

HAMYARN

In 1998, in an attempt to divert attention from crack down on the internal dissent, Iranian rulers created a showcase of several Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) under one umbrella organization called Hamyaran.

Hamyaran, was the outcome of a conference of three sectors held in February 1998 in Boushehr, Iran. The first sector, according to the conference outcomes report was deputy ministers and representatives of several Iranian ministries and the Iranian parliament. The second sector was Iranian “non-governmental organizations” headed by Malek Afzali, (an influential deputy minister himself!) The third group, according to the report, was International organizations’ representatives (including United Nations).

This conference of the mostly Iranian government agents decided that a new umbrella NGO, Hamyaran, will manage, coordinate and represent the showcase Iranian NGOs. This left Tehran’s hands open in brutal suppression of other NGOs. Hamyaran is currently headed by Baquer Namazi (the father of Siamak Namazi who was Trita Parsi’s partner in forming the Iranian lobby in the US.) Malek Afzali, remains the key member of Hamyaran management.

In addition to monitoring and controlling the Iran’s NGOs, Hamyaran is charged with channeling all contacts and relations of the NGOs with the international organizations and the UN. Under the supervision of the government, Hamyaran is also charged with creating communication channels with the Iranians living in the US.

Site Hamyaran

http://www.hamyaran.org/persian/gallery_mena.html

Hamyaran is an active organization by 2008-12-31

http://siteresources.worldbank.org/CSO/Resources/2008_Annual_Meetings_Accredited_CSO_Participants.pdf



Hamyan leadership

<http://www.hamyan.org/productinformation.php?pid=8>



Two people lead the Hamyan, Baquer Namazi and Hossein Malek Afzali. Malekafzali was until 2007, Deputy Minister and Under Secretary of Health

Namazi present himself as an NGO representative.

In a public meeting he declared: *My name is Baquer Namazi. I'm from an NGO from Iran.*

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/tr/2003/tr092103a.htm>

Baquer Namazi's Bio from IFP organization where he is a member

<http://www.iraniansforpeace.net/index.php?q=node/37>

Baquer Namazi is an International Development Consultant. He has been serving as a senior adviser for Population Council at WANA regional office, a lead social adviser to World Bank/ Ministry of Housing UUHPR project and the chairman of the board of Directors of “Hamyan” an Iranian NGO’s resource center which was created by the help of Namazi to strengthen the role, capacity and effectiveness of NGOs in Iran. From 1996 to present he had prepared many institutional studies and proposals for government and non-government institutions in Iran, Egypt and Yemen. He carried out numbers of missions and studies for UNDP, UNICEF, and the Population Council. He has also initiated national consultation processes for Iranian NGOs. Baquer Namazi served as UNICEF’s Country representative in Somalia, Kenya and Egypt from 1986 to 1996. At the time he played a leading role in preparing the five year country programs of cooperation of UNICEF, and developing strategies to integrate vulnerable groups, especially nomads into development mainstream. He also played a major role in promoting the right of the children and women in the country’s future program.

During the period of 1970 to 1983 Namazi held high positions in Iran, he was the governor of Khuzestan, the Deputy Executive Director for Regionalization(PBO) and a Member of the Advisory Panel of UN Center for Regional Development, Nagoya.

Over these years many of his papers have been published. Some of the titles and areas of those studies include; “Traditional Community Organizations in Iran” a situation analysis which was published by UNDP in Tehran.

“Kenya, The Convention: Child Rights and UNICEF experience”, “Getting together... And just doing it!” based on UNICEF’s Experience in and Working together with communities in Baringo District, published by UNICEF, and last but not least his selection of papers presented in conferences on “Children living in Armed Conflict in Africa” sponsored and published by African Network on Prevention and Protection Against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN), UNICEF and Redda Barnen. He authored the UNICEF Executive 1986 Board paper on Children in situations of Armed Conflict, which elaborated the concept of children as zones of peace.

Namazi at Woodrow Wilson Center in 2003

http://www.wilsoncenter.org/index.cfm?event_id=152278&fuseaction=events.event_summary

Namazi in London 2008 (second from Left)



- Hamyaran’s report of one of their meeting in the “ministry of foreign affairs” with various government agencies attending is a clear indication of the Iranian government's strategy to use NGOs to recruit the Iranian Diaspora. The meeting was held on March 16th, 2002 to review the “grounds for mutual cooperation in the area of strengthening the ties between the Iranian Expatriates and corresponding agencies in Iran with specific emphasis on the role of NGOs in this process.”



Text:

March 16, 2002

A luncheon meeting was held at the ministry of foreign affairs to discuss the issues related to the role of Iranian Expatriates in the sustainable development process of Iran.

Representatives of four entities reviewed the grounds for mutual cooperation in the area of strengthening the ties between the Iranian Expatriates and corresponding agencies in Iran with specific emphasis on the role of NGOs in this process.

An overall agreement was reached on the nature of cooperation between the Government Agencies, International Agencies, and concerned Iranian NGOs both domestic and abroad.

Workshops on specific topics related to the Iranian Expatriates and the "International Conference on the Role of Iranian Expatriates" were considered as immediate action plans.

Representative of the following entities participated in the meeting:

- Center for the Iranian Expatriates Affairs - Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- The Iran NGOs Initiative
- Mohajer Foundation (USA)
- Center for the Participation of Iranian Expatriates (Iran)

● **The 2005 Iranian Diaspora Conference in Tehran with Baquer Namazi and Hamyaran**

<http://www.iranianalliances.org/bam/2005>

