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**Cover- Photo:**

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## INTRODUCTION

Camp Liberty residents, also known as Ashraf residents, are members of the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran, the main opposition movement against the mullahs' regime in Iran.

In a joint conspiracy between the Iranian regime, Iraqi Government and former UN Special Representative to the Secretary General in Iraq Martin Kobler, the residents were driven out of their 26 year home in Camp Ashraf and forced into a former US Forces military camp called "Liberty" with prison-like conditions. It is worth noting that as a start up to this conspiracy, Ashraf residents suffered numerous bloody attacks by Iraqi forces, in which dozens of residents were killed and hundreds were injured. In the last attack that took place on 1 September 2013, Iraqi forces slaughtered 52 residents and took 7 hostages. No news ever came out about the fate of the hostages.

Former UN official Tahar Boumedra, who was in charge of the Camp Ashraf dossier in UNAMI until 2012 when the residents were relocated, revealed that the residents' relocation was part of a plan at the behest of the Iranian regime to disband the PMOI in Iraq.



The Iranian regime and its elements in the Iraqi government went to any length to reach their ultimate goal, the annihilation of the PMOI in Iraq. The following report and excerpts from residents' testimonies reveals how this regime, uses its agents and some PMOI families to pressure the Liberty residents to succumb to the regime's demands by direct pressures or preparing grounds for blood baths in camps Ashraf and Liberty.

From the first days of June 2015 elements of the Iraqi government committee tasked to suppress Ashraf and Liberty residents, including Col. Sadeq Mohammad Kazem, transferred a group of agents from the Iranian regime's Ministry of Intelligence (MOIS) and terrorist Quds Force to the Iraqi army intelligence base and police station adjacent to Camp Liberty, all under the pretext of preparations for the residents' relatives being able to see their loved ones inside the camp. They were seen shouting at the residents, "As we destroyed Ashraf, we will tear down the walls in Liberty."

Ashraf residents' relocation to Liberty was part of a plan at the behest of the Iranian regime to disband the PMOI in Iraq.

**Former UN Official  
Tahar Boumedra**

"As we destroyed Ashraf, we will tear down the walls in Liberty."

**MOIS agents shouted  
outside Camp Liberty**

Who are these individuals and what is their relation with the Iranian regime? The residents are complaining that they are Iranian regime agents and Tehran is intending to begin imposing psychological torture on the residents and prepare for the next massacre against the residents, all under the pretext of requesting family visits. Moreover, the MOIS is known to resort to this tactic to a significant extent to further divert UNAMI and UNHCR, and cloak the truth about the residents.

The Iranian regime used this tactic for the first time in 2010 in Ashraf. To reach an exact and expert conclusion, it is necessary to cite the truth in order to analyze this filthy psychological war, and to understand who these people were and what was their true objective? These people had gone the limits in installing 320 powerful loudspeakers all around Ashraf and placed its residents under psychological torture for 677 days. Now, they are planning to repeat the same scenario in Liberty. Are they truly the residents' families and relatives, or are they actually MOIS agents? And who are the true families and relatives of these residents now in Camp Liberty? Where are they, what are they doing, especially those in Iran under the criminal mullahs' rule? Hassan Danaifar, the Iranian regime's ambassador in Baghdad went to Ashraf on 17 November 2014 and "expressed his hope that soon the pain-stricken and suffering families of members of the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI) will reach Camp Liberty, and this will mark the end of their separation and frustration." A month prior to that on October 16 in a meeting with an MOIS element in the mullahs' embassy in Baghdad he said he "will continue his efforts to establish relations between the Rajavi sect and their families, and in this regard he will use all the capacities of the embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Iraq." (MOIS website) The best and most vivid evidence are the PMOI members and residents of Ashraf and Liberty who can testify in this regard.

In this booklet we have published excerpts of letters from two groups of Liberty residents to UN officials. The first group is residents whose family members have been hired by the MOIS. The second group consists of residents whose families have been identified, arrested, torture and in some cases executed for visiting or having contact with Camp Ashraf or PMOI members.

## **CHAPTER ONE**

### **BACKGROUND**

Following the occupation of Iraq in 2003 and Iranians being allowed to visit sacred Shiite sanctities in Iraq, many families of Ashraf residents in Iran found the opportunity after many years and began visiting Ashraf to see their loved ones. They resorted to the excuse of visiting Shiite sanctities and tourist trips to Iraq in order to visit Ashraf without Iranian regime and MOIS officials being informed of their actual intention. Of course, some of these family members upon their return to Iran were arrested, tortured and even executed. Amnesty International and other international human rights organizations have reported some of these cases. These visits continued from 2003 to 2009 when Ashraf was under the control of US forces and the residents' family members were able to stay as guests for as long as they wished in Ashraf's „Hotel Iran“, built for this very cause. Following the transfer of Ashraf's security from US forces to the Iraqi government in 2009, then-Prime Minister Nouri Maliki's government – under Iranian regime orders – banned the entrance of any family members into Ashraf. Furthermore, a

smaller number of families dared to visit Ashraf from inside Iran because there was no doubt in their minds their names would be handed over to the Iranian regime immediately.

However, to place the utmost pressure on Ashraf residents, the Iranian regime took advantage of these family visits. By using the families, on one hand it imposed its psychological torture on the residents and on the other hand went on to legitimize the residents' massacre.

From 2009 the MOIS, and one of the active branches of this ministry by the name of the „Nejat Society“, began dispatching PMOI families in Iran – MOIS members or those threatened to cooperate – to Ashraf under the pretext of sending them to Iraq for family visits. These individuals were assigned to station outside of Ashraf. The MOIS, with support provided by the Maliki government, began installing 320 powerful loudspeakers around Ashraf under the cover of these so-called family members' presence. These loudspeakers were placed at their disposal to broadcast insults and threats 24/7 against the residents. Sixty of these loudspeakers were installed just 100 meters from a clinic located near the camp's main eastern gate. For many months, patients hospitalized in the clinic suffered excruciating psychological torture.

The following are excerpts of some of the threats expressed by the so-called "family members", who were really MOIS agents:

***MOIS Agent Soraya Abdollahi:***

I shall hang each and every one of you in front of Ashraf. We shall carry out a massacre in Ashraf and destroy it.

Beware; these actions by us will soon start in the form of an attack... We shall annihilate Ashraf... With our presence here, Ashraf has come to its demise... Death to you...

***MOIS Agent Mostafa Mohammadi***

If I order them to attack at night; do you know that not one of you will stay alive? Don't get the word out that a number of mercenaries have come. We have come here with official papers. Our papers are with the leaders in Baghdad and the army in Baghdad. This yelling that I am doing will cost you greatly one day, the day that I tie the ropes around each of your necks and pull you up.

***MOIS Agent Soraya Abdollahi:***

Listen to this! This is the end of the road... I will be after you to the last second. I will follow you to the last second. ..I will, with my own hand, with my own fingers, I will put it in your mouth and pull out that dirty tongue of yours. I will be the one to hang you. I will put the rope around your neck myself.

***MOIS Agent Soraya Abdollahi:***

We shall turn Ashraf into rubble

I tell to the army, navy and air force of Iraq that we are grateful. We understand this. Your hands are tied.

I shall hang each and every one of you in front of Ashraf. We shall carry out a massacre and destroy it.

## CHAPTER TWO

### HISTORIC TESTIMONY

From 2003 onward various groups of these elements arrived at Ashraf, and then Liberty. In this regard a number of PMOI members who were involved in this process, wrote various letters exposing the Iranian regime's conspiracies and shedding light on the background of individuals who were dispatched to Ashraf's security fence or Liberty's T-walls in the name of family members. Who are these people? What is their background? How were they hired by the Iranian regime and what is their objective? Do they truly intend to just come and see their loved ones, or are they seeking other goals and do they actually admit to this? In their letters to UN officials these PMOI members provide explanations about the events and the roles these elements played for the Iranian regime.

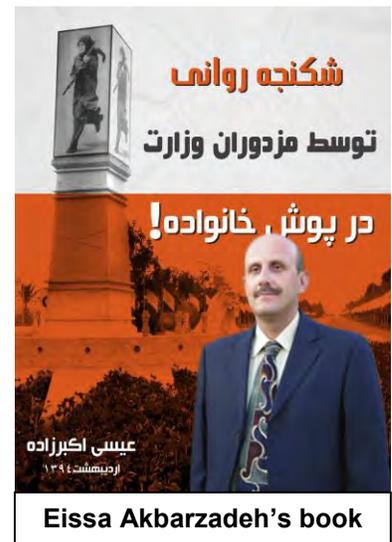
#### EISSA AKBARZADEH

PMOI member Eissa Akbarzadeh was involved in this issue from the spring of 2003, and he has been continuously harassed and pressured by his so-called brother Mohammad. Eissa wrote a book titled „Psychological torture by MOIS agents under the guise of family!“ in Farsi about this ordeal. In a letter to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Eisaa has described these conspiracies, the role played by the MOIS especially regarding its elements who introduce themselves as family members of PMOI members:

*“During the last 11 years, I was under a psychological torture, under the cloak of family meetings. Since 2004 Iranian regime has ordered my brother Mohammad who is one of the agents of the notorious MOIS to harass me and other MEK's members.*

*Since 2004, following his missions, he referred to American forces stationed in Camp Ashraf and asked me to sign a paper for safe-conduct to Iran which he had brought from Iran, on behalf of the MOIS.*

*In 2004 and through US Forces at Ashraf, he met with me and asked me to sign a letter he had brought with him on behalf of the MOIS guaranteeing my safe return to Iran. I refused and strongly protested. It is worth noting that he is in charge of Nejat Society in the city of Ghazvin. He also took part in the psychological torture at Ashraf with the 320 loudspeakers. I heard his intimidations against me time and again, even threatening to kill me if I didn't leave Ashraf!”*



## **Who is Mohammad Akbarzadeh?**

Mohammad Akbarzadeh joined the Iranian regime's paramilitary Bassij forces when he was 13 years old. During the course of the Iran-Iraq War in the 1980s he was in charge of recruiting high-school and secondary school students to provide troops for the regime's human wave attacks. He campaigned many Ghazvin high-schools students to take part in this war, sending many of them to their deaths. In 1994 and during the Ghazvin uprising he took part in arresting many protesters, including his own brother, Eissa. He was also in charge of interrogating those arrested.



**MOIS Agent Mohammad Akbarzadeh outside Camp Ashraf**

Since 2003, he became a member of the Nejat Society in Ghazvin to pursue the regime's plots against the PMOI. After conducting various missions such as recruiting and dispatching MOIS elements in Ghazvin to Ashraf ... he was promoted to the director of the Nejat Society branch in Ghazvin.

## **HEAR FROM THE LIBERTY RESIDENTS**

### **HOSSEIN DADKHAH**

PMOI member Hossein Dadkhah was arrested in 1981 and was brutally tortured by the Iranian regime. His wife was arrested with him and after enduring savage tortures was executed by the regime. The MOIS tried using his daughter Nasrin who was then a child, against him. The following is an expert of his chilling testimony in a letter to Mr. Guterres:

*"In 2004, my family including my 23-year old daughter, Nasrin, Came to Camp Ashraf in Iraq to visit me. My family stayed a week with me in Ashraf. After they returned to Iran the MOIS and its filthy Nejat Society used threats and intimidation to force my daughter to go join other agents to participate in actions against the PMOI in European countries including France. I and my wife (Nasrin's mother) were arrested in 1982 and were tortured severely. In order to torture more, they brought the 1.5-yr old Nasrin to the prison and tortured us in front of her. She was afraid and was continuously screaming. Ultimately I successfully escaped the Prison and then left Iran but my wife, Nasrin's mother, was executed. Two decades later they forced our daughter to participate in MOIS meetings to give false testimony against her parents and accuse PMOI that I was kept in Ashraf by force."*

### **FEREIDOUN NEDAI**

In a letter to UN SRSG Ján Kubiš, Fereidoun Nedai reveals the plots of the MOIS and how the regime used his mother in the psychological torture campaign and to spread lies against the Iranian Resistance and PMOI.

*"I am a resident of Camp Liberty by the name of Fereidoun Nedai. I wish to file a complaint about the misconduct that I have been the target of. On Friday, 24 April 2015, I saw my mother with a picture of*

*me in her hands on an Iraqi TV station known as „al-Ahd“, which is affiliated to an Iranian backed Shiite militia group called Asaib Ahl al-Haq. She was alongside a number of MOIS agents holding a press conference accusing the PMOI of preventing a reunion between me and my mother. The mere fact that our family members are brought to Iraq by the Iranian regime’s notorious MOIS and then TV stations associated to the Quds Force and criminals in Iraq air footages of them is more than enough to realize this individual is being used to serve the mullahs’ demands.”*

### **SOMAYEH MOHAMMADI**

PMOI member Somayeh Mohammadi, 34, went through such a tough ordeal that she published a book about it. The book explains how the mullahs’ MOIS recruited all of her family members in a bid to force her to leave the PMOI ranks. For over 10 years she was the target of the most excruciating psychological torture one could imagine; all in the name of “family”. Somayeh writes in her book:



*“Now, I want to shed light on and put an end to the “story” behind the completely false, fabricated and “unfinished” scenario of the mullahs and Mostafa Mohammadi.*

*I want to show how the mullahs’ regime, under the guise of family (mother, father, sister ...) is seeking to hunt its prey to ultimately annihilate the PMOI that is the only struggling organization against that regime. To this end it goes the limits in its efforts to separate me and others like me from the PMOI, distance us from the epicenter of the Resistance, prevent us from perseverance and the struggle in the face of its evil being; and how this regime seeks to quash the fire of uprising and protests burning below the ashes— especially amongst women and Iran’s younger and energetic generation – through such demonization and deceptions.*

*What the regime is concerned about has nothing to do with a father’s affection to his child or so; rather it is mainly concerned about the threats to its very existence. Therefore, in order to secure its existence it would resort to all means such as crackdown, gallows, torture, humiliation , or by spreading addiction and prostitution, or even spreading fundamentalism, and eventually fully destruction of all human emotions.*

*I want to show how in this path a family, by “auctioning” their love, family relations and affections, sell their own child to the deathsmen of an entire nation, just because I had chosen my path for myself and because I have stood tall against the mullahs’ plots that aim to separate me from this struggle.*

*For more than 10 years now, I have been a target of the psychological warfare and demonization campaign led by the mullahs’ regime and its Ministry of Intelligence against the PMOI and their ranks and files under the guise of family relations.*

*The mullahs“ MOIS dispatched Mostafa Mohammadi along with some others as my family members to Iraq 24 times, and it spent a huge amount of money in a bid to separate me from the PMOI and Iranian Resistance. But it failed miserably in the end and returned with its tail between legs. Similarly – this time, let the fabricated stories and ridiculous documentaries of the MOIS and broadcasting them through nationwide TV channels across Iran lead to bigger embarrassments for the regime more than any other project, and leave them nothing but a major defeat and scandal after all the expenditures.”*

### **ZEYNAB HOSSEIN-NEJAD**

Camp Liberty resident Zeynab Hossein-Nejad tells her story to UN High Commissioner for Refugees in a 22 April 2015 letter. She explains how her father, who defected from the PMOI, was recruited by the MOIS and used against her. The Iranian regime also used her sister to publish lies about Zeynab and the PMOI on MOIS affiliated websites.



*“The psychological torture started in 2012 when my father, Ghorbanli Hossein-Nejad left Camp Liberty and sold himself out to the Iranian regime’s MOIS and was hired by the mullahs... My father, who is supported by the MOIS, has also recruited my sister who is living in Iran in a bid to harass me. One of the measures the MOIS is taking by manipulating my sister, Azar Hossein-Nejad, or in her name is to post some articles against me or the PMOI on the MOIS websites. For example, she has recently posted an article on one of those sites titled as „the letter to the UNHCR office“ in which she has attributed to me and the PMOI various false allegations and insults. The MOIS has posted these articles in its notorious websites along with my personal pictures pretending them to address the UNHCR.”*

### **AHMAD ABDI**

Sometimes we come across issues that seem very ridiculous but are completely true. For example imagine a woman comes along and claims to be the mother of a 54 year-old man. In any society a 54 year-old doesn’t need a representative and is matured enough to represent himself. His 54 year-old mother claims that she wants her son back.

“The psychological torture started in 2012 when my father, Ghorbanli Hossein-Nejad left Camp Liberty and sold himself out to the Iranian regime’s MOIS”  
**Zeynab Hossein-Nejad**

“She was raising a picture of me when I was 17 years-old to gain the sympathy and compassion of the Iraqi people.”

**Ahmad Abdi**

Ahmad is currently in Camp Liberty and he has explained this story in a letter to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon:

*“A few days ago I saw footages of my so-called mother in the al-Ahd TV station related to the filthy terrorist Quds Force in Iraq.*

*She was raising a picture of me when I was 17 years-old to gain the sympathy and compassion of the Iraqi people. The interesting thing is that I am 54-years old now and I left my mother over 30 years ago, and I am never willing to serve into the criminal mullahs’ interests like she has done. This woman has been cooperating with this regime ever since 1981 through a Khomeini office, and she has only come to Iraq at the behest of the Iranian regime’s MOIS to use me as a pretext to pave the grounds for new crimes and massacres for the mullahs and against us.”*

### **MOSTAFA (MILAD) BEHESHTI**

Mostafa Beheshti is a Camp Liberty resident. His brother Morteza Beheshti was slain by Nour Maliki’s forces in an attack on Camp Ashraf on 8 April 2011. He wrote a letter to UN SRSG Ján Kubiš, in which he told his story of how the regime used his sister to legitimize its measures against the PMOI:

*“During the past few days I have realized the presence of a number of Iranian regime’s MOIS agents around Camp Liberty. Amongst them was a woman by the name of Narges Beheshti who is my sister interviewing with the Iranian regime’s Arab-language TV station al-Ahd in Iraq raising lies and allegations against the PMOI and Liberty residents. Unfortunately, the Iranian regime is now using my sister for its own inhumane objectives and to justify our massacre.*



**PMOI Martyr Morteza Beheshti**

*This MOIS agent who is supposedly my sister has come to Liberty at a time when in order to even get anywhere close to this camp one must pass through many checkpoints and this is only made possible with the support of Iraqi security forces. This individual’s trip to Iraq and her presence in Liberty has been completely organized by the mullahs’ embassy in Baghdad, and without a doubt it places the lives of Liberty residents in danger and paves the grounds for killings and future bloodsheds in Liberty.”*

## **CHAPTER 3**

### **THE PMOI’S REAL FAMILY**

Up to now we have come to realize how the Iranian regime recruits agents from with PMOI families in Iran. Such individuals who for their own interests turn their back on their family members and become agents of the notorious MOIS can’t be called “PMOI family”. So who are the PMOI’s real family and where are they and what are they doing? Note the following accounts and draw your own conclusion. The best testaments about the PMOI’s real families are the Liberty residents. The following accounts

are only from a small portion of the residents living at Camp Liberty. In various letters they have tried to show the true face of PMOI families. They have compared the current psychological tortures at Liberty with that at Ashraf in previous years in order to show the depth of this conspiracy.

### **AKRAM JABBARI**

Akram Jabbari is the sister of PMOI martyr Hassan Jabbari who along with 51 other Ashraf residents was slain by Iraqi



**Atena and her slain father Hassan Jabbari**

forces on 1 September 2013. In her letter to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, she reminds that the mullahs, by getting help from agents in the Nejat Society are pressuring her family because she along with her brother are in Liberty. The regime's MOIS agents have threatened her family that if they don't take action against Akram and her brother at Liberty, the life of their slain brother's 12 year-old daughter will be at risk. Now you be the judge. This is the same regime that claims it has family sentiments and is looking to reunite Liberty residents with their families?! Her letter is very informative:

*"...In a phone call I had a few days ago with my family in Iran I was informed that the mullahs' MOIS is once again pressuring and threatening my family because of the presence of my younger brother and I in Liberty. They have threatened my family to come behind Liberty's gates and force my brother and me to leave Liberty, and more exactly, begin serving the mullahs' Gestapo (MOIS). Of course this time the danger was increased and they threatened if my family doesn't cooperate, the life of my 12 year-old niece – the daughter of my slain brother, Hassan Jabbari, – will be in grave danger.*

*Yes, this is the same regime that boasts of arranging family reunions and caring for family emotions for Liberty residents. However, on the other hand, the true family members of the PMOI are threatened with jail, torture and murder.*

### **ROGHIYE AMIRKHIZI**

Roghiye Amirkhizi is a PMOI member whose family has come to Ashraf many times to visit her. For this reason, the regime has placed

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**Akram Jabbari**

"My family came to see me and my brother in Ashraf. However, when they returned to Iran the regime arrested two of my brothers."

**Roghiye Amirkhizi**

them under prosecution. Some of her family members have faced long-term imprisonment sentences. In her letter to High Commissioner Zeid Raad al-Hussein, she explains the conspiracies surrounding Liberty and PMOI family members.

*"... Many years ago I chose to join the PMOI with my own will and in very good knowledge.*

*However, this decision has become a pretext for the mullahs ruling Iran to pressure my family and place them under psychological torture.*

*In 2004 my family came to see me and my brother in Ashraf.*

*However, when they returned to Iran the regime arrested two of my brothers by the names of Hamid and Asghar who had come to see me in Ashraf. My other brother Mohammad and my sister Kobra were coming to see me in Ashraf but they too were arrested by the MOIS in Iran's Kurdistan, and then sent to prison.*

*In the winter of 2009, my 85 year-old mother, along with my sister were traveling to Baghdad to see me at Ashraf. However, before boarding the plane in Tehran's airport MOIS agents viciously attacked and arrested them, and then took them to Evin Prison. It is worth noting that by having visas and plane tickets they were travelling legally. But they were still attacked and arrested.*



**Roghiye Amirkhizi and her sister Kobra**

*My sister was sentenced to five years in jail for this trip, despite having a credible passport and visa. In court, she was charged with the following crime: "Possessing gifts and heading for Ashraf!"*

### **ZAHRA KOHANDEL**

Zahra Kohandel's family has been threatened by the Iranian regime. In her letter to Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein and Mr. Jan Kubiš she tells about how she joined the PMOI at Ashraf and her family is constantly under the regime's pressures. She writes:

*"... My father has been a political prisoner inside the mullahs' dungeons for 9 years. When some of my family members came to Ashraf and joined the PMOI, the mullahs' regime viciously arrested my father and placed a gun to his head, all before the eyes of me and my 8-year old sister... Afterwards when I joined the PMOI my father was banned from receiving any visits in jail and my other sister was banned from visiting or even calling him. This continues to this day. Moreover, my aunt and uncle, both college students, were arrested and placed under the most horrible tortures in order to prevent them from travelling to Ashraf. The regime's intelligence agents told my father we will execute you since your family members have joined the PMOI, and we will never release you... Under extreme pressures and conditions in prison my father began suffering from blood cancer, and they have turned this into leverage against him by depriving him of medical care.*



**Political Prisoner Saleh Kohandel**

*The regime's Revolutionary Guards forces have gone to my sister and grandmother many times to impel them to become active to have us return from Ashraf, and now Liberty."*

### **BEHROOZ KAZEMI**

Behrooz is the son of PMOI martyr Jafar Kazemi. Jafar was arrested for visiting Behrooz at Ashraf. The regime recognized him as a mohareb (enmity against God). The sentence clearly stated that one of the reasons for the death penalty is Jafar's family visits at Ashraf. Behrooz tells his story in a letter to UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad al-Husseini:

*"My name is Behrooz Kazemi and I live in Camp Liberty... The Iranian regime arrested my father in the summer of 2009 for only coming to Ashraf to visit me. After undergoing torture for two years, the Iranian regime executed him on 24 January 2011.*

*On the very same day, the Iranian regime executed another person alongside my father for the same crime: visiting relatives and friends in Camp Ashraf. His name was Mohammad Ali Haj Aghaie. Amnesty International condemned the executions and wrote:*



**Jafar and Behrooz Kazemi in Ashraf**

*"Both men had visited relatives at Camp Ashraf in Iraq".*

### **HEJRAT AND FOROUGH MOEZZI**

Hejrat and Forough are the daughters of political prisoner Ali Moezzi who was arrested and imprisoned for going to Ashraf and visiting his two daughters in 2008. He is now 65 and suffers from cancer. His imprisonment sentence ended this year but the regime refused to release him.

Hejrat and Forough tell their family story:

*"...Our father, Ali Moezzi is presently imprisoned in the Karaj Central Prison. He was arrested in 2008 because he travelled to Ashraf to visit us. He was tried in a kangaroo*



**Political prisoner Ali Moezzi**

"The Iranian regime arrested my father in the summer of 2009 for only coming to Ashraf to visit me. After undergoing torture for two years, the Iranian regime executed him on 24 January 2011."

**Behrooz Kazemi**

"It is a crime for the families in Iran to visit their relatives and loved ones in Ashraf and now in Camp Liberty?"

**Hejrat and Forough Moezzi**

*court and sentenced to imprisonment. He has spent many years in the mullahs' prisons under torture.*

*It is a crime for the families in Iran to visit their relatives and loved ones in Ashraf and now in Camp Liberty? His latest picture that we have seen proved that they tortured him. During a transfer to court, prison guards broke his head. He is 65 years old and suffering from cancer. He has been under psychological and physical tortures for 7 years."*

### **HAMID REZA AKBARI MONFARED**

Hamid Reza's story presents another aspect of the fact that the PMOI's real families are arrested, imprisoned, tortured and even executed for the sole reason that they're PMOI families. He writes in a letter to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon:

*"... On the night of 29 December 2008 the Iranian regime's henchmen stormed my sister's home, Maryam – she had committed no crime and she was a housewife with 3 little children. She was arrested only because my other sister and I were in Ashraf. She was sentenced to 15 years behind bars and the judge told her that she should suffer and receive the punishment on behalf of us for being in the PMOI!*

*Also, on 18 January 2013 the MOIS raided my brother Reza's house and arrested him in front of his 3 children for the same pretext and sentenced him to 5.5 years of imprisonment.*

*It is worth noting that my sister Roqieh and brothers Ali Reza, Abdul Reza and Gholam Reza were all executed by the Iranian regime for their affiliation with the PMOI."*

### **SAEED AMIRKHIZ**

In his letter to Mr. Ján Kubiš, Saeed Amirkhiz explains how the Iranian regime arrests and imprisons a family at the airport for having the intent to go to Ashraf and visit family members. Saeed stresses in his letter that the PMOI's real family are those who are suffering and enduring torture in prisons. He writes:

*"After the 2003 war in Iraq, my family came to see me at Ashraf. But upon return to Iran all of them were arrested and tortured for taking the journey. Two of my brothers, Hamid and Ali Asghar, were sentenced to two years imprisonment in Evin prison. My older brother was also arrested and given a 5 year imprisonment sentence for visiting me at Ashraf. He was tortured in prison and banned from medical treatment."*

### **MARYAM NABAVI**

PMOI member Maryam Nabavi explains in her letter to High Commissioner Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein about how she, along with her family, were arrested and imprisoned upon returning to Iran from a family visit to Ashraf. She also states that her brother and other relatives are now imprisoned for the same crime. The letter is informative enough:

*"I went to visit Ashraf in 2006 along with 9 members of my family. But two weeks after we had returned to Iran, 17 members of my family including myself were arrested and interrogated. MOIS agents attacked our houses and arrested my grandfather. We were under investigation for a long time. My family was under pressure. I was forced to leave Iran and come to Ashraf to save my life.*

*In 2009 my brother was arrested and transferred to Evin prison. He was under torture because of my affiliation with the PMOI. And I noticed that my family was under a brutal pressure. My mother and 3 of my family members were arrested in 2010 while my 2 uncles were still in prison. Almost all of my family members were in prison at that time. Their only crime was travelling to Ashraf. My family was totally under control even every phone call would be heard by the intelligence service and I found out that if I keep my contacts with my family it would cause more pressure on them.”*

### **SOHEIL HAERY**

Soheil’s story is similar to stories of other PMOI members. His family was constantly harassed and imprisoned by the Iranian regime’s MOIS because he was a PMOI member. His father even received a death sentence for it. His sister, Negar Haery, has been arrested 5 times up to now and is currently serving time in prison. The situation of Soheil’s family clearly shows the Iranian regime’s approach towards PMOI families:

*“...Due to my membership in PMOI has been living under the harshest crime was visiting me at Ashraf.*

*At the outset, the MOIS arrested my and sentenced him to death. He was evidence against him, therefore his years imprisonment.*



**Hamid and Negar Haery**

*and efforts to visit me, my family circumstances in Iran. Their only*

*father on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 innocent and there was no sentenced was changed to 15*

*My sister, Negar Haery, has been arrested 5 times after my father’s detention, during 2010-2015 and every time she has been placed under the cruelest physical and psychological torturers. On May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 she was called to the Tehran revolutionary court and arrested and sent to Evin prison.*

*I should note that my sister is an international jurist. She accepted to defend in court the Ashraf residents’ families, who weren’t able to pay for a lawyer. My mother was also arrested because of her efforts to visit me in 2011. She was imprisoned for one year and was released on a 1.85 billion Toman bail.”*

### **ALI REZA BAHRAMI**

Ali Reza Bahrami's family was arrested and imprisoned for visiting family members at Ashraf. In a letter to UN High Commissioner Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein, Ali Reza reveals this conspiracy under the guise of family relations:

*"In autumn 2005 my family - mother, father and sisters- wanted to see me in Camp Ashraf. We spoke on the phone and everything was arranged. But they were arrested upon leaving Iran at Tehran airport. Then, they were taken to prison, where they were kept for several months. They hadn't done anything wrong, except trying to visit me. They were arrested because they intended to see me! In a statement Amnesty International also condemned their detentions."*

### **ALI REZA RASHDI**

Ali Reza Rashidi's mother intended to meet him and his sister in Ashraf, yet was arrested and imprisoned by the regime. In a letter to the UN SRSG in Iraq, Ali Reza tells his story:

*"In 2004 and 2005 when I was in Ashraf and the protection of this camp was on the shoulders of the US forces, my mother was able to visit my sister and me in the camp. In 2008 when the protection of Ashraf was about to be handed over to Iraqi forces, my mother intended to see me, but unfortunately the MOIS arrested her in Tehran airport. My mother, along with a number of other families who intended to visit their loved ones in Ashraf, and were seeking to depart Iran legally, were all arrested by the MOIS and transferred to prison. During this period I had no information about my mother. She was sentenced to five years behind bars whereas her only "crime" was visiting her children in Ashraf. My mother was 56-years old at the time and during this period inside the regime's prisons she lost her right eye vision because of the harsh prison conditions."*

### **NARGES DOKMEHCHI**

Narges' story is truly heartbreaking. In a letter to UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein, Nargis states that her father was arrested and imprisoned on charges of coming to Ashraf and also her membership in the PMOI. Her family realized that Narges' father Mohsen is suffering from pancreatic cancer. Her family tried very hard to send Mohsen to chemotherapy outside of prison yet the Iranian regime's officials refused. They intended to make Narges' father suffer a slow and painful death. She wrote:

*"... My father was arrested six months after I joined the PMOI. He was a political prisoner from 1982-1989. He suffered the most rigorous tortures that led to his kidney failures."*

"My sister, Negar Haery, has been arrested 5 times after my father's detention, during 2010-2015 and every time she has been placed under the cruelest physical and psychological torturers."

### **Soheil Haery**

"My family - mother, father and sisters- wanted to see me in Camp Ashraf... but they were arrested upon leaving Iran."

### **Alireza Bahrami**

*The regime prosecuted him on the charge that his daughter was in Ashraf. After a year we found out he has pancreas cancer. My mother tried so hard to get permission for his treatment, yet she wasn't successful. The judge and MOIS agents denied him treatment. My father lost his life after 7 months of suffering from severe pains. Not even once was he allowed to leave the prison for chemotherapy. He was hardly allowed to visit the prison clinic. They had told him if you cooperate with us and announce that the PMOI forcefully kept your daughter in Ashraf, you would be free and we will allow you to receive cancer treatment. My brave father turned down the offer. The prison warden told an inmate who was protesting to my father's conditions: we're not supposed to execute all PMOI members, some must suffer to death!"*

### **MAHMOUD DANESHPOUR**

Mahmoud Daneshpour has a 71 year-old father, a 69 year-old mother and a 45 year-old brother who are all in prison. The crime they have been charged with by the Iranian regime is moharebeh (enmity against God). However, the main reason behind their arrest is their visit to Ashraf to meet family members. Mahmoud writes in this regard:

*"In 2009 when US forces were in charge of the security of Camp Ashraf, there was still free commuting into Ashraf and my family, like many other family members of Ashraf residents, came to the camp and stayed at a hotel that was prepared for such guests. When they returned to Iran the regime immediately banned them from ever leaving the country and when a few months later they sought to exit the country again to see me, the Iranian regime prevented them from ever doing so. With the growing uprising of the Iranian people in 2009 the regime in*

*retribution arrested and jailed many of my family members. They explicitly said in their kangaroo courts that were aired on state-run TV that their crimes were my membership in the PMOI and their trip to Ashraf to see me. Whereas my father, 71-year old Mohsen Daneshpour Moghaddam, my mother, 61-year old Mottahare Bahrami Haghighi, and my brother, 45-year old Ahmad Daneshpour Moghaddam, were all suffering from terminal illnesses. In these sham court sessions, held without any lawyers and lacking minimum standards, they were sentenced on the charge of „mohareb“ punishable by death in the mullahs" regime.*



**Political prisoners Ahmad and Mohsen Daneshpour Moghaddam**

