

**Iran: Researched and compiled by the RDC on Tuesday 10 March 2009**

**Information on a political group called the United Front of Iranian Nationalists**

Page 229 of a report by the *UK Home Office* issued in August 2008 includes the following profile

“Jebhe Ettihad E Melli Mihani Iran (United Front of Iranian Nationalists) A European-based political organisation (established December 1997) which is believed to be the result of the National Front Party and the National Unity Party joining forces after the revolution. It appears to be Nationalist in outlook broadly supporting democracy, gender equality, secularism and the defence of Iran’s borders. It purports to have an active presence within Iran, but to date it has proved extremely difficult to obtain any corroborative evidence. It has a UK office and supports a website which claims membership both within Iran and in some other countries. It produces a magazine called Bamdad” (UK Home Office, (15 August 2008), *Country of Origin Information Report – Iran*).

The ‘About us’ page of the groups site includes a précis of their manifesto saying

“Summary of United Front of Iranian nationalists manifesto

Jebhe ettehad E melli mihani Iran

1. To guard the independence and territorial integrity with Iran.
2. Absolute separation of religion/faith from government/politics
3. Tireless efforts towards establishment of parliamentary democracy in accordance with international protocols, execution of United Nations’ conventions and respect of human rights in Iran.
4. Freedom of political parties, unions syndicates and professional bodies, as ratified by international conventions and definitions.
5. Establishing a transitional government in order to elect a constitutional party for creation of a new constitution.
6. Accomplish and guarantee free and democratic elections in which all parties and organisations could participate equally.
7. Freedom for speech, thoughts, and public media without any censorship.
8. Freedom for practicing any religion, faith and belief for all Iranian citizens. Protection and respect for all centres of worship.
9. Protection, development and reinforcements of national unity between all tribes. Races, clans, living within Iranian territory.
10. Equality of women and men and in all aspects of social and family rights, in accordance with traditional and international conventions.
11. Preservation of ancient and national heritage, expansion and progress of Farsi language and every ethnic/racial dialect, educating the public on Iranian civilisation and culture nationally and internationally.
12. Improvement and expansion of international relations, principles of none interference in internal matters of other states, assistance in creation of peace and stability regionally and globally (United Front of Iranian Nationalists, (Undated), *About us*).

Note 327 on page 10 of a report by the *Quaker United Nations Office* in April 2005 refers to a claim about the United Front of Iranian Nationalists and the ensuing response from the Iranian authorities (Quaker United Nations Office, (April 2005), *References to Women In Prison And Children Of Imprisoned Mothers in the documents submitted to, and resolutions of, the UN Commission on Human Rights*).

No further information on this issue could be found among sources available to the RDC.

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