

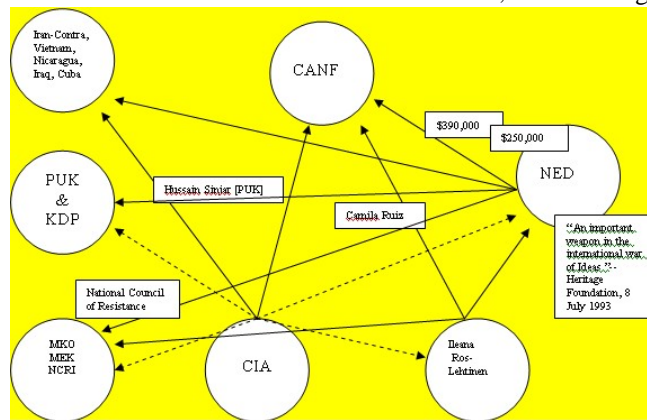
# PUK a Component of NED/CIA Neural Network 1 Feb. 04

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In Irbil, Iraq, two suicide bombers struck the offices of the Kurdish Democratic Party [KDP] and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan [PUK] in nearly simultaneous attacks Sunday, killing at least 56 people and wounding more than 235.

The PUK has been connected to the National Endowment for Democracy. According to media sources Hussain Sinjar left the PUK to head the Iraq Institute for Democracy—an NED brainchild.



The NED is a Washington think tank run by the CIA. President George Bush, Jr. said that the NED was in Iraq “training journalists and teach political participation” in his address at the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Endowment for Democracy, 6 Nov. 03. In his State of the Union Address he promised to double the budget of the organization.

The 20-year-old organization, created by Ronald Reagan, takes credit for creating the Solidarity Union movement in Poland and the toppling of Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic. James A. Philips, of the Heritage Foundation said the NED, “has played a pivotal role in providing aid to democratic movements in the former Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, China, Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Nicaragua, Vietnam, and elsewhere... [its] an important weapon in the international war of ideas.” [Executive Memorandum, #360, 8 July 1993].

A tool of Cold War espionage, the NED also funds the anti-Castro Cuban exile movement Cuban-American National Foundation [CANF] and now the National Council of Resistance in

Iran, or Iran-e Azad, [NCRI] and the Iraq Institute for Democracy.

As front group for the CIA, the NED employs “democracy studies” is a cover for extending American influence, funding covert proxy militias, undermining foreign states, and toppling

hostile governments. In the 1980’s the NED funded Oliver North’s “Project Democracy” [1983-1988]. The NED was the public arm [political wing, or front group] of Project Democracy and gave an estimated \$640,000 to CANF between 1983 and 1992.

Ileana Ros-Lehtinen also receives money from the NED. According to a report published in Gramma, 11 April 2000, the National Endowment for Democracy gives to 39 Democratic Congress members and 17 Republicans including Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Dante Fascell, Robert Torricelli, Lincoln Díaz Balart, Larry Smith, Ernest Hollings, Robert Graham, Joseph Lieberman, Connie Mack, Orrin G. Hatch, Claude Pepper and others.

Ros-Lehtinen was connected to CANF when Camilla Ruiz, a former Ros-Lehtinen aide and former staff member of the International relations Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives resigned and became the director of CANF on 12 Aug. 03. The connection of MKO/MEK to the National Council of Resistance Iran [NCRI] and the NCRI to Ros-Lehtinen and Ros-Lehtinen to CANF and CANF to the CIA and the CIA connected to the NED and the NED connected to Ros-Lehtinen; we could now conclude the Ros-Lehtinen is connected to the CIA.

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