

# Obama Takes MeK Killers Off Terror List

by Michele Steinberg

Oct. 12—Just weeks after al-Qaeda-linked terrorists in Benghazi, Libya—possibly some of them trained and armed by the Obama Administration itself—assassinated Amb. Christopher Stevens and three other Americans, the Administration took *another* terrorist group—definitely armed and protected by the United States—off the list of international terrorists. The Mujahedin e-Kalq (MeK) (aka People’s Mujahedin Organization/MKO)—a terrorist organization that killed three American military officers in Iran, the *only* confirmed international terrorist group that actually worked for Saddam Hussein, and that is widely identified as working for Israel and the United States in the covert war to kill Iranian scientists and blow up Iranian civilian and military sites—was removed from the international list of terrorists on Sept. 28, 2012.

The announcement came in a Sept. 28 State Department press release which said that the U.S. is revoking “the designation of the Mujahedin-e Khalq (MeK) and its aliases as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) under the Immigration and Nationality Act and to delist the MeK as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist under Executive Order 13224. These actions are effective today. Property and interests in property in the United States or within the possession or control of U.S. persons will no longer be blocked, and U.S. entities may engage in transactions with the MeK without obtaining a license.”

In a pathetic understatement, the same press release notes that “the Department does not overlook or forget the MeK’s past acts of terrorism, including its involvement in the killing of U.S. citizens in Iran in the 1970s and an attack on U.S. soil in 1992. The Department also has serious concerns about the MeK as an organization, particularly with regard to allegations of abuse committed against its own members.”

## ‘Death to America: MKO Assassinations’

For the last two years, the MeK has spent millions of dollars on a propaganda campaign to get taken off

the U.S. list of international terrorist organizations. The group has paid former members of Congress, retired military officers, and even former FBI Director Louis Freeh as much as \$25,000 a shot for speaking engagements at events sponsored by the MeK, or its front group, the National Council on Resistance.

But, no matter how many millions were spent on lobbying, there is no justification for exonerating the murderous group.

Contrary to the vague generalities reported in the press that the group assassinated some Americans “in the 1970s,” the real record is harrowing, and comes from the State Department’s own archives in 1994, under then-Secretary of State Warren Christopher, who put the MeK on the terror list.

According to the 1994 State Department report delivered to then-chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Rep. Lee Hamilton, on Oct. 28, 1994, the MeK was (and is) an army of guerrilla soldiers trained in assassinations, car bombs, and sabotage. The report says, under the heading, “Death to America—MKO Assassinations”:

“In the period leading up to the revolution and its immediate aftermath, the Mojahedin carried out their strategy of armed struggle. The results included the murder of Americans, support for the seizure of the U.S. embassy, and opposition to the release of U.S. hostages.

“The Mojahedin are known to have assassinated the following Americans in Iran during the 1970s:

“Lt. Colonel Lewis L. Hawkins Killed: June 2, 1973

“Air Force Colonel Paul Schaeffer Killed: May 21, 1975

“Air Force Lt. Colonel Jack Turner Killed: May 21, 1975

“Donald G. Smith, Rockwell International Killed: August 28, 1976

“Robert R. Krongrad, Rockwell International Killed: August 28, 1976

“William C. Cottrell, Rockwell International Killed: August 28, 1976

“Reza Reza’i, a member of the Mojahedin’s Ideological Team, was arrested and executed by the Shah’s government for the murder of Colonel Hawkins. The attacks on the Rockwell employees occurred on the anniversary of the arrest of a Mojahedin member, Rahman vahid Afrakhteh, for the murder of Colonels

Schaeffer and Turner. In addition, Air Force Brigadier General Harold Price was wounded in a 1972 attack planned by Mojahedin Central committee member, Kazem Zul Ai-Anvar. Widely credited in Tehran for these attacks at the time, the Mojahedin themselves claimed responsibility for these murders in their publications.”

Throughout the 1980s and 1990s, in its newspaper *Mojahid*, the MeK celebrated the anniversaries of its bombings and assassinations inside Iran. The group not only assassinated and wounded U.S. military officers, it bombed buildings and offices of U.S. banks and corporations.

In the 1980s, having fallen out with the Ayatollah Khomeini faction of the anti-Shah revolution in Iran, and with the onset of the Iran-Iraq War, the MeK, under the cult leadership of its founder Massoud Rajavi, was given refuge in Iraq, where it was given a military base, uniforms, money, weapons, and was sometimes referred to as “Saddam Hussein’s private army.” Being Persian in origin, the MeK fighters were deployed to conduct guerrilla attacks inside Iran on behalf of Iraq.

According to the Council on Foreign Relations, citing a State Department report, Baghdad armed MeK near the end of the Iran conflict (1980-88) “with heavy military equipment and deployed thousands of MeK fighters in suicidal, mass wave attacks against Iranian forces.”

In 2003, when the Bush-Cheney regime invaded Iraq to overthrow Saddam Hussein, the MeK defected once again—this time to the side of the United States, constantly brokering itself with claims that it could be an underground army for sabotage and assassinations in Iran.

## **Obama’s Affair with MeK, al-Qaeda**

On Feb. 8, 2012, NBC News ran an exposé of the MeK as a tool of British intelligence, the Israeli Mossad, and the U.S. intelligence services in the assassinations of Iranian scientists in a series of car bombings.

In its March 2, 2012 issue, an *EIR* investigative team took the exposé further, showing that the Obama Administration was supporting both the MeK and al-Qaeda forces.<sup>1</sup>

“British puppet President Barack Obama has en-

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1. See “[Obama-al-Qaeda-Mujahideen Connection Unveiled.](#)”

tered into an alliance with two of the world's leading terrorist organizations—al-Qaeda and the Mujahideen-e-Khalq (MeK)—in his zeal to overthrow the present governments in Syria and Iran,” the article said. “The Obama-al-Qaeda marriage of convenience goes deep; it centers on the drive to overthrow the Bashar al-Assad government in Damascus, through an armed opposition.

“U.S. intelligence agencies are aware that the so-called Free Syrian Army (FSA) has no actual military capabilities inside Syria, and consists largely of a group of defectors from the regular Syrian Army who are safe-housed on military bases inside Turkey. All of the significant military actions targeted at the Syrian government have been carried out by al-Qaeda terrorists, who have infiltrated the country from Iraq. The suicide bombings in Damascus and Aleppo, the assassinations of Syrian government and military officials, and the sabotage of pipelines and other infrastructure have all been carried out by al-Qaeda. Despite evidence presented by U.S. intelligence agencies, President Obama continues to join hands with the new al-Qaeda head, Ayman al-Zawahiri, in calling for the violent removal of President Assad from power.

“The idea that the President of the United States is so blatantly in bed with the terrorists who carried out the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001 should be sufficient grounds for his immediate removal from office, under the impeachment provisions of the U.S. Constitution (Article 2, Section 4), or for reasons of incompetence as specified in Section 4 of the 25th Amendment,” the article said.

### Obama Gives ‘Seal of Approval’

On Sept. 24, 2012, as it became increasingly clear that Obama was going to give the MeK a “seal of approval,” as Obama had done with the Syrian opposition—including the al-Qaeda wing—a senior Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) officer and former cabinet minister disclosed to investigative journalist Richard Silverstein, that the Mossad has used the MeK to plant phony information about Iran's nuclear program, and has been involved in the assassination of “four nuclear scientists [in Iran] and caused the explosion that obliterated an Iranian Revolutionary Guard missile base.”

Obama is now using MeK for covert operations against Iran, and will use the “delisting” of them as “proof” that he is taking action against Iran, Silverstein wrote—not merely for operations against the nuclear program, but for regime change, which is the MeK's goal.

Silverstein wrote, “*Last week, the Director of Iran's nuclear program reported an August explosion disrupted the power lines to the new Fordo uranium enrichment facility. My source says this sabotage was also a product of the Mossad-MeK collaboration* (emphasis added).

Comparing Obama's use of the MeK to how the U.S. used the Afghan mujahideen to fight “a dirty war for us against the Soviets,” Silverstein says the “delisting” is a “sham.”

The MeK has never renounced terrorism, and British agent Obama is—once again—in Libya, Syria, and Iran unleashing the hounds of Hell for a new dark age.

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