

# 2021 FREE IRAN SUMMIT

Holding Ebrahim Raisi Accountable  
for Crimes Against Humanity  
Genocide, Regional & Nuclear Defiance



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Former Vice-President Mike Pence headlined an Iranian-American conference held at the Hilton, Washington, DC, in support of the main resistance front to the Iranian regime, the National Council of Resistance of Iran and the pivotal MEK force that is organizing and spearheading the resistance inside Iran and internationally.

Vice-President Pence was joined by a bi-partisan panel of speakers, including Senator Joseph Lieberman, Senator Robert Torricelli, 81<sup>st</sup> US Attorney General Michael Mukasey, and General James Conway, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Mr. Pence also participated in a question and answer session with Marc Short, his former chief of staff, while at the White House, and made news while discussing the internal deliberations of the Trump-Pence Administration on taking out Qassem Soleimani, the notorious terrorist leader of the Iranian regime's Quds Force.

The conference, hosted by the Organization of Iranian American Communities (OIAC), to spotlight support of the Iranian Diaspora and American policymakers, was attended by hundreds of prominent Iranian-Americans from all over the United States who listened to a video message to the conference by Maryam Rajavi, the President-elect of the NCRI.

Mr. Pence expressed support for the MEK as the alternative to the mullahs' regime, acknowledged the 1988 massacre of political prisoners in Iran as a crime against humanity, and called for Ebrahim Raisi's prosecution.

*Excerpts of remarks by speakers follow:*



## Maryam Rajavi: Raisi must be prosecuted now and not later

This is a very timely conference. The regime is engulfed in many crises with no solution. The people's daily life is worsening. The economic foundations have been destroyed. In 2021, inflation in Iran has reached 50 percent, and unemployment is on the rise.

Khamenei and the Revolutionary Guards (IRGC) are plundering the nation's wealth or spending it on meddling in the region as well as on nuclear, missile, and drone projects. Corruption is widespread, while poverty is on the rise.



Due to serious domestic crises, the regime fears uprisings similar to November 2019 that shook the regime to its foundations. Therefore, Khamenei decided on a policy of contraction. The current composition of the three branches is intended to deal with the situation the regime is facing. Khamenei selected Ebrahim Raisi, through a sham election, as the regime president and then appointed another criminal, Gholam Hossein Mohseni Eje'i, as the Judiciary Chief.

Raisi was a member of the Death Commission in the 1988 massacre to implement Khomeini's decree to execute PMOI members who remained loyal to the organization. 30,000 political prisoners were executed in a few months.

The regime's Parliament Speaker is also a Revolutionary Guards commander. He proudly talks about his role in the suppression of students' protests in 1999.

With Raisi and his cabinet, dominated by IRGC commanders, and a policy of contraction, Khamenei intends to preserve his fragile regime.

However, the crises are so deep, and the gap between the people and the regime is so wide, that Khamenei can neither resolve these crises nor contain the public anger. In addition, in light of nationwide protests by almost every sector of Iranian society, and the activities of Resistance Units, the regime fears that even a small incident could trigger a major uprising.

In a word, the Iranian people are ready for the regime's overthrow more than at any other time.

It is time for the international community to side with the people of Iran and their desire for change. The Iranian people have clearly demonstrated their demands and their resolve for change. They reject the regime in its entirety.

So, let it be clear: regime change in Iran, by the Iranian people and their Resistance, is inevitable, and nothing can prevent it. It is time for the world to recognize this fact as well.

The people of Iran expect governments, including the U.S. and the European governments, to revise their policy on Iran and side with the Iranian people. On the nuclear issue, it is time to abandon the policy of ignoring the regime's violations. The time has come to re-impose all of the UN Security Council resolutions suspended in 2015.

The mullahs are using the nuclear talks to silence the international community about the worsening human rights situation in Iran and its terrorism and meddling in the region. Doing business with the regime will only

fill the pocket of the IRGC and reinforce the suppressive organs and agencies in charge of the export of terrorism.

The people of Iran expect the international community to prosecute Ebrahim Raisi for genocide and crime against humanity in an international court. He is a mass murderer. He must be prosecuted now and not later.

In closing, allow me to repeat: The people of Iran are determined to overthrow this religious dictatorship as they did with the Shah's dictatorship. They want to establish a republic based on democratic values, where people are the only decision-makers. For this cause, 120,000 of the best children of Iran have sacrificed their lives.

In the free Iran after the mullahs, the National Council of Resistance of Iran is committed to holding free elections and respecting the rights of all people. We are committed to gender equality, including in political and economic leadership. We reject the death penalty and the mullahs' Sharia law. We advocate a non-nuclear Iran.

I call on the international community and world leaders to adopt their policy on Iran in line with the Iranian people's desire, and to identify Iran with its people and not with its criminal rulers.

## **Vice President Mike Pence: There is an alternative, well organized, fully prepared, perfectly qualified and popularly supported alternative called the MEK**

It is my great honor to address the Free Iran 2021 summit. Today, along with all of you, thousands of freedom loving people across the United States and Europe, Iran and nations around the world are joining together in pursuit of a common cause, the liberation of the Iranian people from decades of tyranny and the rebirth of a free and peaceful, and prosperous and democratic Iran.

This is the first opportunity I've had to speak at length about Iran since completing my term as Vice President of the United States. And while I no longer speak on behalf of the United States government, I can assure you, as others, you will hear from today my countrymen. I'm confident I speak for the views of tens of millions of Americans. And I tell you with certainty that the American people support your goal of establishing a Democratic, secular, nonnuclear Iranian Republic that derives its powers from the consent of the governed.

What the Iranian people have endured since 1979 will be recorded by history as one of the great tragedies of the modern era. As a former elected leader, as an American citizen, as a man of faith who believes that all people are created in the image of God, the Iranian people have always been on my heart throughout my 20 years in public life.

In the 2009 uprising, millions of courageous young men and women filled the streets of Tehran and Tabriz in what seemed like every city and village in between. They denounced a fraudulent election; they demanded an end decades of repression.



Unfortunately, the Obama-Biden administration's halfhearted support and refusal to act ultimately emboldened Iran's tyrannical rulers to crack down on that dissent.

But the enduring hope of a free Iran, as you approve again today, can never be extinguished. And under the Trump-Pence administration, I'm proud that America did not turn a deaf ear to the pleas of the Iranian people. We did not remain silent in the face of the regime's countless atrocities. We stood with the freedom loving people in Iran. We stood against their tyrannical regime, as perhaps no administration had done in the modern era. And we made it clear that under no circumstances would the United States ever allow Iran to obtain a nuclear weapon. We confronted the regime's malign activities and violence in the region, and our administration did not hesitate to take decisive action against the most dangerous terrorist in the world. The head of the Quds Force, Qassem Soleimani is gone.

By all indications, the Iranian people are ready for change. And there's every indication that the tyrannical regime in Iran knows their days are numbered.

The recent selection of Ebrahim Raisi to service Iran's President, I believe, is a sign of the regime's growing desperation and vulnerability. Thirty years ago, Raisi was in charge of the Ayatollah's death squad, and he's now the President of that country, a brutal mass murderer responsible in 1988 for the massacre of 30,000 political prisoners. His selection as President is clearly intended to quash internal dissent and intimidate the people of Iran into remaining silent. Ebrahim Raisi must be removed from office by the people of Iran, and he must be prosecuted for crimes against humanity and genocide.

And today, by all indications, the resistance movement in Iran has never been stronger. Resistance units in Iran are the center of hope for the Iranian people. They're the engine of change from within during the uprisings and continued protests. Let me be clear. And I know I speak on behalf of tens of millions of Americans, of both political parties and of every political philosophy. The American people stand unequivocally on the side of the Iranian people and their Resistance.

One of the biggest lies the ruling regime has sold the world is that there's no alternative to the status quo. But there is an alternative, well organized, fully prepared, perfectly qualified and popularly supported alternative called the MEK. The MEK is committed to democracy, human rights and freedom for every citizen of Iran, and it's led by an extraordinary woman. Mrs. Rajavi is an inspiration to the world.

Her ten-point plan for the future of Iran will ensure freedom of expression, freedom of assembly, and freedom for every Iranian to choose their elected leaders. Our greatest hope must always be for a peaceful, cooperative and harmonious coexistence with Iran and all the sovereign nations of the region and the world.

Iran will someday be free. I believe in all of my heart that the day will come when the Ayatollah's ironfisted grip on Iran is ended.

I believe that a new glorious day will dawn. A bright future will begin, ushering an era of peace, stability, prosperity and freedom for the good people of Iran. And so I pray with all my heart that that day will come soon.



## Senator Joseph Lieberman: Raisi should be arrested, taken to The Hague and put on trial for crimes against humanity and the crime of genocide

We've come a long way. This movement has come a long way, and it was very clear that for the vice President, he was not just reading a script that somebody wrote for him.



He spoke from his heart and from his head. He believes in our cause. And that kind of support brings us closer to the day when we will have a free Iran. We are here not only because we believe in your cause, our cause. We're here because we believe in you. We know you. You have contributed enormously to our country and yet, like so many other groups in America, you have a heritage.

You and the NCRI-MEK have formed and constitute clearly the most broad based movement inside Iran and around the world of opposition to the regime that exists. The support from the people is enormous and unprecedented. Incidentally, every event you do, you do with such excellence and organization and effect, it shows how effective this group is going to be when you're in charge of a free Iran.

You have a plan for the governance of Iran after this regime collapses, a plan which is practical, inclusive, comprehensive and Democratic. And you have which every successful movement must; a leader who is inspirational, deeply religious, with extraordinary capabilities and great courage, Mrs. Maryam Rajavi. Mrs. Rajavi has a dream. She has a dream of a better freer life for the people of Iran. And that dream drives her and drives each of us in this movement, which I state again as an American, am proud to stand with you today and will every day until the extremist terrorist totalitarian regime which controls your great country falls from power as it surely will.

The greatest challenge, the greatest threat that the United States faces in the world today is from the regime in Tehran, Iran. Department of State continues to say that the regime in Tehran is the number one state sponsor of terrorism in the world. We know that Iran has enabled aggression and subversion throughout its region, bringing untold suffering and death to people living in Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, Iraq, and of course, most immediately, as well in Iran.

We know that the regime in Tehran is one of the most brutal dictatorships in the world, suppressing the human rights of its citizens, jailing journalists simply because of what they've written and killing political opponents just because of what they believe and say in shocking numbers, including as many as 30,000 of God's children in 1988, only because they were members of the regime's most significant opposition, the MEK, the Mojahedin-e-Khalq, the very organization we are proud to be standing with today.

Khamenei, has selected Ebrahim Raisi as president who oversaw the murder of 30000 political opponents. Instead of occupying the office of the President of a great country like Iran, Raisi should be arrested, taken to The Hague and put on trial for crimes against humanity and the crime of genocide. How can anyone in the leadership of our closest allies in Europe and in the Biden administration think that an effective agreement on nuclear weapons or anything else can be achieved with this regime, with its brutal record, that offends our American values, with the criminal history and corrupt history of its leaders, with its violent anti-western policies and aims. I answer my question. It is not possible to achieve a reasonable agreement with these people. It is a delusion. It is a dangerous delusion.

**Michael Mukasey:  
NCRI, headed by Mrs. Rajavi  
has shown that it has both the  
program and the organizational  
capability for democracy in Iran**



The two months since Ibrahim Raisi took office as President of Iran have been liberating in a sense, although it's only in a bitterly ironic sense, we can now feel liberated from any uncertainty about what path the Mullahs who put him in power will follow internationally, and we can feel liberated also from any hope that the Iranian people can expect any improvement in their situation under the current regime. Those dreams are gone if they ever existed. The selection of a person like Raisi who participated directly in a massacre of thousands in 1988 to be President should have been enough to show that the Supreme Leader Khamenei and the rest of the regime do not care how they are perceived by the outside world and are prepared to resort to any means, including mass murder, to achieve their goal, their goal of imposing their view of proper religious law on the region and on as much of the world as possible.

The character of the regime has continued to play out in courtrooms around the world. The trial of Assadollah Assadi concluded this year in a Belgian court.

Assadi was an Iranian diplomat convicted of using his diplomatic cover to fly a bomb from Iran to Europe that was to have been exploded at a Free Iran rally in Paris in June of 2018. That bomb was intended to kill Mrs. Rajavi and other dignitaries who were present, as well as many freedom loving Iranians who were gathered there. And some of you may have been among them. The guilty verdict in that case showed that an accredited Iranian diplomat, an official international representative of the regime, had dared to use the cover of his diplomatic status to carry a bomb from Iran to hand it over to two accomplices, teaching them how to operate it and then checking with them to see how the operation was going.

And more recently than that, the trial of Hamid Noury for crimes committed during the 1988 massacre has been proceeding in Sweden and has featured electronically transmitted videos testimony by residents of Ashraf three in Albania who witnessed and suffered from nurse crimes. Noury was a member of the IRGC who worked as a prosecutor and an active member of the death Commission in Gohardasht prison in 1988, when the executions were at their highest.

His job included, according to the Swedish prosecutor, selecting which prisoners should be put before the Commission, the death Commission that decided which of them would be executed and then arranging the executions. Five members of MEK who live in Ashraf three testified to Noury's crimes by video conference from a courtroom in Durres, Albania, crimes that included imprisonment of some of them as well as the murder of members of their families. Their testimony also implicates the current President of Iran, Ebrahim Raisi, who in 2009 expressed the view that whoever is with the MEK, regardless of what he has done, should be condemned to death.

Raisi has pronounced a death sentence on all members of MEK who number in the tens of thousands, both in Iran and elsewhere. When Winston Churchill spoke of the Nazis program to eradicate the Jews, he said, we are speaking of a crime without a name.

That crime came to have a name, genocide. And it is a name that has been attached to what the Tutsi did to the Hutu in Rwanda.

There is an alternative to the current regime that's readily available. NCRI, headed by Mrs. Rajavi has shown that it has both the program and the organizational capability to provide the leadership that will give Iran a Democratic alternative to the current tyranny. A secular government with the rights of all men and women are recognized, a government that will not pursue nuclear weapons or seek to destabilize its neighbors, a government that will proceed according to a ten-point program Mrs. Rajavi has already outlined. That is yet an additional reason why there should be no hesitation to get rid of the current regime.

What succeeds, it will not be chaos. It will be an orderly transition toward the tradition that has illuminated Iran for hundreds and hundreds of years and that the Iranian people are proud of. It is a tradition that will be carried on by the people, hopefully the people in this room and by NCRI.

## Senator Robert Torricelli: This regime must go by any means, and it must happen now



I was thinking of the massacre of so many brothers and sisters in 1988, of Ashraf, of the cowardly attacks on people in their sleep, in the camps of the leaving of Iraq.

I was thinking of all those years and all that sacrifice. And it's just then the Joe Lieberman leaned over to me and he said, we've come a long way. Now I know that Raisi sitting in Tehran is thinking, well, that was then. And that's the past. If you hear my voice today, listen carefully. You ain't seen nothing yet. We're coming for you. We're coming for you.

We always basically believe in every human being. There is decency. And over time, goodness triumphs. If you just give it a chance. It's a wonderful American quality. It's also not always true. Sometimes people are just evil. And sometimes things don't just always work out on their own. Sometimes history needs to be pushed. Things will not change in Iran unless we make them change. Sometimes you need to just look history in the eye and accept it the way that it is.

It's been 40 years. The leadership in Tehran is not getting better. They've gone from bad to selecting a war criminal, a leader of genocide.

This regime must go by any means, and it must happen now. It's almost unbelievable. Iran now has a President who's afraid to go to Scotland. Can't come to New York because he's afraid of getting arrested as a war criminal.

I was a kid in the Carter administration when Jimmy Carter was told Iran was an island of stability. It was not even a prerevolutionary state. And a month later, the Shah was in Panama. I've heard this. I've heard this analysis. I know these words. Yeah. These dictators, these dictators, these desperate, always look strong until they're not.

We all remember Russia in 1989. Of course we remember the Shah. History is full of these instances when you least expect that, you know, they're going to fall, you know, it is soon. When we were speaking with Vice President Pence and he thanked us all for our involvement, Senator Lieberman and I both said to him of our collective 40 years in American politics. I have never seen a bipartisan coalition in America with the depth of



the support that the MEK has. I've never seen anything like it. Never. It just never happened. And so if you can hear my voice in a village or town across Iran, let me leave you with this thought, sharing a bit of that American optimism.

There is an alternative. There is. There is one organization that has never compromised with the terror. There's one. And that one organization has the means, the leadership, the focus. And on day one, the international support to rejoin the international community. That organization is the MEK. And Mrs. Rajavi is its leader. And we are the answer. There is at the darkest of days in South Africa, when apartheid was at its strongest, the resistance was at its weakest. Robert Kennedy spoke in Cape Town to a group of students who had no power and no chance against the regime.

And he said, never doubt the ability of a small and determined group of people to change the course of history because nothing else ever has. A single woman United France, one planter in Virginia inspired the world. One priest in Germany United the Church, never doubt. But we are not a few. We are not one man or one woman, and we are not weak. But we are not to be underestimated. If you wonder where the future of Iran lies, look at the person next to you. Look to Mrs. Rajavi and thank the days because the day will come. When you will have your grandchild on your knee. And you will say, be proud, my son, my daughter. Because when Iran was on the line, the future was to be decided. Your family, your uncle, your father, your grandfather father stood with Mrs. Rajavi. Stood with the MEK and reclaimed the future of the great Iranian people. Thank you. God bless you.

## **General James Convery: My greetings and my best wishes to those people in Ashraf Three, they are my heroes**



I'm told that they're viewing live today, and I certainly hope so because I would like to send my Greetings and my best wishes to those people in Ashraf Three.

In a very real sort of way, they are my heroes. It probably started about six years ago after the massacres at Ashraf and then Camp Liberty. Nations across the world expressed their outrage.

Some sent letters, but one country did something about it, and that was the great nation, the Republic of Albania. They extended a welcome and they said to those people at Liberty, come here, join us, live in peace and freedom. And 2500 of your fellow countrymen chose to do so. We went there in 2019, an American entourage, if you will, of visitors. I didn't know what to expect.

I think I anticipated that we would find 2500 people who were fairly despondent, fairly depressed at that point, maybe even suffering from survivors, guilt, those types of things that would follow their most recent experiences. Folks, that is not what we found when we got there. There were throngs of people lining the streets of their newly created village. They were waving little Iranian flags. They were smiling and cheering, and you could feel the warmth of their welcome. It was a complete surprise to me to see that that night.

I made it a point to sit down in conference with a number of them, actually a high percentage of them. And they reflected back on the happy days at the original Camp Ashraf. I understood that because I had visited there actually in about 2008, when my Marines had security for the camp, and it was purely an Oasis in the desert of culture, in the humanities. And I understood the pride that they had in what happened there



originally, to be sure, when they spoke of their friends and family who had been killed or badly maimed in the attacks, they cried.

And there was a transformation in these people because they said, we know who the Iranian agent thugs were and that the Iraqi security forces were doing these things to us. But the real culprits are in Tehran. That's where the orders came from. And they started to express a determination, a real sense of purpose in making sure that those people no longer rule the good people of Iran. You could see it in their faces.

You could see it in their eyes. I read body language, and it was there later that night before I hit the rack. I reflected on that, and it reminded me in many ways of a night I had had when I was a combat commander in the city of Ramadi in Iraq.

I said, then to the people at Ashraf three the next day, what I saw last night reminds me of my Marines, and I am absolutely convinced that you have that same grip, that same level of determination. And one day you're going to win too. I will tell you folks, thank you. I will say to you that to me, the people of Ashraf and of course, Madame Rajavi are the heart and the soul and the face of this great movement.

## [The Summit in the Media](#)

### **Newsweek**

Thursday, October 28, 2021

#### [Mike Pence Says Joe Biden's Iran Nuclear Strategy Shows 'Weakness'](#)

Pence condemned the "tyranny" of the Iranian government and dismissed Raisi as a "brutal mass murderer," suggesting his election was a "sign of the regime's growing desperation and vulnerability."

### **The INDEPENDENT**

Thursday, October 28, 2021

#### [Pence headlines Free Iran summit in DC denouncing Ebrahim Raisi](#)

“One of the biggest lies the ruling regime has sold the world is that there is no alternative to the status quo. But there is an alternative – a well-organised, fully prepared, perfectly qualified and popularly supported alternative called the MEK,” said the former vice president.





Eric Shawn: Warning to Iran: 'The regime will fall'

# The Washington Times

Friday, October 29, 2021

## 'Weakness arouses evil': Pence slams Biden's Iran policy, says America's enemies emboldened

In his remarks, Mr. Pence also took direct aim at Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, who assumed power over the summer. Mr. Pence said the new Iranian leader — already under American economic sanctions because of his involvement in the deaths of thousands of Iranian political prisoners in 1988 — should be removed from office by the people of Iran.



October 31, 2021

## Mike Pence demands prosecution of Ebrahim Raisi

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