

Farashgard statement on the controversies surrounding the Iranian dissidents event on Feb 11th in Dusseldorf Germany

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WASHINGTON, MARYLAND, UNITED STATES, February 18, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Farshgard Foundation, which had previously announced its full financial and moral support for the rally of Iranians against the Islamic Republic regime in Dusseldorf on Feb 11th 2023 and had been promoted as the sole financial sponsor of this program, had so far remained silent about the process of planning for this event. In the interests of transparency, the Foundation now intends to provide more information about this event to the public.

A group of political activists in Europe, including the Association of Iranian Athletes for Freedom and the Association for the Promotion of Open Society (APOS), intended to hold an event against the Islamic Republic on February 11th. They contacted the Farshgard Foundation for financial support and sponsorship, and the Foundation provided them with full moral and financial support.

Mr. Abdolreza Ahmadi a member of the Iranian Liberal Student and Graduates as well as APOS and Mr. Majid Fallah from the Association of Iranian Athletes for Freedom formally designated Mr. Amir Hossein Tamizkar as the executive director and coordinator of this event to the Farshgard Foundation through a formal letter, and a contract was signed with Mr. Tamizkar in this regard. This contract specifically stipulated conditions on non-partisan nature of speakers



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and participants, in an attempt to prevent repeating the Berlin rally fiasco, where certain speakers were removed at the last moment to satisfy a political agenda. Unlike the October 22nd 2022 Berlin rally, the Foundation was determined to be the true voice of the Iranian people.

During the week leading up to the event, Mr. Abdolreza (Reza) Ahmadi falsely claimed to be the sole organizer and in secret promised censorship of the Farshgard Foundation, while receiving funds from the same Foundation.

According to Mr. Fallah and Temizkar, on the last day and after the Farshgard Foundation had paid the fees for several services in advance, a person whose identity was kept hidden by Mr. Abdolreza Ahmadi and his assistant Mr. Vahid Davoudi, made the promise to cover the remaining expenses, on the condition that some groups and specifically the Farshgard Foundation were excluded from the event and Ms. Mitra Jashni be removed as a speaker. On February 10th, Mr. Ahmadi, without the knowledge of other organizers (including Mr. Amirhossein Temizkar, who was the executive manager of the organizing body), practically hijacked the event and removed Ms. Jashni from the list of speakers by publishing an unauthorized poster.

Upon learning of this unethical conduct and violation of the contract by these individuals just one day before the event, the Farshgard Foundation was left with no choice but to terminate the contract. However, a large portion of the expenses had already been paid in advance. Therefore, the Farshgard Foundation reserves the right to pursue all legal avenues to assert its rights and seek compensation from all parties involved.

If the program organizers did not wish to cooperate with the Farshgard Foundation for any reason, why did they request financial support from the Foundation several weeks before and sign a contract, and ask the Farshgard Foundation to pay the costs in advance? Why did they violate the contract, hijack the event, and remove certain speakers, just after finding a secret financial sponsor on the very last day?

The Iranian people have the right to know that some of the supposed opposition groups and activists against Islamic Republic are only concerned with promoting themselves and their personal agenda and garnering funding from foreign governments, at the expense of stoking division among the opposition and censoring the authentic voices of dissent. Ironically, such individuals always talk about unity among the opposition, but in practice, they seek to eliminate and discredit others and settle personal scores.

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