March 5, 2010: URGENT ACTION ALERT: FDI PROTESTS ARREST OF IRANIAN KURDISH LEADER IN GERMANY.

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FDI has learned that German plainclothes police stormed the apartment of PJAK leader Rahman Haj Ahmadi at around 3 PM on Friday, arresting him without charges. Ahmadi has lived in Germany as a political refugee for over a decade. His arrest comes just one day after Belgian authorities ransacked the studio in Brussels of ROJ TV, a Kurdish network affiliated with the Turkish PKK, and less than two weeks after the regime negotiated the surrender of Jundollah leader Abdolmalek Rigi. See Newsmax.com for more details on this breaking news story.

"This is an outrageous violation of the fundamental human rights of a political refugee," said FDI president Kenneth Timmerman. "The German government has a sorry history of collaborating with the Iranian regime and in exerting pressure on Iranian political refugees living in Germany. FDI demands that German release Mr. Ahmadi immediately."

FDI will post a copy of its letter of protest to the German federal authorities shortly, and urges other human rights groups to lodge protests with German embassies and the German government in Berlin.

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