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Rudy Giuliani

Former Mayor of New York



While the Iranian regime negotiated with the United States and the west on the surface, they were enriching uranium in secret and moved forward with becoming a nuclear power. Rouhani has written and admitted that this was a complete hoax. The last time the Iranian regime tried to fool us

about their nuclear ambitions, who exposed their concealment? Who revealed their lying? The MEK revealed that.

Rouhani has been a supporter of this homicidal regime from the very beginning. There are 7 brave Iranian patrons, six women and one man, who are being held hostage in Iraq right now. This follows the September 1 slaughter, the savage attack on Camp Ashraf, where 52 people were killed by Iraqi forces with the complicity of Iran. Each and every one of these 52 people and the 7 hostages have been promised protection by the United States and the United Nations and in each case so far the UN and the US have turned their backs on murder. This must stop! The President of the United States should remember how much blood is on Rouhani's hands before he considers shaking hands with him.

Patrick Kennedy

Former U.S. Congressman



Rouhani is a disgrace to that United Nations behind me. Rouhani is a war criminal who is walking in the United Nations, and as he does so he is shaming the United Nations.

There are 3100 more refugees in Camp Liberty that need to be protected. They need to be protected.

So the United States promised to protect these refugees and the United States has broken its promise, has broken its promise to these 52 martyrs and the 113 that died under the United States protection, like the rest before them. They were buried with their identity card saying they were protected persons under the United Nations and the United States. What a shame on the United States. What a shame on the United Nations that we have not protected these refugees, whose only crime is that they want a free Iran, whose only crime is that they want to say enough is enough to the torture and imprisonment of hundreds of thousands of their fellow Iranians.

We are going to say to the United Nations and say to the United States that we expect them to live up to their words to protect free peoples, to stand up for human rights, to stand up against terrorism, instead of listening to the largest state sponsor of terrorism.

John Bolton

Former U.S. Ambassador to UN



American policy, with respect to Iran, has to be regime change in Tehran. The fact is Rouhani is a fraud. He knows what he is doing is trying to get relief from the economic sanctions to relieve pressure on the regime inside Iran.

Ten years ago in 2003, Rouhani was Iran's chief nuclear negotiator. He made concessions suspensions of the uranium enrichment program, but the suspensions were going to occur anyway because the regime had technical and scientific difficulties with uranium conversion and enrichment. He got time for the regime to fix the problems, overcome the difficulties, and then continue to make progress.

We should not be considering reducing sanctions against the regime, we should also impose sanctions on the Al-Maliki regime in Iraq, suspending American aid until they do the right thing with Camp Liberty.

Michael Steele

64th Chair of the US Republican National Committee



Leaders like Rouhani speak the soft words of compromise and negotiation, of acceptance and tolerance, yet their actions kill, their actions take life, their actions imprison. The MEK has demonstrated an exceptional

organizational capability and the ability to shape internal dynamics in favor of change, in favor of opportunity, in favor of peace. Changing the regime begins with you, and that change is long overdue.

The current government of the Islamic Republic of Iran will eventually end up in the ash heap of history, but that will only happen because of your continued perseverance. It is critically important for the U.S. to stand clearly and unequivocally on the side of the Iranian people and support their quest for freedom.

Thousands of Iranian chant at UN rally: "Rouhani is no moderate!"

Thousands of Iranians took part in a major demonstration in New York to reject Iran's new president Hassan Rouhani and declared that he is anything but a moderate. They urged the U.S. and the UN to act immediately to guarantee the safety and security of Iranian dissidents in Iraq and to demand Iraq release seven Iranian dissidents taken hostage during the raid by Iraqi forces on Camp Ashraf on September 1.

The Iranians who had come to New York from all over the US, timed to coincide with the UN General Assembly, declared that Rouhani does not represent the Iranian people and was selected from a handful of mullahs who all proved their total allegiance to the supreme leader.

They declared that he has been an instrumental figure in the clerical regime for the past 34 years particularly in its intelligence and military apparatus and has played a key role in the regime's clandestine drive to acquire nuclear weapons, and later boasted of deceiving the international community.

The protestors, supporters of the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI/MEK), while carrying the Iranian flags and the emblem of the PMOI, underscored that Rouhani has colluded with Iraq to massacre 52 unarmed refugees at Camp Ashraf, Iraq, on September 1, and taking seven others as hostage.

They pointed out that Rouhani continues to provide military and financial support for Assad's regime and reiterate Tehran's unwavering support for Assad. Since his election more than 178 people, including women and minors have been hanged.

Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, the President-elect of the Iranian Resistance sent a video message to the rally.

Scores of American luminaries addressed the demonstration. They rejected the notion of Rouhani being a moderate and said he is a terror master with a smile. They urged the US to stand by the Iranian people and the Iranian resistance for a regime change in Iran and the establishment of democracy and human rights.

Excerpts from:

Mrs. Maryam Rajavi's Message to New York Rally



Your gathering today is an outcry, to ask why are the UN and US hosting a mullah who participated in the decision making for the massacre of Ashraf residents, a mullah who since becoming president, more than 160 have been executed in Iran? He has intensified the suppression of women by forced veiling and has supported the IRGC and regime's meddling in Syria, at a time that the cooperation of the mullahs' regime with Syria's dictatorship in the massacre of innocent people by using chemical weapons has provoked an international outrage.

I would like to particularly highlight the importance and priority of freeing the 7 Ashraf hostages. The US Government and President Obama have responsibility for the safety of the seven hostages. I forewarn, the fate of these hostages will pave the way for other catastrophes.

I call on President Obama and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to act on their responsibility and break their silence; and use their influence in Iraq to take vital and urgent measures in order to:

First: Immediately release the hostages.

Second: Station a UN monitoring team and UN Blue Helmets in Liberty round the clock.

Third: Immediately install seventeen thousand five hundred T-wills in Liberty and transfer other necessary security equipment.

Forth: The UNHCR declare all members of PMOI in Liberty as political refugees.

Fifth: Right to ownership of residents on their movable and immovable assets in Ashraf and the right to sell them must be guaranteed.

Sixth: The UN Secretary General must put on the UN agenda an independent investigation about the massacre of Ashraf in a defined timeframe.

Twenty-three days have passed since the start of hunger strikes and sit-ins in Camp Liberty and key cities throughout Europe, the United States, Canada, and Australia to protest the kidnapping of seven members of the PMOI, and this movement has drawn the attention of many people in the world to this most important matter.

The United Nations and the United States of America have in these past years repeatedly violated their promises of protection and security for the PMOI/MEK. Now they are playing the shameful role of silent bystanders. There is no better gift that can be given to the hostage-takers and killers in Baghdad and their puppet masters in Tehran than this silence.

The US and UN silence can only be interpreted as a denial of this kidnapping at a time that the twin dictatorships of Iran and Iraq refuse to accept responsibility for it.

The mullahs in Tehran are today frightened by the prospect of their demise and this increases the insecurity and vulnerability of Camp Liberty, particularly since Maleki and Khamenei have now focused their plots on Liberty after the massacre at Ashraf and seek to annihilate the PMOI/MEK members as a way of exiting this crisis which threatens them with overthrow.

Robert Torricelli

Former U.S. Senator



Rouhani fears our voices and our presence. He fears the freedom that we want for Iranian people. I do not accept an American president to meet with a leader of the greatest terrorist government on the face

of the earth who has lied to America, deceived America, enslaved its own people, killed thousands of people, brings terror around the world.

Every tyrant believes that brutality, torture, and jails can bring security, but that's not the history of man. Rouhani, understand this: Every one of us you kill, every innocent refugee, every defenseless man, woman, child that you torture, 1,000 will join our ranks to take their place. You think murdering 52 people in Ashraf will break our backs. You believe that with every missile that hits Camp Liberty, with every hostage that is taken into custody, it weakens our will; it is not so. With every offense against Liberty, our confidence grows, our determination is emboldened. A democracy in Iran, the democracy shared by people around the world is inevitable.

Delegation from Syrian Opposition



Dr. Fahmi Kheirollah:

We share with our friends, the free people of Iran, the same hope and aspirations. We both want freedom and democracy. We have the same enemy in both countries.

We will defeat this enemy. As the Iranian regime has supported Assad, the killer, and has given the tools and soldiers to kill and has sent Hezbollah to Syria. We will defeat this enemy. Syria and Iran will be free.

Dr. Hassan Sabba:

The Syrian people were not killed only by chemical weapon; chemical weapon only killed two percent, whereas 120,000 were killed by other weapons.

What is wrong with the free world? And the UN? You will be on the right side of the history. Taking away the chemical weapons does not solve the problem. Because leaving the baby killer there, he will use other weapons to kill Syrian people.

We need to bring these criminals to justice. They have to be held at the International Criminal Court (ICC).



Demonstrators Near UN: Iran's New President Has Blood On His Hands

NEW YORK (CBSNewYork/AP) – Thousands rallied near the United Nations Tuesday to protest Iran's new president Hasan Rouhani. The demonstrators waving their red, white and green Iranian flags were joined by some high-profile politicians who said Rouhani's recent talk of opening dialogue with the U.S. is merely a ruse.

"These martyrs were murdered," shouted former Rep. Patrick Kennedy, "Because they dared to dream of an Iran that had a democracy."

"If Obama thinks that he's shaking the hands of a moderate, he's actually shaking some bloody hands," demonstrator Amir Emadi said. "Rouhani does not represent the Iranian people." Emadi said his father was one of 52 people killed at a refugee camp in Iraq earlier this month at the behest of the Iranian president.

Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and ex-United Nations Ambassador John Bolton were among the speakers at Tuesday's protest. "The UN and the U.S. have turned their backs on murder," Giuliani said. "This must stop. Before he shakes hands with this man, he should consider how much blood is on his hands." He called Rouhani not a moderate but a mass-murderer whom America cannot trust.

In the gathering of Iranians in New York at the UN, former U.S. Congressman Patrick Kennedy, son of the late U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy, hold up pictures of Iranian refugees.



Iran's new president: A friend of the West?

Now that President Obama has opened the door to improving U.S.-Iranian relations, all eyes will be on Hassan Rouhani. In his first remarks in front of the international body, Rouhani will likely try to distinguish himself from his vitriolic predecessor Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Not everyone is thrilled with the prospects of the U.S. engaging with Rouhani. Thousands of Iranian Americans and human rights advocates were expected to gather at the Dag Hammarskjold Plaza in New York to protest Rouhani. They argue Rouhani's regime has executed 170 people since his election, oversaw two deadly attacks on Iranian dissidents in Iraq, and deceived the international community while advancing a nuclear weapons program.

AP Crowd protests Iran's Rouhani outside UN

NEW YORK (AP) — A throng of people waving Iranian flags and carrying signs condemned Iranian President Hasan Rouhani at a rally near the United Nations. The Manhattan protesters said Tuesday that his recent talk of opening dialogue with the United States is merely a ruse. They say Iran has to show it's moving away from trying to build a nuclear weapon before the United States opens any negotiations.

The sizeable crowd of at least several hundred people heard from speakers including former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and ex-United Nations Ambassador John Bolton. Rouhani, elected in June, was in New York to speak to the U.N. General Assembly.

President Barack Obama addressed the assembly Tuesday morning. He said Rouhani's words would have to be matched with actions.



Iran's new President Rohani to take centre stage at the United Nations

Anticipation is growing in New York for Iranian President Hassan Rohani's maiden address at the United Nations.

But not everyone is in a welcoming mood. Exiled Iranians protested outside the United Nations building calling Rouhani "a liar and a terrorist" and questioning his political will to bring about reform back home in Iran.

One protester said: "We need a real revolution. Our people need freedom and democracy, that's it."

But wider issues are taking priority over the domestic. Euronews correspondent in New York, Stefan Grobe said:

"When Rohani's predecessor Ahmadinejad spoke at the UN, diplomats regularly walked out. This time everybody wants to get in! Many at the East River believe that Rohani holds the key to a diplomatic door of opportunity that can open a new perspective for the Middle East."



Crowd protests Iran's Rouhani outside UN

NEW YORK, Sept.24, 2013 — Waving Iranian flags and carrying signs, a throng of people gathered in protest near the United Nations on Tuesday to condemn Iranian President Hasan Rouhani, saying his recent moves seemingly toward a more conciliatory stance and dialogue with the United States is merely a ruse.

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The Iranians at the rally carried signs and wore t-shirts in support of the opposition movement to Iran's regime, and accused Rouhani of having a long history of taking action against members of the opposition.