

Mrs. Maryam Rajavi

Mrs. Maryam Rajavi is the President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, which seeks the establishment of a democratic, secular and non-nuclear republic in Iran.

As a Muslim woman, she has advocated tolerance, gender equality and separation of religion and state.

Mrs. Rajavi was active during and after the 1979 revolution in Sharif University of Technology in Tehran, where she received a Bachelor's degree in Metallurgical Engineering.

She was a candidate during the first parliamentary elections after the revolution and received approximately a quarter million votes, despite widespread election fraud by the Iranian regime.

Mrs. Rajavi has appeared before many national parliaments in Europe, including the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Norway, Finland, Canada and a frequent guest at the European Parliament and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe as well as France's National Assembly and the Senate, where she has testified.

Her latest book, entitled, *Woman against Islamic Fundamentalism*, has been translated into several languages.

Mrs. Rajavi lost two of her sisters in the struggle to bring freedom and democracy to Iran. One, pregnant at the time, was executed by ayatollahs' regime. Another was executed by the Shah's regime. One of her brother-in-laws was executed in Iran and another was assassinated by the Iranian regime's terrorists in Geneva, Switzerland.