

# The Movement For Freedom & Democracy

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**Any government, anywhere in the world, which does not allow political change through peaceful means, is not legitimate or moral!**

The Movement For Freedom and Democracy (“The Movement”) is an organization dedicated to bringing about freedom and democracy to Iran. The conditions of human rights violations, secretive proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, support for global terrorism are all due to the totalitarian, backward, anti-modernist and repressive policies of the ruling clergy in Iran. As you know, president Bush addressed in his "axis of evil" that Iran aggressively pursues weapons of mass destruction and exports terror, while an un-elected few repress the Iranian people's hopes from freedom

## THE MOVEMENT

“The Movement” is a freedom coalition of pro-democracy Iranians - who struggle for liberty within, and from outside, Iran and who share spirit of unity, cooperation and commitment. “The Movement” champions the vision of a free Iran reclaiming its rightful position in the international community. “The Movement” is a global initiative to advance, in common cause on behalf of all Iranians, the purposes of national self-determination, the principles of secular democracy, the capacity for responsible self-government, the respect for individual and universal human rights, and the provision of institutions of ordered liberty essential for a free Iran. Currently, at the core of “The Movement” is Dr. A.F.K. Yazdi. Since the beginning of “The Movement”, many Iranians have received the message and joined the movement. Presently we have contacts in the following Iranian provinces:

- Azerbaijan
- Baluchestan
- Central Provinces
- Fars
- Gilan and Mazandaran
- Khorasan
- Kurdistan
- Lurstan

Our progress has been impeded, however, due to lack of resources and the international support.

## DECLARATION OF PRINCIPALS

The vision of “The Movement” is a peaceful world and therefore “The Movement” calls on all those who are dedicated to the cause of freedom and human dignity, all political parties and all organizations that support the legitimate aspirations of the people of Iran for institutionalization of democracy, to join “The Movement” in its quest to uphold the following principles as its guide towards establishment of democracy in Iran.

- 1- The removal from power of the theocratic regime in Iran and complete separation of religion from the affairs of the state.
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- 2- Self-determination for the people of Iran. Support the national movement of the people of Iran in their political, cultural, and social struggle toward freedom, progress, social justice, and national sovereignty.
- 3- Set the conditions for a free and fair national referendum, through which the people of Iran will be free to materialize their democratic aspirations and to choose their future form of government in a democratic manner.
- 4- Freedom, prosperity, and dignity for Iran within its territorial integrity without seeking revenge.
- 5- Complete guaranty for the full restoration of women's right in Iran in accordance with the universal declaration of human rights. Elimination of all forms of discrimination against the women of Iran.
- 6- Freedom of Speech and freedom of self\_ expression. Every Iranian is entitled to freedom of speech and freedom of self\_ expression to share differing views and opinions, even when contrary to popular or majority belief, free from any absolute power of government to suppress or censor the same. Even unpopular \_expression should be protected from absolute government suppression or censorship.
- 7- Freedom of press, petition & assembly.  
Iranians are entitled to assemble, form political organizations and have the opportunity to petition their government to communicate and express their thoughts and opinions. In the same manner, all Iranians are entitled to receive and circulate information through a free press that is protected from absolute government suppression or censorship.
- 8- Equality before the law.  
The right to be treated equally before the law, regardless of political position, social status, religion, gender, and ethnicity.
- 9- Freedom of, and freedom from, religion.  
The right to exercise one's own religious beliefs, or the lack thereof, free from any government regulation, influence, or compulsion.
- 10- Privacy.  
The right to be free of unwarranted and unwanted government intrusion into one's personal and private beliefs, affairs, papers, and possessions.

Finally, due to its rich cultural heritage, the people of Iran detest all forms of violence as instruments to advance political goals. Iranians have no interest in terrorism in any and all forms or shapes.

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