

# URGENT APPEAL

At the Behest of Religious Fascism Ruling Iran

## Iranian Dissident Taken Hostage in Iraq at Risk of Extradition He Must Be Released Immediately

Mr. Safar Zakery, 60, an Iranian refugee in Iraq and a member of the Iranian opposition MEK, has been recognized by the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) as a person of concern protected under international law. He lives in Camp Liberty, Iraq, under UN supervision. Since four weeks ago, the Iraqi Government, using the pretext of a car accident, has detained him and refuses to recognize his legal status to return to Camp Liberty. He suffers from kidney stone, gallstones and severe Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia. Instead, Iraqi officials have inexplicably facilitated the involvement of the Iranian regime's embassy in his case, to Iran, where he will face torture and execution.

**The U.S. Government  
Has Committed To Protect Zakery;  
President Obama, Fulfill America's  
Commitment, Secure Zakery's Freedom**

**Prime Minister al-Abadi,  
Order Zakery's Immediate Release**

### Background

- In 2004, the United States and Multinational-Force, Iraq recognized Safar Zakery and other members of the MEK as 'protected persons' under the Fourth Geneva Convention.
- In 2004, the United States signed an agreement with Safar Zakery, committing itself to protect him until his final disposition.
- In 2011, UNHCR recognized Safar Zakery as a refugee entitled to International protection.
- The U.S. Government and the UN officially asked Safar Zakery and other Camp Ashraf residents to relocate to Camp Liberty. In return, the United States pledged to ensure the safety and the security of the residents.