

(Video) Nowruz Meeting in UK Parliament Condemns Iran's Crackdown on Uprising

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- At the initiative of the British Committee for Iran Freedom (BCFIF), a cross-party group of MPs and peers, along with members of the Anglo-Iranian Community, joined together to celebrate the Persian New Year, Nowruz, with a reception in the UK Parliament on March 16, in solidarity with the people of Iran and their organized Resistance movement, the [National Council of Resistance of Iran \(NCRI\)](#).



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"Delaying to blacklist [the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps \(IRGC\)](#) and delaying to reactivate the UN resolutions will only result in the spread of more terrorism and warmongering abroad and will provide the regime with a chance to obtain nuclear weapons," Mrs. Rajavi said in her remarks.

She also explained how promoting a return to the ousted Shah regime detracts the nationwide uprising from its main course and how people in their protests have rejected this.

“The people of Iran reject all forms of dictatorship, whether it be Shah’s regime or religious tyranny. They seek the Democratic Republic, and there is no doubt this will be achieved,” she said.

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“We must start to hold the regime to account and act with firmness, the only two words dictators understand. I reiterate again here today what many of my cross-party colleagues in both Houses of the UK Parliament support and call for,” MP Blackman said.

The Co-president of the BCFIF, Professor Lord David Alton, also said: “The UK should back the NCRI President-elect Mrs. Maryam Rajavi’s call for a UN delegation with human rights experts and the Special Rapporteur on Iran to visit the country and meet with detained protesters and political prisoners.”

The MPs and peers also called for the UK to lead efforts and actions at the international level and at the UN to shift the balance of power from the regime to the Iranian people and the true representatives of their aspirations, the NCRI.

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support of the Iranian Resistance.

Other speakers and participants included Baroness Verma and MP Anna Firth, who urged the UK government to recognize [Mrs. Rajavi's 10-point plan](#) as a viable roadmap to secure and advance women's and girls' rights in Iran and even the Middle East.

"With her 10-point plan and other platforms to secure women's rights in the future of Iran, Mrs. Rajavi has shown the women of Iran will and can shoulder the responsibility and that women are indeed the force for change and the guarantor for a democratic Iran," Firth said.

"The Iranian resistance wants freedom and democracy for the people of Iran. The uprising in Iran demonstrated the number of women involved in fighting for freedom and justice in Iran. We have seen the brutality of the regime, and I admire and congratulate the people of Iran for fighting this regime. The world is watching," said the Rt Hon. Lord Dholakia.

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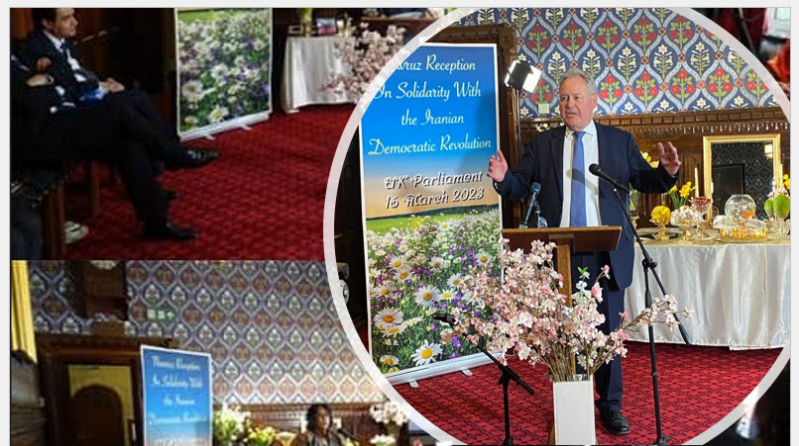
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