

DOC 71 - Revolutionary Struggle in Iran Finding Aid

Parent Collection: Middle Eastern Liberation Struggles

Description: This collection contains six series of materials related to the Iranian revolutionary struggle between 1975 and 1986. 1) Organization of Iranian People's Fedai Guerrillas (OPIFG); 2) People's Mojahedin of Iran (PMOI); 3) Committee for Artistic and Intellectual Freedom in Iran (CAIFI); 4) Iranian Resistance to Imperialism and Political Repression; 5) International Solidarity with Iran and Global Perspectives; and 6) Islam and the Iranian Revolution

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Organizations: Organization of Iranian People's Fedai Guerrillas (OPIFG), People's Mojahedin of Iran (PMOI), National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI), Committee for Artistic and Intellectual Freedom in Iran (CAIFA), Iranian Students Association Throughout the U.S. (Supporter of IPFG), Iranian Student Organization in Southern California, 19 Bahman Student Organization, Organization of Democratic Youths and Students of Iran (ODYSI), Moslem Student Society

Subjects: National Liberation, Anti-imperialism, Human Rights, Democracy, Socialism, Women, Political Prisoner, Communism, Islam, Youth

Size: 1 carton

Date Range: 1975-1986

Formats: Pamphlets, statements, periodicals, books, and transcripts

Notes on Specific Organizations*:

Organization of Iranian People's Fedai Guerrillas (OPIFG): The OPIFG was an Iranian Marxist-Leninist organization formed from two communist groups (Jazni-Zarifi and Ahmadzadeh-Pouyan) in 1971 to overthrow the dictatorial Pahlavi regime (commonly referred to as the Shah). At its inception and in the eight years that followed, the group was a major proponent of armed revolutionary struggle and embraced guerrilla war tactics. The OPIFG played an integral role in the 1979 Islamic Revolution in Iran and were subjected to harsh repression and targeted attacks under Pahlavi. As political repression in Iran escalated towards the latter half of the 70s, many OPIFG members began to question the effectiveness of armed tactics, eventually leading to an organizational split in 1979. The majority of the organization's members decided to abandon armed methods and became the OPIFG Majority. Those who remained in support of the line of guerrilla warfare broke away from the OPIFG Majority, forming the OPIFG Minority, or the Iranian People's Fedai Guerrillas (IPFG).

(Source: "Organization of Iranian People's Fedai Guerrillas," <https://en-academic.com/dic.nsf/enwiki/2859266>)

People's Mojahedin of Iran (PMOI): The People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI), also known as Mujahedin-e-Khalgh (MEK), is the largest and longest-standing Iranian opposition group founded in 1965. The PMOI/MEK is part of the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI), a large coalition of dissidents and organizations that support western styled democratic regime change in Iran. The organization has been banned in Iran since 1981.

(Source: "About the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran" <https://english.mojahedin.org/about-the-peoples-mojahedin-organization-of-iran-pmoi-mek/>)

National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI): A political coalition which seeks an end to religious dictatorship and promotes a secular and western styled democratic Iran based on its platform. The coalition was founded by Massoud Rajavi of PMOI in July, 1981 and is primarily based in Europe.

(Source: “National Council of Resistance of Iran – The Viable Democratic Alternative,” <https://www.ncr-iran.org/en/about-ncri/ncri/alternative/>)

Committee for Artistic and Intellectual Freedom in Iran (CAIFA): CAIFA began as an ad hoc coalition formed to protest the arrest and torture of the prominent poet and literary critic, Dr. Reza Baraheni. In 1973, Dr. Baraheni was seized by the secret police shortly after publishing an article that criticized the suppression of the Azarbaijani nationality by the Pahlavi regime. Public pressure contributed to his eventual release, however arrests targeting dissidents and oppositional voices continued under Pahlavi, making apparent the need for an ongoing organization to publicize the cases of intellectuals and artists victimized by the Iranian government and to defend the rights of victims. CAIFA was thus formed for the purpose of: working for freedom of artistic and intellectual expression in Iran, bringing the issues of the defense of victimized artists and intellectuals in Iran to public attention, and raising funds for legal and publicity expenses.

(Source: Committee for Artistic and Intellectual Freedom in Iran. Revolutionary Struggle in Iran Collection. Freedom Archives)

*The materials, viewpoints and organizations contained in this collection do not constitute an endorsement or political position of the Freedom Archives.

Series 1: Organization of Iranian People's Fedai Guerrillas (OPIFG)

Description: This series contains periodicals, statements, journals, pamphlets, and more from three different iterations of the Organization of Iranian People's Fedai Guerrillas (OPIFG), including the OPIFG before the 1979 split, as well as the two factions which formed from the 1979 split—OPIFG Minority and Majority.

Keywords: Guerrilla Warfare, Armed Struggle, Support Committee for the Iranian People's Struggle (New York), Khabarnameh; 19 Bahman Student Organization, Iranian Student Association Throughout the U.S. (ISAUS), Lebanon, Palestine, Counter-revolution, U.S. imperialism, Iran-Iraq War, Organization of Democratic Youths and Students of Iran (ODYSI), El Salvador, International Solidarity, Student activism

Series 1 Contents:

Folder 1 - Pre 1979

- Book, *Iran... The Socio-Economic Analysis of a Dependent Capitalist State* by B. Jazani
- Book, *Iran: The Struggle Within No. 2* by Massoud Ahmadzadeh (3 copies)
- Journal, *Kar International Quarterly*
 - Feb-April 1979
 - May-July 1979
 - March-Sep 1979 (Special Issue)
- Newspaper, *Kar International: The Monthly Selected Works of the Organization of Iranian People's Fedai Guerillas (OIPFG)*
 - Vol. I, No. 1, February 1981
 - Vol. I, No. 2, March 1981
 - Vol. I, No. 3, April 1981
 - Vol. I, No. 4, May 1981
 - Vol. I, No. 5, June 1981
 - Vol. I, No. 6-7, July-August 1981

- Vol. I, No.8, September 1981
- Vol. I, No 10, November 1981 (2 copies)
- Vol. I, No. 11, December 1981
- Vol. I, No.12, January 1982
- Vol. II, No. 14 and 15, July-August 1982
- No. 13, February-March 1982
- Pamphlet, *The Principle Tasks of Marxist-Leninists At the Present Stage of Development of the Communist Movement in Iran*
- Pamphlet, *More on the Fundamental Tasks of Marxist-Leninists in the Present Stage of the Development of the Communist Movement in Iran*
- Pamphlet, *On the Necessity of Armed Struggle & Refutation of the Theory of "Survival"* by Amir Parviz Pouyan (3 copies)
- Book, *An Introduction to the Contemporary History of Iran* by B. Jazani
- Book, *Iran: On the Necessity of Armed Struggle and Refutation of the Theory of Survival* (2 copies)

Folder 2 - OIPFG Minority (also known as IPFG)

- Book, *Torture & Resistance in Iran: memories of the woman gurriella [sic]* by A. Dehghani, member of the OIPFG
- Pamphlet, *Palestine in a War that Threw off the Masks*, Iranian Peoples' Fedayee Guerrillas (2 copies)
- Pamphlet, *Let us Rise Solid and United in Defense of the Revolutionary Armed Movement of the Heroic Kurdish People and Defeat the Anti-People Conspiracies of the Imperialist Mercenaries*, Iranian People's Fedayee Guerrillas. 1983. (2 copies)
- Pamphlet, "On the Necessity of Armed Struggle and Refutation of the Theory of Survival," Iranian Peoples' Fedayee Guerrillas, 19 Bahman Student Organization (USA) (3 copies, different from cataloged version)
- Pamphlet, *Who is Behind Who in the War Between Two Anti-People's Regimes of Iran and Iraq?*, Iranian Peoples' Fedayee Guerrillas, 19 Bahman Student Organization (USA) (2 copies)

- Statement, *Condemn Khomeini Terrorism Abroad*, Iranian Student Organization in Southern California, Supporter of OIPFG (January 23, 1982)
- Statement, *No More Excuses About Quds: Imam Khomeini's Message*, Muslim Students Association (Los Angeles Chapter)
- Statement, *Islamic Republic of Iran Supports Revolutionary Front of El Salvador*, Moslem Research and Art Group (UCLA)
- Flyer, International Organization Against Repression, Drawings by the Children of El Salvador
- Flyer, 72 Hour Hunger Strike To Expose the Atrocities of Khomeini's Regime (New York: NY), c. 1984.
- Journal, *Iran in Resistance*, Vol. 1, No. 2 (November 1983). A publication of Iranian Student Association Throughout the U.S. (Supporter of Iranian People's Fedayee Guerrillas)
- Journal, *Iran in Resistance*, Vol. 2, No. 1 (Jan-Feb 1984). A publication of Iranian Student Association Throughout the U.S. (Supporter of Iranian People's Fedayee Guerrillas)
- Journal, *Iran in Resistance*, Vol. 2, No. 2 (March-April 1984). A publication of Iranian Student Association Throughout the U.S. (Supporter of Iranian People's Fedayee Guerrillas) - (2 copies)
- Journal, *Iran in Resistance*, No. 24 (June 1991). A publication of Iranian Student Association Throughout the U.S. (Supporter of Iranian People's Fedayee Guerrillas)
- Pamphlet, *A Brief History of the Revolutionary Movement in Iran*, Iranian Student Association Throughout the U.S., Supporter of Iranian People's Fedayee Guerrillas (2 copies)
- Pamphlet, *On the Composition and Class Nature of the Government*
- Transcripts, *Excerpts from the Speech made by Comrade Ashraf Dehghani, member of IPFG, on Celebration of the 10th Anniversary of Siah-Kal*
- Statement, *We Condemn Iraq's Military Intervention*

- Pamphlet, *Iran: Another Vietnam / ISA: Another COINTELPRO Target*, OIPFG and Committee in Solidarity with the Revolutionary Movement in Iran (2 copies)

Folder 3 - Organization of Iranian People's Fedaian Majority (OIPFM)

- Pamphlet, *Information Bulletin on Iran* (Nov. 1981)
- Journal, *Kar International*, Organization of Iranian People's Fedaii Guerrillas Majority
 - Fall 1980
 - No. 2, Feb 1981
 - No. 3, April 1981
 - No. 4, June 1981
 - No. 5, Aug 1981
 - No. 6, Oct 1981
 - No. 7, Feb 1982
 - No. 8, April 1982
 - No. 9, June 1982
 - No. 10, Aug 1982
- Journal, *Kar International*, Vol. V, No. 1 (Fall 1985)
- Statement, *Statement of ISAUS Regarding the Recent Developments in Iran* (July 10, 1981)
- Statement, *Statement of ISAUS Regarding the Criminal Terror of the President and Prime Minister of Iran* (September 4, 1981)
- Statement, *Condemn Attacks Against Supporters of Iranian Revolution*, ODYSI (Southern California)
- Statement, *Israel's criminal aggression against Lebanon must be stopped*, Iranian Students Association in the U.S. (July 7, 1982)
- Monograph, *Poems of Struggle and Resistance in Iran*, Iranian Students Association (College Park, MD)

- Periodical, *Iran Solidarity*, A Publication of Iranian Students Association, Supporter of the OIPFG. August 1984.
- Journal, *Women & Struggle in Iran*, A Publication of the Women's Commission of the Iranian Student Association (ISA-US Supporters of the OPIFG), No. 3. Summer 1984.
- Statement, *the Liberation of Khorramshahr: A Blow to Arab Reaction*, ISAUS (May 30, 1982)
- Article, A Short History of the Organization of the Iranian People's Fedaiian (Majority)
- Pamphlet, *Iran-Iraq War*, Iranian Student Association in the U.S. (July 1986)

Series 2: People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI)

Description: The People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (also known as MEK) is one of the largest and longest standing opposition organizations in Iran. This series contains PMOI's official publication, *Mojahed: The official newspaper of the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran*, as well as the periodical, *Revolutionary Iran*. Contains substantial materials from PMOI-affiliated Iranian student groups, especially in the diaspora, such as the Moslem Student Society (Long Beach, CA); the Organization of Democratic Youths and Students of Iran (ODYSI), Supporter of the Tudeh Party of Iran based in Los Angeles, CA; and Moslem Iranian Students Society (USA and Canada). Many of the materials in this series relate to the Tudeh Party.

Keywords: Tudeh Party, Student Activism, National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI), Hunger Strikes, Torture, International Solidarity

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- February 25, 1980, No. 2
- March 16, 1980, Vol. 1, No. 3
- April 1980, Vol. 1, No. 4
- June 1980, Vol. 1, No. 6
- The Defenses of Martyred Mojahed Mehdi Reza'i

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- No. 1-14 (Bound)
- No. 15, May 24, 1982
- No. 16, May 26, 1982
- No. 17, May 31, 1982
- No. 18, June 7, 1982

Folder 3 - Student Organizing (Bulk is Moslem Students Society)

News Bulletin

- *News Bulletin*, Vol. 1, No.3 (Jan 31 - Feb 5, 1981)
- *News Bulletin*, Vol. 1, No. 7 (Feb 27-Mar 5, 1981)
- *News Bulletin*, Vol. 1, No. 8 (March 7-13, 1981) (2 copies)
- *News Bulletin*, Vol. 1, No. 9 (March 14-20, 1981)
- *News Bulletin*, Vol. 1, No. 10 (April 4-10, 1981) (2 copies)
- *News Bulletin*, Vol. 1, No. 11 (April 11-17, 1981)
- *News Bulletin*, Vol. 1, No. 12 (April 18-24, 1981)

Statements and Communiques from the Moslem Student Society

- From Propaganda to Terror: A survey of Imperialist Tactics Designed to Destroy the Islamic Revolution
- The PMOI Congratulates the Zimbabwe Patriotic Front on Its Victory

- The People's Mohajedin Organization of Iran Protest Against The Secret Discussion of the Hostage Issue in the Parliament (1980)
- The People's Mohajedin Organization of Iran Declare Their Organizational Centers and Offices Temporarily Closed
- Announcement No. 6: The Protest of the Defence Committee for Saadati's Freedom Against the Ten Year Conviction of Mohammad Reza Saadati by the Court (Nov., 18, 1980)
- In the Name of God and in the Name of the Heroic People of Ireland and Iran (May 6, 1981)
- The People's Mohajedin Organization of Iran condemns the totally deceitful conclusions of the "Torture Investigation Committee" and asks the people of Iran and all the peoples of the world to judge the findings (April 13, 1981)
- The Moslem students Society declares its support for the anti-imperialistic demands of the 3rd of May Demonstrations
- The Statement by the Moslem Mothers Society following their Protest March concerning the Anti-Revolutionary Murder of Two Mojahed Sisters during Attacks of Hoodlums and their Armed Supporters to different Locations in Ghaem-Shahr
- Political-Military Communique No. 25 (June 18, 1981)
- Statement No. 14: Message of Congratulations to the heroic people of Nicaragua on the occasion of the 2nd anniversary of the Nicaraguan Revolution (July 16, 1981)
- Statement No. 16: Hunger Strike (July 28, 1981)
- Declaration of the Moslem Students Society at demonstrations protesting the recent murders in Iran in the cities of Washington and Los Angeles (April 18, 1981)
- The Message by Mojahed Brother Massoud Rajavi to the Heroic People of Iran (July 21, 1981)
- Communique of President Bani-sadr to Mojahed Brother Massoud Rajavi (July 18, 1981)

- Communique of the Moslem Students Societies in Europe and America about the heroic fight of the president Dr. Bani-sadr and Brother Mojahed Massoud Rajavi (July 29, 1981)
- Statement No. 12: Bullet and Violence: Reaction's reasoning and language in reply to the just demands of the people (2 copies)
- The People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran Denies the False Accusations of Mr. Khomeini
- Getting to Know the PMOI
- On the Occasion of the 26th Anniversary of the Algerian Revolution (July 16, 1981)

Pamphlets

- Views on Iran (Oct 1981), Organization of Democratic Youths and Students of Iran (ODYSI)
- Views on Iran (Nov 1981), Organization of Democratic Youths and Students of Iran (ODYSI)
- Unrevealed facts about the Tudeh Party in Iran, Moslem Student Society and PMOI (2 copies)
- "Iran" The People's Choice. National Council of Resistance "NCR"
- Moslem Students Society, Platform of the Provisional Government of the Democratic Islamic Republic of Iran, National Council of Resistance, 1981.
- The People's Mojahedin 1965 - present: 18 Years of Struggle against the Shah's Dictatorship and Khomeini's tyranny, Moslem Iranian Students Society (USA and Canada) Supporters of People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran, 1983.

Series 3: Committee for Artistic and Intellectual Freedom in Iran (CAIFI)

Description: This collection contains newsletters and materials produced by CAIFI, an organization committed to freedom of artistic and intellectual expression in Iran. The group was formed in the context of harsh political repression under the Pahlavi regime.

Keywords: Political Repression, Censorship, Torture, Art, Cultural Workers, Poetry

Series 3 Contents:

- Brochure. *Committee for Artistic and Intellectual Freedom in Iran*. New York.
- Newsletter. CAIFI, *CAIFI Newsletter*, Vol. I, No. 1 (August 1975)
- Newsletter. CAIFI, "New York: 'End Tyranny in Iran!'" *CAIFI Newsletter*, Vol. II, No. 1 (March 1976)
- Newsletter. CAIFI, "Clark: 'Are We Going to be Friends of Tyranny?'" *CAIFI Newsletter*, Vol. III, No. 1 (March 1977)
- Newsletter. CAIFI, "Thousands Protest Shah's US Visit," *CAIFI Newsletter*, Vol. 4, No. 1 (January 1978)
- Flyer. CAIFI, "Fact Sheet on the Case of Dr. Shariatti," n.d.

Series 4: Iranian Resistance to Imperialism and Political Repression

Description: This series contains assorted pamphlets and documents on the subject of Iranian resistance to empire and political repression. Topics of focus include materials on political prisoners, U.S. imperialism in Iran, and Iranian laborers.

Keywords: Labor, Political Repression, The Islamic Union of The Iraqi Students, working class, Political prisoners, Student Strikes

Series 4 Contents:

- Pamphlet. Confederation of Iranian Students (National Union). 1977. "Penetration and Consolidation of American Imperialism in Iran: A Balance Sheet," *Iran Report*, December 1977.
- Pamphlet. Committee Against Repression in Iran. 1976. *Iran: the Shah's empire of repression*, (London)
- Pamphlet. Committee for Human Rights in Iran. 1978. *Letters from the Great Prison: An Eyewitness Account of Human and Social Conditions in Iran*, (Washington, D.C.).
- Pamphlet. T. Jalil. *Workers of Iran: Repression and the Fight for Democratic Trade Unions*, July 1976, (London).
- Pamphlet. Committee Against Repression in Iran. *The Iranian Working Class: a survey of conditions, repression and struggles*, 1977, (London).
- Pamphlet. The Islamic Union of The Iraqi Students. n.d. *Who is Saddam Tekriti?*
- Statement. Reza Baraheni, "On the Violation of Human Rights in Iran in the Subcommittee on International Organizations of the Congress of the United States. September 8, 1976.
- Newsletter. Committee Against Repression in Iran. 1977. "Free All Iranian Political Prisoners!" *Cari Bulletin*, No. 2 (Autumn 1977).
- Newsletter. Committee Against Repression in Iran. 1978. *Cari Bulletin*, No. 3 (Winter 1978)
- Journal. "Free All Political Prisoners in Iran!" *Iran Today*, Vol. II, No. 2 (Spring 1987)

Series 5: International Solidarity with Iran and Global Perspectives

Description: This series contains pamphlets, journals, reports, and other documents either created by or distributed by supporters of the Iranian resistance in different parts of the globe. Most of the materials aim to raise awareness about human rights violations in Iran and contain news coverage from the U.S. during the late 1970s and early 80s.

Keywords: Tudeh Party, Communism, Human Rights, U.S. Imperialism, Foreign intervention, Syria, USSR

Series 5 Contents:

- Pamphlet. Supporters of Tudeh Party of Iran in USA. *The History of Communism in Iran*. August 22, 1981.
- Report. Supporters of Tudeh Party of Iran in Midwest. *Report of the Political Bureau to the Seventeenth Plenum of the Central Committee of the Tudeh Party of Iran*.
- Journal. Committee to End U.S. Intervention in Iran. *Iran Review*, No. 1, February 1979.
- Journal. *Intercontinental Press*, 1973.
- Journal. *Al-da'wah Chronicle*, Issue No. 23, March 1982, (London).
- Journal. *The Message of Islamic Unity*, Issue No. 40, March 1982, (Washington, D.C.). Formerly "Newsletter" magazine.
- Statement. Kaukab Siddique, "Syria and Iran: The Real Contradictions." n.d.
- Article. "The USSR is Prepared to Develop Good Relations with Iran" and "USSR-Iran: Energy Cooperation Plans," 1982.
- Statement. Supporters of the Tudeh Party of Iran Abroad. "The Leadership of 'Mojahedeen' Deeply Submerged in Treason," January 14, 1983.
- Journal. Supporters of the Tudeh Party of Iran Abroad, *Iran Aktuell*, No. 1. September 20, 1982.
- Journal. Supporters of the Tudeh Party of Iran Abroad, *Iran Aktuell*, No. 4. October 25, 1982.

- Journal. Supporters of the Tudeh Party of Iran Abroad, *Iran Aktuell*, No. 5. December 1, 1982.
- Journal. American Friends of Revolutionary Iran. *Newsletter: Bulletin of the American Friends of Revolutionary Iran*, No. 8. January 8, 1983 (Chicago, IL).
- Journal. American Friends of Revolutionary Iran. *Iran Today: Bulletin of the American Friends of Revolutionary Iran*, No. 22. June 15, 1983, (Chicago, IL).
- Newspaper. Committee in Solidarity with the People of Iran (CISPI), *Iran Today*, No. 48, November '85/February '86, (New York, NY).
- Article. Dmitry Volsky, "Revolution at the Crossroads," *New York Times*, February 1983.
- Report. Fred Halliday. *After the Shah*. Institute for Policy Studies Issue Paper, (Washington, D.C. and Amsterdam, Holland)
- Article. "U.S. Policy: The Lessons of Iran," Coalition for a New Foreign and Military Policy, July 1979, (Washington, D.C.)

Series 6: Islam and the Iranian Revolution

Description: This series includes publications on the Iranian Revolution (also referred to as the Islamic Revolution of Iran) and Islam. While the bulk of materials are in English, two (indicated below) are in Arabic.

Keywords: Islam, Labor, Islamic Revolution

Series 6 Contents:

Books

- *Surely We Have Granted You a Clear victory: First Anniversary of the Islamic Revolution of Iran*. Photos by Javad Rostami. Calligraphy by Naser Alikhani. (Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran: Washington, D.C.), 1980. (Arabic with introduction in English)

- Dr. Ali Shariati, *An Approach to the Understanding of Islam*. (Free Islamic Literatures: Houston, TX), 1980.
- Dr. Ali Shariati, *Culture and Ideology*.
- Abulhasan Bani Sadr, *Work and the Worker in Islam*. (The Hamdami Foundation: Tehran, Iran).
- Masih Muhajeri, *Islamic Revolution Future Path of the Nations*. (The Islamic Republic of Iran: Tehran, Iran), 1982.
- *Arms Build up in the Indian Ocean & the Gulf*. (in Arabic)
- Ali Shariati, *Reflections of Humanity: Two Views of Civilization and the Plight of Man*. (Free Islamic Literatures: Houston, TX), 1980.