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The International Monarchist Conference (IMC), a confederal organization regrouping 64 monarchist organization representing 29 nations, protests against the pronounced death sentence against three Iranian monarchist activists, members of the Association of the Iranian Monarchy : **Mohammad-Reza Ali Zamani**, 37 years old, **Hamed Rouhinejad**, 24, and **Arash Rahmanpour**, only 20.

Mohammad-Reza- Ali Zamani appeared last on August 8th, together with the French citizen Clothilde REISS, before the Tehran Revolutionary Court. All three men have just been sentenced to death because of the part they played in the protest movement that shook the Islamic Republic after the presidential elections last June.

It is the first death sentence pronounced by the Iranian Justice against participants of the demonstrations that followed the worldwide criticised re-election of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to the Presidency of the Islamic Republic of Iran last June 12th.

The fate of Mohammad-Reza- Ali Zamani, Hamed Rouhinejad, and Arash Rahmanpour is today suspended until November 4th 2009.

Beyond the political commitment of those men, it is the mobilization of the entire international community that is required to save the lives of political prisoners, sentenced to death for their sole opposition to an illegitimate and theocratic dictatorship.

In order to help build the mobilization of energies and consciences, the International Monarchist Conference set up a "**Committee for the release of Mohammad-Reza Ali Zamani**" and launched a petition to save Mohammad-Reza Ali Zamani and his young companions.

A demonstration has taken place on Tuesday November 3d 2009 at 07:00 p.m, at Place d'Iena, in front of the Iranian Embassy.

Together, let us formulate the demand to release the political prisoners of Iran !



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Iran's modern history went through two dynasties, the Qajar (1794-1925) then the Pahlavi, following different steps. In 1921, Reza Khan overthrew the Qajar dynasty with the help of the Hamadan Cossacks Brigade (White Russians). Regency is then established, and the Regent is in his turn overthrown in 1924. In November 1924, it is the turn of Reza to become Regent before being elected King by the Assembly on December 12th and proclaimed Emperor the day after and finally crowned in January 1926.

From 1950 onwards, Iran was to go through a period of major political instability, torn between the communists, religious activists, and the nationalists, the latter being led by Mohammad Mossadegh, the son of a Qajar Princess.

The will of the Shah to modernize his country, without letting himself be overwhelmed on his left wing by the marxist influenced organisations, nor on his right wing by the religious groups of influence, would gradually lead to a toughening of the regime who faced difficulties carrying out reforms without destroying traditions and democratise without leaving the door open to the demagogues.....Ideological fermentation, the fool's bargain between the left wing and the Islamists, finally lead to the 1979 Revolution, the fall of the Shah, and the establishment of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

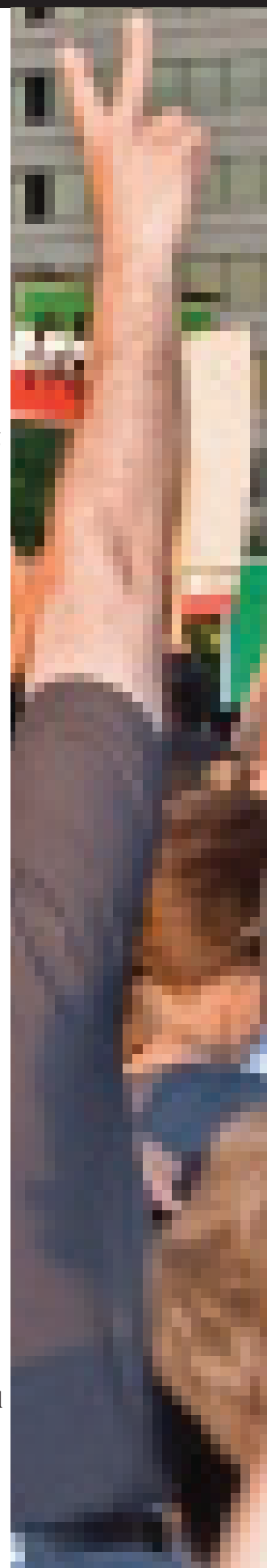
It didn't take much time for the monarchist opposition in exile to reorganize. Or even to disorganize, since monarchist movements are very numerous. 'Higgledy-piggledy', we can find the Iranian Resistance National Movement, founded by the late Shahpur Bakhtiar, the last Prime Minister of the Shah, who was, together with several members of his entourage, brutally murdered by the secret police of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Iranian Monarchist Movement, based in Switzerland, the Constitutionalist Iran Movement, directly inspired by the pretender to the throne, Prince Reza Cyrus Pahlavi, the Iran Liberation Front, financed by the United States and headed by General Ali Amini, a friend of the Kennedy family, the Iranian Block, particularly active among refugees living in Britain, or the Alliance of Iran

Monarchists, settled in Malmö in Sweden, federating three small movements : the Iran Imperial Guards, the Our Iran movement and the Iranian Patriot Youth.

The activities of those groups consist mainly in making propaganda within the Iranian Diaspora in exile, without, for obvious reasons, many contacts with Iranians from "inside". We can however put in the favour of the Constitutionalist Iran Movement, the successful hacking of Iranian television channels to broadcast a message from Prince Reza Cyrus Pahlavi in 1986 as well as certain number of operations from spreading petitions to often symbolic demonstrations against representations of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

But the monarchist circles of influence also have at their disposal clandestine paramilitary groups that operate in Iran itself. The Derafsh Kaviani is probably the most important with regard to its number of activists. Led by a former Minister of the Shah, it was named from a Persian legendary hero that, in ancient times, reportedly killed a tyrant and restored the good monarch. After a few terrorist activities, it seemed to have calmed down to a more classical way of action and propaganda. The BKO, or Babak Khorramdim Organization, is much more aggressive. Displaying violent anti-clericalism, they claim responsible for the rocket launcher attack in February 1993, that almost killed President Rafsanjani. Suspected for several bloody attacks, the BKO also claimed responsibility for the executions of several Iranian Revolutionary Guards. On behalf of the Qajar Dynasty, things are considerably quieter. Exiled in France since 1925, they have abandoned all political activities, and seem only to yearn for historical rehabilitation around the Qajar family association they set up in 1999, in view of political rehabilitation.

Today's "Zamani case" shows anyway that the monarchist feeling remains deeply rooted in Iran itself among the younger generation. This is indeed a deed for the future.





The name of Prince Reza Cyrus Pahlavi, or Shahanshah Reza Shah II for his supporters was cheered during the June and July 2009 demonstrations. This is no surprise since his supporters were among the first to defy the mullahs. They also count as the main victims of political repression. In Iran, and within the Diaspora of the country, it is to the Prince that all looks are turned.

Reza Pahlavi, aged 49 today, is the son of the late Emperor and Iran Shah, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and his Shahbanou, Farah Diba. Bearing the title of Crown Prince at the time of the Islamic Revolution, he succeeded his father in 1980 on the Imperial Throne.

An Officer and a jet fighter pilot, the Prince also graduated in political science. Because of the 1979 Islamic Revolution, he had to follow his father in exile in Morocco then in Egypt before finally setting up in the United States in 1984.

Very active, from a political point of view, the Prince quickly gained the confidence of the major part of the Iranian Diaspora. His program presents the key lines of a modern, secular and democratic Iran, integrated

into the international community. The Prince also has at his disposal quite a lot of bridging in Iran itself, particularly among the young students. If the Prince encourages civil disobedience, and all non-violent demonstrations, he always publicly opposed to the idea of a foreign military intervention in his country.

In that state of mind, the Prince paid several visits in France recently. Last year his interviews with Michel Taubmann were published under the title "Iran at the time for choice". A true plea for a turned towards the future Iran. The interviews portray a clear-sighted Statesman, considered by many observers as the only personality able to federate the secular and democratic Iranian forces.

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The International Monarchist Conference calls all defenders of Human Rights and freedom of opinion to sign the petition to support the sentenced persons and carry out action in unity.

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