

(Video) EU Policy Reassessment: Vidal-Quadras Addresses EP Intergroup and MEP Zarzalejos on Iranian Regime's Crackdown

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In a message to the European Parliament on Nov. 22, former vice president of the European Parliament Alejo Vidal-Quadras, who was the target of an assassination attempt on Nov. 9, expressed his gratitude for the support and solidarity he has received.

He commended the courage and determination of those organizing the event, highlighting their commitment to European values of democracy and freedom and refusing to be intimidated by the Iranian regime.

He called for a fundamental change in the European Union's policy towards Iran, one that changes ineffective appeasement and negotiation with firmness, perseverance, and strength, including sanctions, diplomatic pressure, international isolation, and support for the Iranian democratic opposition. Mr. Vidal-Quadras stressed that it is time to prioritize the Iranian people and their aspirations.

The full text of the message follows:

Dear Mrs. President, Maryam Rajavi, dear co-chairs of Friends of Free Iran, Javier Zarzalejos and Milan Zver, dear colleagues and friends.

On November 9th in Madrid, I was shot in the face with intention to kill me, but miraculously, my life was preserved, although the bullet destroyed my jaw. My current state of health is of a slow recovery and it will take some time until I am at full speed. I am sure I will count with your help to make my return to work as early as possible.

First of all, I want to thank all of you from the depth of my heart for the many expressions of solidarity and support I have received from you since I was victim of this terrorist attack.

Most specially I want to send my gratitude to President Roberta Metsola for opening yesterday's plenary session mentioning my case and of course to my dearest friend Maryam, our leader and inspiration for the affection and most caring attention given to me during these days. They will always remain in my memory.



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The second thing I want to do is to congratulate you for your courage and determination holding this event after what happened to me. This reflects your unweaving commitment to our European values of democracy and freedom and your personal bravery not letting the criminal Iranian regime intimidate our Institutions. It is for me a great honor having participated together with many of you of the highest moral collective project of all history: the European Union.

As a third idea, let me remind you that the Iranian regime uses four methods to impose its malignant will upon us. The first one is based on the panic Western governments feel for an Iran equipped with nuclear weapons. From that perspective, the JCPOA is purely tactical to buy time until they achieve their goals. The second is hostage taking and hostage swapping.

The mullahs arrest innocent western visitors to Iran and after exchange them for convicted terrorists serving sentence in European or American territories. The third element relies on obscure interests of some big Western companies operating in Iran. On that particular point, doing business with Iranian dictatorship is bread for today and hunger for tomorrow.

And the fourth and last method is the capacity of the Iranian regime to plot and execute terrorist attacks as the one I have recently suffered. We must not forget that if you accept blackmailing once you will be blackmailed forever.

Finally, let me state very clearly to you that the EU policy in relation to the Islamic Republic of Iran has to change and this change must be as profound as effective. For decades, the West has tried to appease, to negotiate, to dialogue and to make concessions.

We have now all the evidences that this approach has not worked and it will never work. One can make the effort to compromise with a rational enemy. Reaching an agreement with irrational Absolute Evil is just impossible.

The Iranian Regime does not want to find some balance of power between us, it wants to sweep us away from the earth surface. As far as we do not understand and accept this terrible truth we will fail and we will be defeated.

There is only one intelligent policy to be applied by the West in relation to the Iranian Regime, both principled and practical, and it is that of firmness, perseverance and strength.

The right combination of sanctions, diplomatic and political pressure, international isolation and full support to the Iranian democratic opposition as expressed in the ten points plan of Mrs. Rajavi is the only way to succeed. Any other strategy is a waste of time.

There are two certain paths to failure: asking for the impossible and postponing the inevitable. We have made both mistakes along the last 40 years in relation to the Iranian theocracy. It's time to change. It's time to live up to our ethical and political standards. It's time to take the side of



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Thanking you again for your friendship
in these difficult moments for me, I
hope to meet you soon in better
conditions.

Video Message by FOFI Chair MEP
Javier Zarzalejos on EP Session on
Iranian Regime's Crackdown and
Warmongering

Mr. Javier Zarzalejos, member of the
European Parliament and head of EP's
Friends of a Free Iran intergroup,
conducted a video message explaining
the meeting of several MEPs with Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, President-elect of the National Council of
Resistance of Iran on November 22.

The written version of MEP Javier Zarzalejos follows:

The European Parliament has expressed its support to Alejo Vidal Quadras, former member and
Vice President of the Parliament, and has condemned the attack against him, carried out by
hitmen in Madrid on the 9th of November.

Alejo Vidal Quadras was shot in the face, but he was able to save his life. He's now recovering
from the serious wounds caused by the attack. It was Alejo himself who pointed at the Iranian
regime as responsible for this attempted killing. And though the Spanish police had not come up
to a final conclusion yet, the shooting is being investigated by the national court as a case of
terrorism.

This week in the plenary, Mme Miriam Rajavi, leader [President-elect] of the National Council of
Resistance of Iran, is visiting the Parliament in Strasburg to discuss with MEPs the situation in
Iran and the horrifying repression that the regime is conducting against the Iranian population.
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Yemen, through the Houthi faction, and it is the main ally of Russia in its invasion of Ukraine.

New legislation with tougher measures against women has been introduced and a wide network
of influence in Europe promoted by the Iranian regime is being exposed.

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22, died after being beaten by the so-called morality police for not wearing the headscarf properly.

The situation in Iran is untenable for any democratic sensitiveness. We should express our solidarity with those who, within Iran and in exile team up to face the regime.

This is why the [Ten Point platform put forward by Mrs. Maryam Rajavi](#) for a free, secular, democratic, pluralistic Iran is worth being supported. And that's why we openly reject the campaign to vilify the Iranian resistance abroad, which is one of the permanent strategies and actions of the Iranian regime.

We will stand with the Iranians who wish freedom, democracy, and equality in the country. By doing so, we not only help Iran, but it's in our own interest that Iran ceases to be a threat to us all.

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