

Next Step Iran,

The biggest challenge that the young Iranians who fight for liberty and democracy face for years is to show the world that the Islamic Republic is a dictatorship regime.

Ayatollah Ruhallah Khomeini, the father of the Islamic revolution in Iran, wrote a chilling letter in July 16, 1988. In his letter he issued a “fatwa” that Iran should have nuclear and laser bombs.

Today, everyone around the world knows that the current hardliner Iranian President, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad wants to wipe Israel off the map. Everyone is aware of the tortures that students, scholars, and journalist are enduring. Everyone knows that in Iran, women are treated brutally when a piece of their hair shows through the head cover.

The Islamic Republic has not complied with the United Nations Security Council resolutions. The Islamic Republic constantly wants to bully the US, so the United States will launch an attack on the nuclear power plants.

Iran wants the military attack on the nuclear power plants, because they

can't continue their costly nuclear activities any longer. Since they have spent billions of dollars on these nuclear reactors, they owe an explanation to the people of why they have these nuclear reactors.

If the nuclear power plants are targeted, they are free from the costly responsibilities of the nuclear plants, and can tell the people, “The US attacked us.”

However, I want take this opportunity, to look at Iran through a more hopeful window. Let's have a new vision. Everyone is aware of the pain inflicted upon the Iranian people and the nuclear worry of the international community.

But, we the young people of Iran want to say something new.

In the ocean of hopelessness, we want to talk about hope. We want to talk about the dream country that we can create. We want to have a country that is respected, trusted and have good relations with all the countries around the world.

We wholeheartedly agree and believe in Thomas Jefferson's idea that said,

“I like the dream of the future better than the history of the past.”

Iran has a population of about 70 million people. Of this population in Iran, over 50 million people are under

the age of 35. These young people have high hopes and dreams for a better future.

For years we wanted to show the world that the people of Iran are different from the Islamic Republic. The world has to step up and help the young Iranians. The young people of Iran need to be empowered so they can restore their confidence.

Gene Sharp, the famous writer and thinker said, you can not negotiate with dictatorship.

Dictators will never give in, if they negotiate, they just want to find more ways to condemn.

Five months ago, when the bipartisan Baker Hamilton report was released, there was a lot of pressure on President Bush for an unconditional dialogue with Iran. At the same time, Mr. Hamilton's colleague, Dr. Haleh Esfandiari, the Iranian American scholar at Woodrow Wilson Center was detained. She was not allowed to leave country. Mr. Hamilton was so surprised by this news that for four months he didn't make the news public. He tried to write and talk to the Islamic dictator officials to free his colleague. Now, few days ago, Ms. Esfandiari was charged for spying to overthrow the regime.

Negotiating with Islamic Republic would legitimize the extremist

regime. There is no hope for any kind of negotiation.

Now that the world has decided to put sanctions on the Iranian regime, to weaken the Mullahs network, they need to enforce the sanctions.

It is only through hope that we can break the silence of fear and bring the confidence to the young people so they can bring down the dictatorship regime.

I think, by now, the world has heard the voice of the young Iranians. The world needs to wake up and realize that Islamic Republic of Iran is a dictatorship. The young people of Iran deserve to live in a free and democratic country.

I hope the next step will be to create democracy in Iran.

The young Iranians have started a new chapter. Iranians deserve to have a democratic regime.

If Iran becomes free, not only the Middle East, but the entire world will be a safer place.

I hope the “Confederation of Iranian Students”, with your help and your support, can bring the beautiful gift of freedom to my country, Iran.

The young people of Iran are waiting for your help...

Confederation of Iranian Students (CIS)



Confederation of Iranian Students has created a new chapter to assist the students efforts to increase the public awareness for promotion of democracy and human rights in Iran . After the 1979 Islamic revolution, “Confederation of Iranian Students” is the largest independent student movement group that is active inside and outside of Iran .

The main objective of this organization is to empower the will and the confidence of the Iranian people, create team work, and teach the skills for non violent movement to resist against the dictatorship regime in Iran.

Iran has a population of about 70 million people. About 70% of this population is under the age of 35 years. ¹

Iran has about 2 million college students and 18 million students from first grade to the twelfth grade . ²

“Confederation of Iranian Students” is a combination of federations in different countries around the world that reaches out to the students through social, cultural, artistic, literature, and sports activities.

Federation of Iran

Currently, the Confederation of Iranian Students has over 4000 members inside Iran. The coordinating committee that is comprised of one hundred people have been selected to take the lead for the confederation.

The following members are some of the key members for the coordinating committee of the confederation.

Arzhang Davoodi,



one of the founders of Confederation who is sentenced to 15 years of jail.

1. According to the latest census in Iran in 2006, www.sci.org.ir

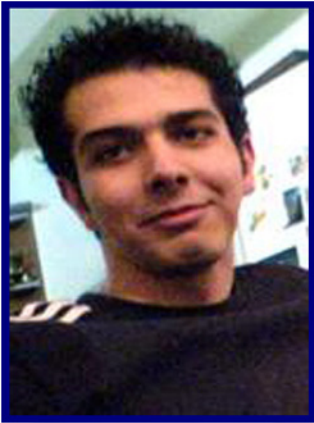
2. Islamic Republic Consulate General in Istanbul website www.ircgi.org

Farrokh Shafee,



main leader of the July 9, 1999 student movement in Iran.

Farhang Naderi, Payman Pakmehr, Alfredo Tabari,



and Payman Aref are all the leading members for federation of Iran.

Iranian Federation has members in different colleges of Iran in numerous cities.

These members have created research groups to inform and educate other students. Some of their activities include scientific, political, and social seminars.



These students also conduct research on a number of topics.

One of the major responsibilities of this group is to get the latest news and information from their colleges and distribute them to the international media outside of Iran. This information is also shared among NGOs and human rights groups.



These students also hold book readings and poetry sessions.

Federation of England

Mostafa Sanatnama, (Saman), 24 years old, student, majoring in Civil Engineering leads the highly active team for Federation of England.



He believes there is an apathy among young people for politics. He believes in order to reach out to the young

people, you need to find innovative ways. Some of his ideas to lead his team is to use social, artistic, and sports activities to attract young people.

Mostafa is also a member of the Iranian Enterprise Institute. (IEI)

He took part in the US International Visitors Leadership Program in Sept-Oct 2006. This was the first group of Iranian nationals to take part in this program after 27 years.

He was an active participant in the student demonstration on 11th June 2003 in Iran and has staged a hunger strike for four days in front of Iran Embassy in London.

In the UK, Mostafa acts as the director and the public outreach for all the projects for Federation of England.

Sasan Kasmai is the founder of Soccer Team in London, called Confederation of Iranian Students Football Club (CISFC).



You could learn more about the team activities on, www.powerleague.co.uk

Other activities of this team include, a new song called, “the blue revolution.” This song is composed by M. Sotoodeh.

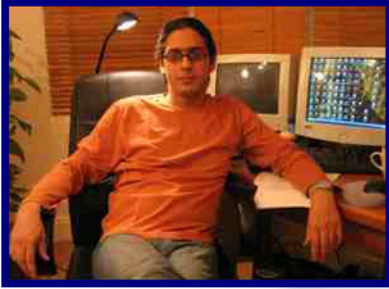
Potkin Azarmehr and Iman Samizadeh are also active members of the England Federation. They assisted, Jane Kokan, the reporter and producer for the documentary called, “Forbidden Iran.”. Potkin also had an active part in making three other UK TV documentaries about Iran.



Potkin is a passionate Iranian pro-democracy advocate. He left Iran in 1980 during the “cultural revolution” crackdown on intellectuals and university students. He has been active in the UK Iranian pro-democracy community for many years. He set up one of the first Iranian political websites for the NMIR party for Dr. Shapur Bakhtiar, who was assassinated in 1992. He was also responsible for setting up two Iranian exile pro-democracy organizations. Potkin has an active blog on Iran democracy issues. You could read his blog on, <http://azarmehr.blogspot.com>

Potkin is a freelance Database Consultant.

Iman Samizadeh,



is an active member of the Federation of England. Iman was the spokesperson for the independent student movement in Iran and played a key role in launching the independent student movement and the Confederation of the Iranian Students. Currently Iman is a research assistant in Metropolitan University.

Hamidreza Zarifinia is also another member of the federation of England.

Federation of Germany

Director of Federation of Germany, Sohrab Khoshbouei, (Saman), 29 years old, is one of the key member of the 1999 student movement in Iran .



He and his family has been a victim of Islamic Republic tortures and executions. Three of his brothers, Gholamali, 24, Cyrus, 20, Sasan ,18, were executed by Islamic Republic of Iran. Siavash, his other brother at the age of 12 was sentenced to six years

in jail where he spent one year in solitary confinement.

His mother, Fatemeh was also a political prisoner for five years.

Sohrab at the age of 4 and his sister at the age of 3 both spent two years in jail with their mother. His other sisters, Soosan, 17, and Saeideh, 15, were sentenced to jail for more than five years. One of Sohrab's sister in-law was executed, and his other sister in-law spent five years in jail.

Sohrab Khoshbouei, is in charge of designing the graphics and the website of the confederation. He is the creator and the designer of all the publishing work related to the confederation. Currently Sohrab and his wife, Fateneh Eftekhari, are living in Germany as a political refugee for the past 19 month.

Two other active members in Germany include Mohammad Shams,



electrical engineer, and Javad Assadian,



writer, and poet are both key advisors to the confederation.

Federation of France

Director of Federation of France, Assal Ataee, 27 years old,



holds a Master degree in Philosophy and Business.

The members in France have been working hard on the first congress of the federation which is going to be on September 8, 2007.



This group also has large networks with the local colleges and is in touch with the different French political groups.

Federation of Netherlands

Active members Sahar Dastmalchi, 26,

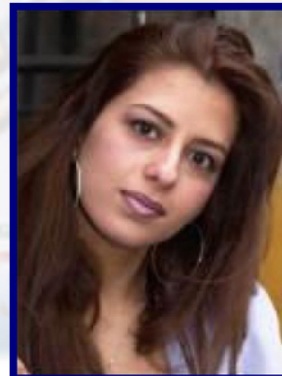


Art History major,

Homa Mashreghi,



21, student, and a contributing member Farinaz Aryanfar,



22, International Business major, work with the Federation of Netherland.

This team has created Poetry and literature groups to attract members. Dr. Afshin Ellian, Professor of Social Cohesion and Citizenship in

Universiteit Leiden is an advisor to the Federation of Netherland.

Federation of Belgium

Director, Kourosh Almas Hosseini, 32,



Graduate student in Civil Engineering leads the team in Belgium. Kourosh is in touch with political parties in Belgium. His team has a large network with the members of the European Union.

This group works on a number of seminars and workshops.

Federation of Turkey

Director, Abolfazl Ajorloo (Arya), 22, Graphic Art student, leads the team in Turkey.



He had spent one year in Evin prison and spent six months in confinement cell.

Mojtaba Vatanpour, 24, another team member spent 1 year and half in Evin prison.



This team provides help and protects the political refugees in Turkey.

Federation of the United States of America

The headquarters of Confederation of Iranian Students is located in Washington, DC. This team is responsible for organizing, planning, directing and the overall operation of the confederation.

Networking with the US officials, including the congressional members, and the scholars of the think tanks are some of the other prominent work of this group. The Washington team also keeps in touch with the American, the international media, and different colleges.

This team also works with a large network of Iranian Americans in the US.

The key members are, Amir Abbas Fakhavar,



founder of Confederation of Iranian Students.

Banafsheh Zand-Bonazzi, a leading political activist, and the daughter of famous Iranian Journalist and political prisoner Siamak Pourzand. Banafsheh is in charge of all the media and public relations of the confederation. She and her husband, Elio Bonazzi, Italian political scientist live in New York city.



Their new project of “Planet Iran” will be launched in the memory of the 9th anniversary of the July 9, 1999 student movement in Iran. This website will be dedicated for the news and blogs for Iran.

Some of the other key members in the United States are,

Amir Oveisi, Bijan Gandji, and Ahmad Reza Farrokhzad.



Bijam Gandji and Amir Oveisi are active members in the federation of the USA.



First official Iranian Enterprise Institute meeting, Oct. 12, 2006 Washington, DC

The Blue Revolution

One of the major goals of the Confederation of Iranian Students is to create a “Blue Revolution.” This is a public non violent resistance movement against the dictatorship of the Islamic Republic. The color blue represents peace and prosperity.

Nazanin Afshin-Jam an Iranian-Canadian model, Singer, International Human Rights Activist, and a former Miss World Canada, has been a supporter of the Confederation of Iranian Students. Although she is independent, but she has a close relationship with the leading members of the confederation.



Nazanin has also dedicated a song, "Someday, the Revolution song" which was released in April 2007.



Nazanin is opposed to the death penalty especially for the kids under the age of 18.

She is a dedicated individual that supports human rights activities around the world.

Confederation of Iranian Students supports Nazanin Afshin-Jam's human rights activities. We also support her efforts to bring the Iranian opposition group leaders together.



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