

## (Video) Iranian opposition PMOI/MEK hosts Vice President Mike Pence in Ashraf 3, Albania

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Mr. Pence emphasized will merely serve to "empower and enrich" the current regime.

Mrs. [Maryam Rajavi](#), President-elect of the Iranian opposition coalition [National Council of Resistance of Iran \(NCRI\)](#) welcomed Mr. Pence and Mrs. Karen Pence, the former U.S. Second Lady, at the Iranian Resistance Museum in Ashraf 3, where Mrs. Rajavi provided a brief look into the 120-year history of the Iranians people's struggle to establish freedom, democracy, and human rights in their country.

"I have traveled more than 5,000 miles from my home in Indiana to be here today because we share a common cause: the liberation of the Iranian people from decades of tyranny, and the rebirth of a free, peaceful, prosperous, and democratic Iran.

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“Today we call on the Biden administration to immediately withdraw from all nuclear negotiations with Tehran, voice support for the organized opposition in Iran, and make it clear that the United States and our allies will never allow Iran to obtain nuclear weapons,” Vice President Pence went on to add.

“I can say with certainty that the American people are with you as you stand and labor for freedom in Iran. The American people support your goal of establishing a secular, democratic, non-nuclear Iranian republic that derives its just powers from the consent of the governed.”



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Ashraf 3 is currently home to PMOI/MEK members and a site of the NCRI umbrella group of Iranian dissident groups that seek to topple the mullahs' regime in Iran. Last month, former U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo also visited Ashraf 3 to meet with Mrs. Rajavi and deliver a speech to a major gathering of PMOI/MEK members.

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Prior to his speech, Mr. Pence had a formal meeting with NCRI President-elect Maryam Rajavi and victims of human rights abuses in Iran.

The Vice President's remarks focused on lauding the PMOI/MEK's efforts and ensuring them that the American

people support their cause while stressing that the Trump/Pence administration withdrew from the Iran nuclear deal in 2018 and imposed devastating sanctions specifically targeting the mullahs' regime and the Revolutionary Guards (IRGC).

“Today, I join you in pledging that his crimes must not go unpunished. Ebrahim Raisi is unworthy of leading the great people of Iran. He must be removed from office by the people of Iran and he must be prosecuted for crimes against humanity and genocide that he perpetrated thirty years ago and every day since,” Mr. Pence said.

Mr. Pence also stressed the role that the Iranian Resistance has played in presenting a democratic alternative to the tyrannical rule of the mullahs. "One of the biggest lies the ruling regime has sold the world is that there is no alternative to the status quo.

But there is an alternative – a well-organized, fully prepared, perfectly qualified, and popularly supported alternative. And let me thank Maryam Rajavi and all of those gathered here in Ashraf 3 for offering hope to the people of Iran.

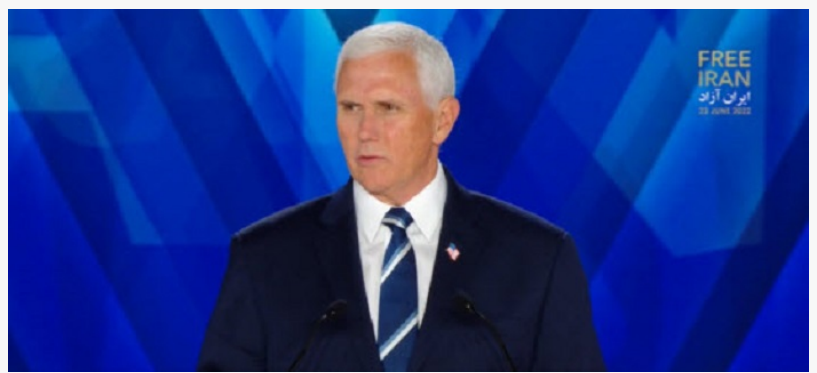
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"The regime in Tehran wants to trick the world into believing that the Iranian protesters want to return to the dictatorship of the Shah as well. But we are not confused by their lies."

"The day will come when the ayatollahs release their iron-fisted grip on Iran and her people. A new glorious day will dawn, and a bright future will begin, ushering in an era of peace, prosperity, stability, and freedom for the good people of Iran and the world," Vice President Mike Pence concluded.

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While opposing appeasement and efforts to re-enter the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, the NCRI emphasizes that the mullahs' regime should not be trusted with anything, let alone comply with the terms of a nuclear deal.



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Mrs. Rajavi delivered a speech welcoming Vice President Mike Pence, his wife Karen, and Mr. Marc Short, the Vice President's chief of staff.

"Today, the world is witnessing that conditions are ripe for change in Iran and that people are ready for change. Protests are erupting with increasing intensity across the country.

On the other hand, the regime has no answer except to step up repression, executions, or torture in its prisons. The people of Iran have the right to resist, much like the war of independence in America. The mullahs have occupied our country.

People now chant: 'Our enemy is right here; they lie when they say it's America,'" Mrs. Rajavi explained.

"The Iranian Resistance set a historical example: the resistance of a nation can change the course of history towards freedom. External conditions are effective only when a fighting force on the ground is prepared to pay the price.

In the past year, the MEK Resistance Units in Iran carried out more than 2,350 campaigns against the repression that paved the way for uprisings across our nation.

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