

## **A Brief Introduction to the Iranian Democracy Front (IDF)**

Since the creation of the Islamic republic in 1979, the regime has caused numerous problems for the people of Iran and other countries. The regime has brutally violated the human rights of the Iranians people, and the leaders of the regime have been involved in many terrorist activities around the world. The Islamic republic is a menace to Iranians and the world, and the only viable option to resolve the problems that have been caused by the Islamic republic is to support the movement of the Iranian people to replace the regime with a responsible democratic government that respects human rights and does not engage in terrorist activities.

The leaders of the illegitimate regime don't represent the Iranian people, and Iranians don't support dangerous policies and terrorist activities of the Islamic republic.

Soon after the creation of the Islamic republic, pro-democracy Iranians began the activities to eliminate the undemocratic regime, in order to restore the rights of the Iranian people. The Islamic republic has imprisoned, tortured and murdered thousands of innocent Iranians. The United Nations, Amnesty International, Reporters Without Borders and other human rights organizations have documented brutal

actions of leaders of the Islamic republic against the Iranian people. Amnesty International has reported that the Islamic republic has executed at least 344 Iranians in 2012.

In 2006, 300 Iranian pro-democracy activists published an invitation to individuals and political organizations to join in a united effort to create the Iranian Solidarity Congress (ISC) to improve coordination among political groups, while maintaining their diverse political viewpoints. The goal was to achieve "united action" while respecting the political philosophies of participating organizations and individuals.

Fortunately, the response to the invitation was very positive from many individual activists and political groups. In June 2006, more than 375 pro-democracy activists participated in a meeting and created the Iranian Solidarity Congress.

The members of ISC have continued discussions with other political groups in order to improve cooperation. These conversations succeeded and 10 pro-democracy groups created the "**Iranian Democracy Front**" (IDF) in May 2011. Since then, other groups have joined, and today there are 24 groups in IDF. Our objective is to encourage other productive groups to also join the IDF.

The Iranian Solidarity Congress and the Iranian Democracy Front use all available

means to communicate with the Iranian people. ISC and IDF activities and plans have been presented in websites and on satellite television broadcasts that reach Iran, America and Europe.

The members of the Iranian Democracy Front believe that the Iranian Tricolor Lion and Sun flag is the symbol of Iranian unity, and their objective is to liberate Iran and establish democracy. The members of the IDF share the following common beliefs:

- 1. The Islamic republic cannot be reformed, and the only viable option for restoring sovereignty to the people, is for the Iranian people to eliminate the criminal regime.**
- 2. Territorial integrity of Iran.**
- 3. Separation of religion and state.**
- 4. The form of government will be decided by the Iranian people in a free referendum, after the Islamic republic is eliminated.**
- 5. Universal Declaration of Human Rights.**

The Iranian Democracy Front does not have a single political view, and all members are equal and they maintain their organizational independence and specific political views, but they will seek unity in action.

The members of IDF have a tremendous amount of experience in political activities, ,

and they are distinguished professionals with a wide range of experiences, including: engineers, doctors, university professors, entrepreneurs, scholars, economists sociologists, political analysts, security and military officials. They have prepared plans for advancement of the pro-democracy movement, and plans for the transition period after the elimination of the Islamic republic.

As the massive protests in Tehran and other cities in 2009 and 2011 proved, millions of Iranians oppose the Islamic republic and its leaders. Despite the regime's brutal campaign against pro-democracy activists, many Iranians inside and outside Iran continue the effort to bring freedom and democracy to Iran. Just as dozens of other countries have transitioned to democracy in the past twenty years, Iranians can replace the Islamic republic with a democratic government, and the process will be much faster with active international support. IDF does not seek financial support from governments. However, we hope that democratic countries will provide moral, political and technological support to the people of Iran and their movement for freedom and democracy. A democratic Iran will be an important factor in peace and security of the region and the world.

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