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Dear Minister,

I am writing in regards with a criminal plot by the operatives of the Iranian Ministry of Intelligence and Security (MOIS) against the Iranian refugees in Paris.

With Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's ascendancy to power, the religious fascism ruling Iran has entered the final phase of its existence. Each day passing, the Iranian regime is faced with an escalation of its domestic and foreign crisis. In addition to speeding up its efforts to obtain nuclear weapons, the mullahs see the only way out of its dilemma in domestic suppression as well as export of terrorism abroad. In this regard, the regime has activated its espionage network and terrorist centers in the European countries.

Some of its professional operatives are active as so-called former members of the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI) and Iranian refugees who have formed some fraudulent cultural and human rights organizations. They are active in spying and demonizing campaigns against the Iranian Resistance. Also, the mullahs' operatives in Europe are involved in plotting against Iranian refugees and opposition.

On June 17, 2007, a few dozens of such operatives whose links to the regime are known to the Iranian refugees were dispatched to Paris to act against the Iranian dissidents under the pretext of organizing a "Peace and coexistence" seminar. Soon their true intentions were revealed when the MOIS operatives, using knives, tear gas and knuckle-dusters, violently attacked political refugees and Iranian dissidents. Some of the agents showed up included Masoud Khodabandeh and his wife, Anne Singleton, Javad Firouzmand and Jahangir Shadanlou (French residents), Aliakbar (a.k.a Bahman) Rastgoo and Mohammad Hossein Sobhani (German residents) and Hadi Shams Haeri (Dutch resident). The Iranian regime paid for their expenses to go to the Fiap Building in Paris. When the agents were asked a few questions they responded violently and wounded a number of dissidents. Those wounded were taken to hospital.

Upon learning of the brutality of the MOIS operatives, the French Police cancelled the meeting and arrested a number of the assailants including Mohammad Hossein Sobhani and a few others.

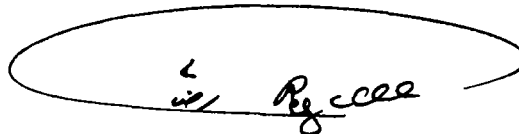
Masoud Khodabandeh and Anne Singleton, Aliakbar Rastgoo and a few others who had managed to evade arrest by the French police, later in their own websites and letters addressed to

EU officials, tried to distort the facts and claim that it was some of the PMOI supporters who were arrested by the police. In addition to prosecution of some of the MOIS agents by the French judicial system, the video clips of the attack were aired by the Resistance and were made available to the authorities in France. In a statement on June 29, 2007, the French Human Rights League (HRL) wrote, "HRL condemns the violent stabbing of June 17th, which several Iranian refugees among them sympathizers of the NCRI in Paris were the victims." The league emphasizes, "One of the assailants is charged and being prosecuted for «deliberate inflicting injuries with weapons in meeting» is known for its links with the Iranian authorities. The HRL called on the French authorities to avoid any cooperation between French agencies and intelligence apparatus of a regime which does not respect the rule of law."

It is noteworthy that the Iranian Resistance and the "French Committee for a democratic Iran" (FCDI) and "New Human Rights" and a number of French human rights dignitaries have warned the authorities against and called for cancellation of the seminar by the MOIS operatives under the pretext of peace and coexistence.

The National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI) again reiterates on the need to implement the April 1997 decision of the Council of Ministers of the European Union and thwart Tehran's intelligence agents from entering or leaving EU territories, whose records are known for the EU member states security services, and the fact that such criminal incidents may be repeated by the MOIS operatives in other EU countries. Attached are some of the enlightening statements by the Iranian Resistance and those of HRL and FCDI and a video clip on the Paris incident.

Sincerely,



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cc:

- Honorable Lars Løkke Rasmussen, Minister for Interior and Health
- Honorable Per Stig Møller, Minister for Foreign Affairs
- Mr Peter Skaarup, Chairman of Legal Affairs Committee of the Parliament

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