

Student says torture continuing in Iran

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"Torture is going on in Iran again," said Hassan Morovat, representative for Supporters of the Muslim Student Society, at a June 25 press conference.

Morovat was referring to a June 20 demonstration in Tehran in which 500,000 Iranians gathered to protest the impeachment of President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr.

According to Morovat, 50 Iranians were killed and 600 wounded during the demonstration, while in various Iranian provinces, 35 Bani-Sadr supporters were executed following the announcement of his dismissal.

Bani-Sadr was declared incompetent by the Iranian Parliament and then fired by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini two weeks ago.

Elected with 75 percent of the

popular vote, Bani-Sadr was not supported by the ruling Islamic Republic Party. Morovat claimed Bani-Sadr received popular support because of his "anti-reactionary, anti-dictatorial beliefs and actions."

Although the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran and similar revolutionary groups have "principle ideological and political differences with Bani-Sadr, he was the only authority opposing reactionaries," Morovat said.

Morovat said the PMOI is struggling to end "suppression of democratic forces." The revolutionary groups are fighting to lower the illiteracy rate and to achieve social and economic freedom. Economic conditions have worsened under Khomeini, who began his regime with a 35-percent inflation rate, Morovat said.

Other concerns of the PMOI are the Islamic Republic Party's "plans to acquire help from im-

perialism and sign imperialistic contracts which enchain us."

Since Khomeini took power, "everything has been worse," said Morovat, explaining that the current regime has come to rely more and more on imperialistic policies.

"The ruling class is being reactionary and barbaric by signing treaties with countries that supported the Shah originally," he said.

While Morovat claimed the Islamic Republic Party has "some (popular) support, they are losing it fast. They have not

done anything for the people."

The Muslim society supporters held the conference to "put public pressure on the ruling forces of Iran," Morovat said. Citing the ease with which the Islamic Parliament ousted Bani-Sadr, he predicted "the reaction toward revolutionary forces and political prisoners will be much more brutal."

Currently, there are 4,000 political prisoners in Iran, Morovat said.

"Certainly when a regime starts killing people, there's going to be a revolt."

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Gilland replaces Robert Harris, who resigned to become dean of architecture at the University of Southern California.

A former University of California at Berkeley faculty member, Gilland also has worked for a number of architectural firms. While an architect in San Francisco, he was in charge of design and production for the chemistry building and the science library at the University of California at Davis. Gilland also has designed office buildings, theaters, houses and science and medical facilities.

A national search for Harris' permanent replacement will begin in the fall, Hill says.

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