

Newsletter 001 – IRAN & Me Townhall August 16, 2023 - Briefing



"We are the union of rivers,
we are the ocean"

"ما اتحاد رودهاییم، دریاییم"

Dear Toomaj Salehi Foundation Friends,

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to you for attending the "IRAN & Me – What's Next?" Townhall event held on August 16th at Montgomery College, Maryland.

Your active engagement during the townhall and the feedback we received clearly conveyed that this was one of the most substantial discussions within the Iranian communities over the past 12 months since the inception of the Zan Zendegi Azadi (WLF) Revolution.

The townhall commenced with an inspiring monologue delivered by Sara Seyed, underscoring that the Iranian revolution has only just begun and its spirit resonates deeply within the hearts of Iranians, both in the homeland and abroad.

We delved into the formation of our foundation in honor of Toomaj Salehi, the Son of Iran, whose vision for freedom and equality closely aligns with the aspirations of the Iranian people and the diaspora. As importantly, we emphasized being united is the cornerstone of our success in bringing about change in Iran, including the overthrow of the current regime.

During our interactive discussions, you actively contributed and expressed your points of view regarding the prospects of democracy in Iran and the role that the Iranian diaspora can play. We also explored potential timelines for the process of regime change and democratization in Iran.

Against this backdrop, we considered the roles of three key groups – Civil, Political, and Economic – in shaping the future of activism and the promotion of democracy in Iran. Notably, the influence of civil organizations extends to political and, to some extent, economic spheres. Although these three organizations have faced challenges and divisions in the past 44 years, primarily due to the actions of the Iranian regime, now is the time to earnestly institutionalize these processes. We have learned valuable lessons during this period, and it is imperative that we avoid repeating past mistakes.

We are proud to officially introduce the Toomaj Salehi Foundation (TSF) as a nonprofit organization (501(c)(3)) with the motto "Uniting Iranians Worldwide." Our foundation is grounded in education and focuses on two primary objectives:

1. Promoting and supporting regime change in Iran by educating Iranian communities, the general public, politicians, and others.
2. Supporting the path to democratization, leading to a fully functioning democracy in Iran.



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In alignment with our mission, Toomaj Salehi Foundation has taken up the cause of political prisoners and has developed a proposed bill known as the "Toomaj Salehi Act" for presentation to the U.S. Congress. This Act, once enacted, has the potential to impose additional sanctions on various entities within the IR regime.

TSF proudly introduced two of its team members during the townhall:

- The Policy Advisor to TSF provided an insightful discussion on the Toomaj Salehi Act, elaborating on the potential sanctions that could be imposed on the IR regime should the Act pass in the U.S. Congress. She also emphasized the significance of unity within American Jewish organizations and urged the Iranian diaspora to similarly come together to influence their respective governments.
- Hailing from Vancouver, Canada, a dedicated TSF member shared her personal journey as an immigrant, an Iranian, a Kurd, and a woman actively engaged in building a civil society in her city. Her unwavering determination to see positive change was palpable in her story.

We concluded the townhall by issuing a powerful call to action, encouraging volunteerism and activism among all participants.

You can now access the videos from the townhall, segmented into four parts, along with a synopsis highlighting the importance of building a civil society on our YouTube Channel. To view these insightful discussions, please follow (and share) the link below to our channel.

[IRAN & Me Townhall - YouTube](#)

In summary, our team is genuinely thrilled with the positive outcomes of this townhall event. Our ultimate objective remains the unification of Iranians, based on our shared beliefs, and our unwavering commitment to support our compatriots in Iran until we can rid ourselves of the Iranian regime and rebuild our beloved nation.

Stay tuned for our next townhall in mid-October, as we continue to execute on our mission. Your feedback is invaluable to us, so please email us at Toomaj.salehi.foundation@gmail.com

Additionally, stay updated with our activities by following us on Instagram at [Toomaj.salehi.foundation](#) and subscribe to our YouTube Channel: [@ToomajSalehiFoundation](#)

Kindly consider contributing to TSF to help us accelerate the execution of our mission. The time has come for us to create a significant impact within the Iranian communities, and with your generous assistance, we can make this vision a reality. Together, we can make a difference.

Life is Resistance.