

Basic Detail Report

Young men holding a banner to the People's Mojahedin of Iran (or the Mojahedin-e-Khalq (MEK), also PMOI or MKO), founded in 1965 by a group of left-leaning Muslim Iranian university students

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Young men holding a banner to the People's Mojahedin of Iran (or the Mojahedin-e-Khalq (MEK), also PMOI or MKO), founded in 1965 by a group of left-leaning Muslim Iranian university students. PMOI is an Iranian opposition movement in exile that advocates the overthrow of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Massoud Rajavi has been its Secretary-General since he was released from prison in 1979. A graduate of political law from Tehran University, he joined the MEK when he was 20 and still a student. Later on he was arrested by SAVAK (the Shah's secret police) and was sentenced to death. Due to efforts by his brother, Professor Kazem Rajavi, Amnesty International, the International Committee of the Red Cross, as well as François Mitterrand and others, he was not executed. He was released from prison during the Iranian revolution in 1979.

Dimensions

Overall: 18.2 x 24.4 cm (7 1/8 x 9 5/8 in.)