

## About Mohsen Sazegara

Mohsen Sazegara was an activist of 1979 Islamic Revolution and a member of Liberation Movement of Iran (abroad). Sazegara was studying in Chicago and moved to Neauphle-le-Château on Oct 1978 when Ayatollah Khomeini who was exiled in Iraq, went to France. He was one of the members of his headquarter. He returned to Iran on the same plane with Ayatollah and was one of the founders of Islamic Revolution Guards Corp (IRGC). He was a member of its first commanding board. Sazegara accepted different positions in first decade after the revolution, such as Head of Iran National Radio, Deputy of Prime Minister Office in Internal Political Affairs, Under Secretary of Heavy Industries and CEO of biggest government owned industrial conglomerate, Industrial Development and Renovation Organization (IDRO) and deputy of Planning and Budget Organization. Sazegara did not accept any government positions after 1988. He published 3 newspapers and 2 monthly magazines, which were all, shut down by the government. He was an active and influential participant of Religious Intellectual Movement, Reformist Movement and the Green Movement. He has been arrested and imprisoned 4 times in Iran. In 2003 when he was last imprisoned, he went on two prolonged hunger strikes that resulted in his release but poor health and hospitalization. He left Iran for medical treatments on Jan 2004. When he was being treated outside the country for his eye and heart conditions, he was sentenced to 6 years jail in absentia. Sazegara continued his political opposition against the regime outside Iran and was one of the founders of Iran's Constitution Reform Campaign and Unity for Democracy in Iran (UDI). He has studied Mechanical Engineering, Physics and History and has been a scholar in Washington Institute, Yale and Harvard Universities and he has been a scholar at George W. Bush Presidential Library & Museum for 3 years until May 2013. He is president of Research Institute on Contemporary Iran (RICI). Sazegara was born in Tehran on January 1955. He is married and has two sons. He is now living in a suburb of Washington D.C.