



“Evicting Iran from Iraq and Syria is first step in securing victory over violent extremism”



On Monday, 26 January, in a conference at the Council of Europe titled “The crisis of terrorism and fundamentalism, roots, solutions, role of religious dictatorship in Iran”, Maryam Rajavi, President-elect of the Iranian Resistance, described the eviction of the Iranian regime from

Iraq and Syria as the foremost step to win the fight against extremism. She underscored the need to help the Syrian people overthrow Bashar Assad and warned: “The massacre of hundreds of thousands in Syria and Iraq will not end with these countries and the flames of this war will spread to the whole region

and will also reach the heart of Europe” unless and until the Iranian regime is evicted from both countries.

The conference was held at the invitation of British, Swiss and Finnish parliamentary committees concurrent with the official meeting of the

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Editorial

Spring is coming and once again we prepare to celebrate NoRuz, the Iranian New Year, during this natural period of growth and renewal.

And how better to show the essence of NoRuz, but by the typically spirited message of hope, courage and commitment to a brighter future sent from Camp Liberty by the Gholam Nejad siblings, here on the back cover.

Camp Liberty is where we must focus world attention. The men and women there are representatives of 36 years of struggle against a tyrannous regime, enduring their current inhuman conditions not just because of the actions of brutal tyrants, but also the neglect of those who are supposed to protect them

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Ali Salari, the 24th victim of the medical siege of Camp Liberty

The morning of 4 February 2015 in Camp Liberty started with bad news. Ali Salari, one of the residents who was under International protection and whose well being was guaranteed by the UN and the US, lost his life due to lack of access to medical treatment. He is the 24th resident to be tormented to death by the anti-human medical blockade imposed on Ashraf and Camp Liberty.



Ali Salari, 47, went to Ashraf in 1988 to struggle against the religious fascism ruling Iran. He was diagnosed with cancer late last year and the representative of Camp Liberty had

requested his immediate transfer out of Iraq for treatment. Mrs Maryam Rajavi called the 24th martyr of the anti-human siege in Camp Liberty “a shining symbol of the resistance of the people of southern Iran against the mullahs’ regime” and offered her condolences to the Salari family in Bandar Abbas. We underscore the repeated and written responsibilities and commitments of the United States and the United Nations regarding the security and wellbeing of Camp Liberty residents and call on the UN for immediate and concrete action to lift this anti-human siege.



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Council of Europe at its headquarters in Strasbourg. Present at the conference were European legislators from various European countries and different political groups.

In this conference, Mrs Rajavi expressed abhorrence for crimes such as the slaughter of journalists in France and stated that the spirit of Islam rejects these actions with utmost repugnance.

She highlighted the need for eviction of the Iranian regime, the Qods Force and its ‘Shia’ militias from Iraq. She reminded participants in the meeting that without uprooting the Iranian regime and its militias in Iraq, even if the war against ISIS weakens the group in Iraq, this phenomenon will spread internationally.

Mrs Rajavi also mentioned that the narrative that Sunni fundamentalism is more dangerous than Shiite fundamentalism and the former should be confronted with the aid of the latter, is a dangerous theory for closing the eyes on the clerical regime’s destructive dominion over the region. “This is part of the narrative underpinning a policy with which some American and western politicians have steered the world toward the current disaster”, she stressed and warned: “Acquiescing to the regime’s meddling in Iraq on the pretext of fighting ISIS is a hundred times more dangerous than the nuclear weapon and a prelude to a greater catastrophe and it is tantamount to trying to avoid a hole but falling in a well”.

She also warned European legislators about offering concessions to the Iranian regime in the nuclear talks



and called on the international community to implement the United Nations resolutions in this regard. She emphasised that the mullahs’ nuclear program has no legitimacy in the eyes of ordinary people of Iran who are suffering the economic consequences of this unjustifiable clandestine program.

The President-elect of the Iranian Resistance accentuated: “The ultimate solution in confronting Islamic fundamentalism lies in the overthrow of the Iranian regime as the epicentre of extremism and terrorism. With the regime’s downfall, al-Qaeda, ISIS, Hezbollah or Houthis (in Yemen) will no longer present a serious threat to peace and democracy and will be deprived of power and influence. In the face of this destructive force with its source in Tehran, instead of appeasing the mullahs, the will of the Iranian people to replace the clerical regime in its entirety must be recognized by the

international community.”

At this conference, presided over by senior Finnish legislator Kimmo Sasi, the following offered speeches: Jordi Xucla, Leader of Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Group , and Carmen Quintanilla (Spain); Tiny Kox (Netherlands), Leader of Unified European Left Group; Mike Hancock and Alan Meale (Great Britain); Eric Voruz (Switzerland); Senator Bernard Fournier, Frédéric Reiss, and Emile Blessig (France); Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania); Scott Sims (Canada); Nazir Hakim, General Secretary of Syrian National Coalition, and Nejat al-Astal, President of the Palestinian delegation in PACE.

During her stay in Strasbourg Mrs Rajavi also addressed the official group meetings of the Christian Democrats (the largest group in the Council of Europe) and the Liberals, at the request of their representatives.

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and their rights.

Our NoRuz celebration on 11 April, will be an occasion to express our gratitude to you for your support through many challenging times and to pledge our love and shared commitment to bringing into reality a world based on righteousness, leading to freedom from tyranny and oppression in Iran, the region and the world.

Before that we celebrate International Women’s Day, speaking out for the

rights of half the world population who fundamentalists deem second class citizens and so, special targets for oppression. We must stand together to prevent this evil from capturing the world and turning back the clock of our shared humanity by centuries.

Amid growing concern about the spread of extremism and its increasingly violent nature, as most recently evidenced by the burning of the Jordanian pilot, Muath al-Kasasbeh, the anniversary of the 1979 Iranian revolution has given the impetus to

look back over these 36 years and trace the current violence ever more clearly to its firmly established roots in the 1st Islamic Caliphate of the modern world, the Islamic State of Iran.

This awareness has been the common message of many recent conferences and echoed in articles and interviews by prominent people who have been monitoring closely the events unfolding in the Middle East. The world must take urgent note of this truth, resulting in serious action to confront extremism at its roots.



IRAN IN THE WORLD MEDIA

Europe must tackle the sources of Islamic extremism, not the symptoms

Egidijus Vareikis, member of the Lithuanian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) wrote an article on EurActive.com on 28 January 2015 excerpts of which follow:

Gunshots filled the air just weeks ago in Paris, innocent people were brutally murdered, and we were once again reminded that all the freedoms we enjoy are under threat. In 2012, gunmen killed Jews and soldiers in Toulouse and Montauban. Before that, Europe dealt with suicide bombings in London and train explosions in Madrid.

The perpetrators of these acts,

members of Al-Qaeda, ISIS and self-radicalized Muslims, are an extreme minority and unrepresentative of Islam as a whole, but that doesn't mean they aren't dangerous. These extremists have been growing in recent years, aided by the actions of the Iranian regime in places like Lebanon, Syria and Iraq. What better motivation than Iranian sponsored use of poisonous gas, mass killings and constant fear?

We must combat the threat that extremist Sunni groups pose, but we also need to recognize that support for another extremist Islamic state, Iran, cannot be called a solution.



If we are to combat Islamic extremism at home and abroad, we must tackle its sources, not its symptoms. The Iranian regime has acted as the world's leading exporter of terror and despair – showing a little resolve on our Iran policy will go a long way to keeping us safer here in Europe.

Jihadi cancer has its roots in Tehran

By Struan Stevenson (excerpts)

The Diplomat: 10 January

The horror assassination of ten journalists and two policemen in Paris is simply the latest manifestation of the spread of Islamic fundamentalism whose genesis can be traced directly back to the Iranian revolution and the coming to power of Grand Ayatollah Ruholla Khomeini, who made Iran the world's first Islamic Republic [State]. His medieval belief that his authority came directly from God enabled him to rule over a fascist theocracy that could imprison, torture, maim and execute at will, ruling by fear and violence and defending these excesses by stating they were the will of God. Similar to the "divine right of Kings" which bathed Europe in blood for centuries, this discredited anachronism plunged the 74 million forward-looking and highly

civilized Iranians back to the Middle Ages, where women could be stoned to death and men hanged from cranes in town squares because they were guilty of "waging war on God."

After executing 120,000 members of the People's Mojahedin Opposition Group in the 1980s, Khomeini set about spreading his fundamentalist cancer across the Middle East. His successor Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has internationalized this obscene distortion of Islam by funding, training and equipping terrorist organizations across the Middle East. Iran is now extending its hegemony across the entire region and it is worth remembering that ISIS is not the only organization intent on using violence and bloodshed to create a worldwide Islamic caliphate; it is a core principle



of the Iranian Constitution, drawn up by Ayatollah Khomeini, that they will export the Islamic revolution with the clear intention of creating an Islamic caliphate. Tehran regards ISIS as direct Sunni competitors in this struggle to enslave the world in a medieval corruption of the Muslim faith.

The spread of violent jihad across the world was the inspiration of Ayatollah Khomeini. The primary cancer must be surgically removed at its core in Tehran.

The threat of terrorist sponsoring Iran is very real

Newsmax TV: 26 January

Iranian analyst Ali Safavi, told TV's talk show host Jack Burkman: The Iranian regime is dangerous and cannot be trusted. He said: "The threat of Iran as a terrorist sponsoring regime is very real and the



danger is [thinking that] if we are nice to them, they'll be nice to us."

Safavi said:

"The Iranian regime and its leaders are bad actors in the region, and this calls for decisive and firm policy on the part of the U.S. administration."



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN PARIS



Paris 7 February 2015

Firmness toward mullahs who are in a feeble state is more effective and imperative than ever, Mrs Maryam Rajavi told the Paris conference convened on the 36th anniversary of

the February 1979 revolution in Iran at the invitation of the French Committee for a Democratic Iran (CFID) titled "Islamic Fundamentalism, Roots, Solutions; Role of Iranian Regime".

Mrs Rajavi told the conference that

"despite the most barbaric suppression scarcely equalled in today's world, the Iranian people have steadfastly refused to submit to this clerical regime. The mullahs' strategy to pursue their nuclear

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Patrick Kennedy: US must offer no concessions in Iran nuclear talks

A nuclear agreement with Iran would allow the regime to extend its terrorism and brutality around the world, former Democratic Congressman Patrick Kennedy warned the conference in Paris.

The mullahs in Iran must be halted from their meddling in Iraq, Syria, Yemen and throughout the Middle East, President John F Kennedy's nephew said.

He told delegates: "Thirty six years since the revolution, we are witnessing the continued revolution of the people of Iran.

"We must continually remind ourselves that these things of the past are happening today in Camp Liberty. They have happened in Camp Ashraf, they are happening to the people of Yemen who are pressed because of the financing of the Iranian mullahs.

"They are happening to the people of Iraq who have seen greater violence

because of the oppression executed by the mullahs they are happening through Hezbollah which is being financed by the mullahs, and they are happening to the people of Syria because of the oppression and the financing of the Quds Force and the mullahs.

"The fight for freedom by you is a universal fight for all people who value freedom, because what affects one directly affects all indirectly and we have seen the far reach of the mullahs as they stretch their terrorist hands across the globe.

"We have an agreement ready to be signed that would allow Iran to continue the terrorism of this brutal regime not only upon the people of Iran but over people throughout the world. Because a nuclear mullah-run Iran will only fortify their reign of terror around the world.

"Why would we ever allow the mullahs in Iran to have a loaded nuclear



gun pointed at the head of the world community?

"Why do we think that we can do business with such a monolithic evil that has killed so many of their own people and has killed so many others around the world?"

He added: "How many times must we have to live and learn these lessons of history over and over and over again. It's time that we do the right thing...and support the democratic alternative to the mullahs.



REPORT FROM ZOHREH BANI-JAMALI CAMP LIBERTY MEDICAL COMMITTEE CHAIR



On 22 January 2015 Mrs Zohreh Bani-Jamali, Chairwoman of the Medical Committee of Camp Liberty, published a report about the expenditures for the treatment of the injured (of 27 assault on camps Ashraf and Liberty) and patients for 2013 and 2014 in conditions of an anti-human medical blockade imposed on them.

These expenditures include treatment, medicine, basic medical and dental material, and the costs of surgeries in various hospitals in Baghdad.

According to the report by the end of 2014, the Medical Committee has an outstanding debt of \$750,000 for the medical expenditures.

Presently, a total number of 907 residents, including 245 women and 662 men are awaiting urgent medical treatment with 117 of them in the waiting list since 2012. The condition of patients and the restrictions imposed on them for receiving proper treatment are reflected in the daily reports sent to UNAMI, UNHCR and US officials. Nevertheless, despite all international condemnations by human rights defenders and medical organizations, the anti-human siege continues.

On behalf of the Medical Committee of Camp Liberty Mrs Bani-Jamali expressed her sincerest gratitude to supporters all over the world and called for the annulment of the medical



siege. She also asked for the transfer of ambulances and necessary equipment and instruments from Ashraf to Camp Liberty to be used under the supervision of the Iraqi clinic to facilitate the treatment of the injured and the patients.

During the anti-human medical blockade which is a blatant and constant crime against humanity and a violation of all international laws and

conventions, 24 residents have so far lost their lives. Doubtless, with access to medical services, their martyrdom could have been prevented.

Camp Liberty's physicians and medical staff also declared their commitment to the Hippocratic Oath to treat patients and injured and, as was the case in Ashraf, pledged to be the last persons to leave Camp Liberty.

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program and to export terrorism and fundamentalism has now failed. Social discontent and the organized resistance have brought the regime to an impasse."

She reminded the audience that "the velayat-e faqih regime is the fountainhead and the main sponsor of terrorism and fundamentalism in the region. The consequences of any partnering with the mullahs' regime in the coalition against ISIS is a hundred

times more dangerous than any brand of Shia or Sunni Islamic fundamentalism and it would inescapably expand and aggravate the current catastrophe".

She said: "the Iranian regime's 36-year record of atrocities, especially its crimes in Ashraf and the massacre of political prisoners in 1988, must be referred to the International Criminal Court (ICC) by the UN Security Council. The international community needs to impose comprehensive sanctions

on this regime and expel its agents, mercenaries and terrorists.

"The U.S. government, the United Nations, and the European Union must act consistent with their legal commitments and obligations to end the siege, especially the medical blockade, on Camp Liberty and to declare it a refugee camp under UN supervision. The United States must provide and guarantee the protection of Camp Liberty.



SOCIAL EVENING IN NORTH LONDON

Lord Alex Carlile was the special guest speaker at our social evening on 22 January. Excerpts of his remarks follow:

“Over the weekend my wife, Alison Levitt QC, and I went to Tirana. It was an interesting journey.

“I’ve been twice to Tirana, once before the latest group of 200 went there and this last weekend, and my wife went with me because I wanted her to come. She’s not a politician, I just wanted her to hear them tell their stories, and she spent a couple of hours talking to a group of women, mostly, and she was very moved by it all and has come back determined that she will do what she can for them too.

“The essential lesson that we have to get across is that the people who are still in Camp Liberty and those who were there, have actually been the victims of a humanitarian scandal. They have the protection by law of the international community, but they’ve not been given it. They have the theory of human dignity, but they’ve not been given it. They have the guarantee under the Universal Human Rights Convention of health, but they’ve not been given it. They’ve been denied it, and indeed at times they have been bombed, and shot, a massacre of 52 people not so long ago, they have had sound used to torture them all, loudspeakers blasting large disturbing sound day and night.



“The conduct of the former government of Iraq, the Maliki government, was absolutely shocking.

“I’ve been dealing directly with the new government of Iraq at various levels since Maliki ceased to be Prime Minister. Mr Abadi, the new Prime Minister, I wrote to him yesterday. I’ve also spoken face to face over quite a long meeting with the Vice-President of Iraq,

Dr Allawi, and I do believe now that there are politicians in Iraq who wish to change the situation, there have been very small signs, but nevertheless signs of an improvement in the conditions of Camp Liberty.

“Of course the ultimate aim is for the residents of Camp Liberty to move to other countries.

Your reaction to the report by Ad Melkert, former SRSG

Your reactions to the report by Ad Melkert, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General, were very encouraging. Many of you wrote letters to the Secretary General about it. Excerpts of some of the comments follow:

Rosa: “This is a great report, really clear about the issues and the reasons behind baffling decisions and events. ‘Hardly has a humanitarian issue been politicized as this one’ in the last paragraph chimes with me a lot. There’s such a heavy weight of politics which drags down what is essentially a purely human issue. A lot of good people in

danger who need to be helped to safety.”

Paul: “This is an excellent report. As he says all those national and international agencies which have the power to resolve the issue have spent too long standing around and looking at each other instead of doing something.”

Michael: “The Report is an excellent exercise in impartiality and restraint.

The proposed measures can easily be fulfilled by anyone with an ounce of humanity and goodwill. I particularly support the idea of the dossier being taken out of the hands of pro-Iran factions in the Iraqi administration and of having an impartial liaison officer residing in Camp “Liberty” to fulfil the roles proposed by Melkert.”

Liz: “A very powerful statement from a

very welcome new envoy for truth, justice and humanity.”

John: “The report is clear, well written and authoritative. It should help people to understand the Ashraf/Liberty problem properly.”

Eva: “The message is clear: the situation in the camps is, and has long been, unacceptable.”

Mike: “Says it all, doesn’t it! What a shambles. Maybe his frank report will energise the UN and others to act.”

And many other brilliant remarks that lack of space prevents presenting them all. Many apologies.

You can find the full text of the report on our website: www.iliberty.org.uk/reports



NEWS FROM IRAN

Ardebil Metal Industry workers strike again

Ardebil Metal Industry workers gathered in front of the governor's office building on Monday 2 February from 9 o'clock in the morning, to protest against unpaid salaries since the beginning of this year.

A protester said 'the governor himself is on the side of the employer and is not respecting the workers' rights. But we the workers have also decided firmly to continue our strike until our demands are met.'

This is the fifth gathering of Ardebil Metal Industry workers since Jan. 20th.



Industrial Electric Equipment Production workers go on strike

Following the firing of 5 workers from the 'Industrial Electric Equipment Production' company, a number of workers from the 'Asia Power' section located at Ishtehard industrial town, went on strike from early morning on Sunday Feb. 1st.

These laid off employees were working in different shifts, and their names were also removed from 'factory workers' list.'



Friday prayer leader: special measures needed for improper veiling

The temporary Friday prayer leader in Tehran criticized improper veiling across the country.

"A think tank must be established to resolve existing problems. Officials

must be able to fight and eradicate social corruptions such as improper veiling. If necessary women with improper veiling in various offices must be fired from work," he said.

"Special attention must be focused on the country's cultural atmosphere. State Security Forces must act against hoodlums. Plainclothes agents should be present along Guidance Police to arrest and imprison anyone who intends to attack them," he continued.

(State-run Mehr news agency – February 1, 2015)



Ahvaz residents protest regime's inaction on dust pollution

Residents in the southern Iranian city of Ahvaz took to the streets on Friday (January 30) to protest against the Iranian regime's lack of action regarding the worsening dust pollution in the oil rich province of Iran.

Ahvaz has been the most polluted city in the world, based on data compiled by the World Health Organization in 2013.

The news media outlets in the country did not report the demonstration by the residents but the photos of the protest were distributed in the social media.

The residents held signs reading: "Clean Air is our Absolute Right!".

On Friday, the air in Ahvaz remained filled with dust.

Every year about 80,000 people in Iran die of environmental pollution, according to the official figures.



Reyhaneh Jabbari's mother writes letter to activist on her birthday

In a note addressed to Atena Faraghdani, jailed for publishing caricatures criticizing the government, Reyhaneh Jabbari's mother wrote, "Atena, my daughter, when you wake up, laugh more than ever. Laugh at the status quo, laugh at the prison, laugh at the broken bathrooms and the cut-off water and the air suffocating you in the ward, laugh at interrogators and the torture, laugh at Judge Salavati [a notorious judge], because nothing like your utter laughter will break the hardship of prison. I knew you would be imprisoned because I know this 'justice' system. But I didn't know fate will one day place you in the cell that once got my daughter. Atena, my daughter, look for signs and belongings of your sister Reyhaneh. In your search you will become familiar with the hidden side of Iran; with the effects of the existing violence, with grieving women. However harsh the conditions are there, make the best of this opportunity. Happy Birthday Atena."



Political prisoners are denied medical care

Political prisoner Aboulghasim Fouladvand incarcerated in Gohardasht prison, west of Tehran, needs an internal surgery, but the judiciary and the security agents prevent him from being transferred to hospital.

He is only one of the many political prisoners who are denied medical care; the same brutal tactic the regime is implementing in Camp Liberty via its Iraqi proxies.



HAPPY NORUZ 1394! A MESSAGE FROM CAMP LIBERTY FROM MAHBOBEH & SAEED GHOLAM NEJAD

My name is Mahbobeh, with my brother Saeed we are very happy to use the occasion of NoRuz to address you from Camp Liberty and thank you for all you have done in support of us all these years.



As NoRuz is a symbol for change when spring overcomes the cold and freezing season of winter, we in Camp Liberty believe the dark and cold wintery days of the mullahs' rule in Iran will end soon and the spring of flourishing democracy will arrive, of course with our perseverance and your backing.

We would like to emphasise that your support and your presence beside us in these years has been very inspiring and very important in protecting us despite different attempts by the mullahs and their cohorts to attack, harass and kill us. We will never forget your crucial role and support.

SAEED: Please let us tell you about ourselves and our wishes.

Mahbobeh and I, when we were in Iran like other youth, were busy studying. I was studying in high school and playing music and she was studying industry management in college. I thought I would gain more freedom as I grew up. But more and more I realized that this regime is imposing its brutal rule at every corner of our people's lives.

MAHBOBEH: we thought we could find our answers, as young person, in art. But it didn't take long before we realized that under the mullahs there are no paths to a free life

SAEED: Ever since I was a kid, I saw my father behind bars. When I grew older I heard that my 29-year old uncle was executed in the 1988 massacre in the Iranian regime's prisons because he defended his identity and democratic ideals.

MAHBOBEH: That is when we decided to go to Ashraf,

the dream world and the centre of aspirations of Iranian youth. In Ashraf we confronted masters of Iranian music. They helped build a big orchestra. Both of us are very honoured to have been part of this orchestra. The repressive forces tried very hard to prevent us from bringing our musical instruments to Camp Liberty. They thought this way they will torture us. But we managed to bring enough of our equipment to form the orchestra again. Music is part of our daily lives in Liberty now. Now let us tell you about our achievements in Camp Liberty in the past 3 years.

SAEED: We have come a long way in the past three years since we were forced to move to Liberty. But we were determined from day one to change our environment however difficult it seemed to be. And we did it. We have many green areas in Liberty built with millions of hours of hard work. This is a clear indication of the Iran that we will build. The mullahs have destroyed everything wherever they set foot. Look what they are doing in the whole region. But we will rebuild it again. I hope to see you in the free Iran.

MAHBOBEH: Me too. See you in free Iran.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN LONDON

For International Women's Day

You are cordially invited to our event for the occasion of IWD in solidarity with the brave women of Iran and Camp Liberty. The leading role of women in our struggle for freedom, justice, and peace, is commendable and should be highlighted in the new environment where religious extremism and misogyny is filling the air in an attempt to intimidate progress and civilizations. Your presence will certainly make a difference. Persian cuisine and music are included.

Thursday, 12 March, 2015. 5:00 – 8:30 pm

Westbourne Church

Westbourne Grove, Notting Hill, London W11 2RW

Entry fee: £10

RSVP: event@iliberty.org.uk or call 020 8906 7739

For the occasion of NoRuz

We would be delighted to enjoy your presence at our celebration of NoRuz, the start of Spring and the New Year of 1394 in the Persian calendar. Marjan, the Persian diva will be singing for you in the spirit of change, which is the spirit of NoRuz (New Day).

Since traditionally NoRuz is a family event we encourage you to bring your family and friends with you. They will certainly find the occasion, the Persian cuisine and the music enjoyable, and the information inspiring.

Saturday, 11 April, 2015 5:00 – 8:30 pm

Sangam, 210 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware, HA8 0AP

Entry fee: £10

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