 | 15 Nov 2003 |
| Mr Ciavash Pishehvarz | Director | Aug 1955 | 10 Nov 2003 | 11 Feb 2004 |
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| Ms Georgina Oliver Co | ompany Secretary | Oct 1942 | 01 Sep 2006 | 02 Feb 2012 |
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Tolerance International UK (TIUK)

Tolerance International UK or TIUK was founded and registered on May 23,2000. The company introduces its activities and goals as 1-Investigating and following up on issues related to global warming. 2. Alleviating severe poverty and helping the needy people worldwide. 3- Carrying out social and natural public benefit activities such as preserving the environment and natural resources, and 4- Preventing extremism, racial discrimination and promoting human rights. But the truth is that this company is another financial cover for the Mojahedin-e Khalq (MEK) terrorist group for several reasons, which we will discuss below.

Hamid Reza Bayazi

Searching the "About Us" section of the company's website at www. toleranceinternational.org.uk, as well as www.beta.companieshouse. gov.uk, we come across Hamid Reza Bayazi as the company's director.

Hamid Reza Asgari Bay<mark>azi ,wit</mark>h the nickname as Babak ,is a member of the Mojahedin-e Khalq Organization and one of the key members of the Mojahedin in the field of financing this group.

According to Saeed Shahsavandi ,Tahereh Mahdavi ,Dariush Golbarg ,Shahram Seifi ,who are all former members of the MEK and are currently separated from it ,Hamid Reza Bayazi is one of the active elements of this organization in Britain ,Germany and Iraq. He was one of the prominent figures in the terrorist group's attack on the Iranian consulate in Manchester ,England.

During the presence of the Mojahedin-e Khalq in Iraq ,he went to Iraq in 1986 and was trained by the organization under the command of Hussein Abrishamchi. But later he went to Britain from Iraq and ,along with a number of other members of the group ,set up the Iran Aid Association and other cover companies to finance the group. The association ,which will be discussed in a separate section below ,would later be shut down by the British government for money laundering and terrorist financing.

Financing the members of Camp Ashraf

The "About Us" section of the website of www.toleranceinternational. org.uk ,of this company ,which has been established since 2000

,introduces one of its programs to finance the members of the Mojahedin-e Khalq Organization in Camp Ashraf of Iraq. This was while MEK was listed ,until 2012 , as a terrorist organization by the United States and until 2009 as a terrorist organization of the European Union; thus officially they were financing terrorism for several years.

Iran Aid

The Iran Aid Association was formed in 1984 to raise money to help children and people who have been tortured by Iran. However ,an investigation by the French police into the DST report dated May 29 ,2002 ,revealed that the association was financing terrorism. With the proving of this crime ,finally this association was found guilty and closed in 1998 by the order of the British government.

But what was the relation of this association with the Tolerance International UK?

According to surveys and research that have been done ,and according to www.beta.companieshouse.gov.uk ,which is one of the most reputable and government-affiliated sites in the UK ,it is clear that the company is the same Iran Aid Association but with the cover of TIUK introduced as Iran Aid.¹

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1 www.beta.companieshouse.gov.uk/03999579/officers

Media Strategy Counseling Company

The company operates in London 14 ,Hanover Street ,in two parts at the following costs:

1. Professional-Optimizing Counseling Services SEO -Site Management to Promote Human Rights in Iran - Awareness(disclosure) of Disasters Against Ashraf Camp ,establishment of human right Campaign for Ashraf Camp Security (Low-level and full-time consulting with the necessary control to support a public media campaign)

The above cases are offered once a month at a cost of 8500 £ per month.

2. Counseling services , multi-network development of social networking sites , management of two parallel campaigns) focusing on awareness of human rights violations , women's and refugee rights.

3. The mentioned cases are offered once a month at a cost of 10850£ per month.

The bank account details of this company are as follows:

Swift code :MIDLGB22 IBAN :International Bank Account Number :GB72MIDL40030181514547 Bank Name :HSBC Bank PLC Branch Number : 400301 Bank address: 18 Balaredz Alley -Finchley Church Ave.

The company has a contract with **Mr** .Nazar **Geff** ,the director of a German company ,the terms of which are as follows:

1. The German company provides articles on the benefits of MSC.

2. The articles will be in Kurdish and Arabic language and on issues such as human rights in Iran , the situation of the Liberty Camp residents and so on.

3. The number of articles per month is 100 to 112 .

4. The cost of the service during the contract will be EUR 3750 per month.

5.Contract Start 1 :October - 2013 Renewable every 6 months.

6.Payments are made every 30 days before the start of the new month.

MSC Commitments:

1. Revision and study of articles to describe various aspects of the topics.

2.Create an email to receive links.

3.Approval and confirmation of the use of photos ,logos ,trademarks, website images ,articles ,texts ,etc .owned by MSC for the necessary needs of the German company in writing the articles.

4. The company also produces electronic texts for richer articles.

Rules:

1. Money is non-refundable.

2.All costs ,services ,documents ,recommendations and reports are confidential.

3. The German company submits its stuff to MSC in the best way possible to be published on sites and books ,but any problem is up to MSC ,not them.

4.MSC warrants that all services provided for the German company are exclusive and not available to others ,and if this happens ,German company should be supported.

In the above contract ,the manager of MSC is a person named **Eli Farham**(Elaheh Azimfar ,head of the Women's Commission of the National Council of Resistance).

After the above contract ,both companies have fulfilled their obligations and MSC has been able to publish its own intended articles without any problems.

An obtained invoice from MSC revealed that the company has earned 24,000 \$out of its services and 6,000 \$ out of digital advertising ,that it is totally.30,000 \$

Financial crimes such as money laundering, theft ,stealing ,drugs ,antique auctions ,etc.

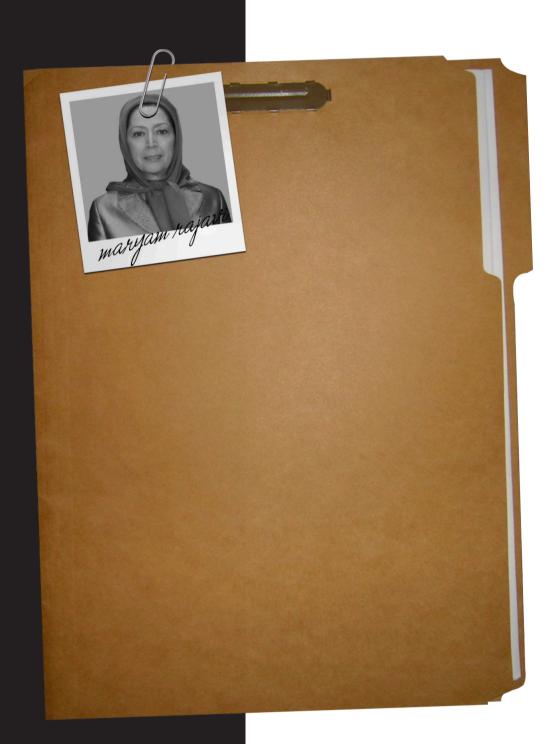
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Maryam Rajavi's Arrest Case

On 17 June ,2003 during a police operation ,Maryam Rajavi and several members of the MEK were arrested for money laundering. However ,Maryam Rajavi was released 17 ,days after her arrest ,after the MEK exerted immense pressure on the authorities -- propaganda, self-immolation of MEK members .Evidence of such pressure was presented to the court and can be found registered by the second Branch of the Court of appeal of Paris under the sentence dated16 June 2006 in Case No.01831/2006 .

The judgement reads :"During a police operation ,more than eight million U.S .dollars ,consisting of 100\$ bills ,were discovered in suitcases in a building adjacent to the residence of Maryam Rajavi, also known as Farzaneh Hatefi Morovati .The French police ,in this operation ,also collected an excess of 35 satellite communication dishes 200 ,PCs and 99 GPS units for military purposes enabling MEK terrorists to infiltrate into Iran territory from Iraq ,as well as pieces of detection and tracking equipment and the weapon and operational documents of the organization."

And "Investigations and research in France and Germany have demonstrated that some MEK officials such as Majid Taleghani through using fake IDs and identities has created extensive travelling networks for MEK members to Iraq or Europe, and some others like Muhammad Moshiri made it possible to buy military equipment."



Siavash Pisheh Varz

One of the most prominent figures in many companies and businesses linked to the MEK is Siavash Pisheh Varz ,who was arrested in London in 2009 for money laundering and trafficking over 9 million pounds in cash .His name is more often than not proof of MEK colluding.



Siavash Pisheh Varz is a member of the MEK Organization ,who attended many MEK gatherings in Europe ,acted a tool of propaganda for the MEK and facilitated several lobbying efforts in Europe.

Siavash Pisheh Varz's criminal activities are actually rather well documented.

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Money Laundering

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In ,2012 the British National Anti-Crime Foundation arrested a group of five individuals in relation to money laundering .The group which was taken into custody by the National Anti-Crime Foundation for money laundering to the value of several million pounds ,identified two money transfer centers in north Finchley.

The arrest operation began in September ,2011 when Elias Bani Al-Ebad ,(59)Mahmoud Saadat (44) and Mohammad Karijani (40) met each other at IKEA Wembley parking .Little did they know that several officers of the National Anti-Crime Foundation were watching them.

It was established that Karijani and Saadat were in contact with Siavash Pisheh Varz via telephone through the whole operation.

The following day ,Bani Al-Ebad and Karijani arrived at the same location and moved another cargo .On the same day ,the two men were arrested and officers seized .150,000£ An additional 57,000£ was discovered at one of the residences.

At Karijani's address in Golders Green ,police arrested Karijani's wife, Samuel Jalali (31) and Saadat ,as they were destroying bank documents and other evidence .Among these documents 43,350£ ,in cash were found .Pisheh Varz and Jalali were arrested in July 2012 and another 50,000£was found in Pisheh Varz's address.

Moreover ,a notebook listing several transactions - worth 9.5£ million, was recovered at Pisheh Varz's house.

The National Anti-Crime Foundation ,after investigating the two money transfer centers ,found that than two million pounds had been transferred to the two centers in nine months.¹

¹ https://docplayer.net/91605869-Butterworths-money-laundering-law.html



Drug Dealing

The Anti-Crime Foundation also linked the group tpo drug trafficking. Siavash Pisheh Varz and his associates were linked to a case involving the trafficking of over500 kg ofv heroin to Ukraine by Mohammad Farouq ,Ahmad Shah and Homayoun Mehrpour.

A well-organized terrorist group the MEK stops at nothing.¹ Documents and videos related to Mohammed Farozuq's case have been released on the internet.²

Mohammed Farouq ,(51) Homayoun Mehrpour (61) and Ahmad Shah (44) were part of a 306£ million heroin smuggling operation into Ukraine .In ,2013 each individual was sentenced to 25 ,29 and 29years in prison respectively .Mohammed Farouq's wife was also sentenced to nine months in prison for collusion.

¹ https://docplayer.net/91605869-Butterworths-money-laundering-law.html

Siavash Pisheh Varz ,a convicted criminal ,has been linked to several MEK subsidiaries - Enteghal and Tolerance International ,proof of the group's efforts to diversify its financial activities to avoid detection from the authorities.

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Iran Aid Association

The Second Branchof the Court of Appeal of Paris stated on its judgment dated 16 June 2006 in Case No 01831/2006 .that , "Investigations into MEK financing prove the basic role of the Iran Aid Covering Association in France in raising money through misrepresentationabusing people's trust by pledging the organization's commitment to alleviate human suffering." And" So far , the violator has been handed over to the French courts on charges of fraud following over one hundred complaints from French citizens who fell themselves victims of the MEK abuses of trust in France."

In addition ,the court stated that "The cash flow of the MEK in France is very complex and ambiguous ,yet very broad and considerable. And despite the fact that the organization has no account in French banks in its name ,the money raised has been deposited into the accounts of individuals who are members of the MEK both in France and abroad, mainly Turkey and the United Arab Emirates." The Court of Appeal correctly concluded that the MEK funds in France have been spent on the purchase of weapons and transmitter equipment as well as operational expenditure.

An article in Le Monde newspaper in France dated 8 February,2005 titled "*Investigations on the MEK shows that it is a Money Laundering Network*" looks into the organization funding and expenses .The newspaper investigation confirms that the MEK transferred an excess of 19\$ million to France and other countries through its extensive worldwide financial network .According to judicial investigators ,the



MEK has engaged in two types of humanitarian activities through Iran Aid Covering Association ,claiming to help orphans in Tehran and money laundering through virtual associations outside of France and transferring money from Germany ,Russia and Switzerland.¹

Money Laundering in International Accounts

Utilizing Iran Aid bank accounts in France ,as well as using U.S. international rogatory documents the MEK has been able to move money freely .Investigators have already established proof in hands that the terror group has heavily relied on its members and subsidiaries to secure its cash flow.

Information posted on fai.informazione.it, puts the focus on individuals in Albania of Iranian descent now engaged in money laundering activities for the MEK .Sources have said that funds originating from Italy have been deposited to Iranian nationals - a news report confirmed that one million euros were illegally transferred to Albania in a week.

State Aid

The MEK has received and is receiving financial and political support from numerous countries .**Saddam Hussein** in Iraq was one of the first international supporters of the MEK .He used the group during the Iran-Iraq war.

Security experts now believe that the MEK has relied on the support of many countries including the U.S ,.Saudi Arabia and the Israeli regime to cover its expenses.

However ,due to a lack of financial transparency it has been so far impossible to truly judge of the group's financial weight and thus its ability to do harm.

Prior to the fall of Saddam Husein in ,2003 the MEK was regarded as Saddam's secret army ,and all of the group's expenses were covered by Baghdad- including the provision of light and heavy military equipment ,barracks and so on.

According to documents obtained from Iraq security services which were made available after the fall of the Iraqi regime it was confirmed that the MEK received an excess of 100,000 barrels of oil per day from Saddam Husein by way of coupons in addition to large sums of money in cash and property.

Major general Wafiq Al-Samarrai ,one of Iraq's intelligence officers under Saddam's regime ,admitted in an interview with Al-Hayat that "Saddam did not believe in any restriction on credit for intelligence activities .For this reason ,after that Rajavi and his organization came to Iraq ,we paid him between 9 \$ million and 10 \$ million monthly - in addition to providing for the expenses and needs of him and his people .Prior to the invasion of Kuwait ,Rajavi used to take us 20 million Iraqi dinars monthly ;he was also paid millions more to run his organization abroad... "1

