

## · Mauritania Election



New York, NY- 5 December 2006

The U.S. Federation for Middle East Peace calls on the Mauritanian authorities to continue the reform process and not to neglect any part of the crisis being handled in Mauritania. The Mauritanian experience in building trust among political antagonists, and the realization of a national consensus around the basics of the democratic system including the way the elections were prepared, organized and conducted, serves as a useful example to benefit from at both the regional and international levels.

The International Alliance of Women to the United Nations congratulate the people of Mauritania and our Mauritanian sisters and would like to express our appreciation and admiration of the reform policy introduced by the new rulers of Mauritania, wishing them success in completing the reform process in the interest of women and men of the Mauritanian people.

The Islamic Republic of Mauritania has been the only country in the world this year to take legal action aimed at securing the representation of women in legislative and municipal councils at a percentage of no less than 20% of the number of candidates.

In the outcome of the first round of the elections organized by the military on November 19, 2006; as part of the democratization plan designed by the transitional authorities following the 2005 coup d'état, the number of women elected to Parliament exceeded 20% and came close to 40% in municipal councils. This is a rare and unprecedented occurrence in Africa and the Arab and Islamic worlds.

We hope that this example can be followed by many peoples and countries whose women are marginalized and excluded in a manner that hurts the interests of peoples and violates principles of justice and equality.

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· [Mauritanian democratic Election](#)



New York, NY- 25 November 2006

We in the U.S. Federation for Middle East Peace and President Sally kader, would like to pay tribute to this great achievement by the Mauritanian People.

On November 19, 2006 the first free and transparent elections in the country were organized by Mauritania's transitional authorities. They enabled citizens to exercise their right to free and fair elections under the supervision of a neutral administration.

These elections were monitored by a large number of international observers, including representatives of the US National Democratic Institute (NDI), the European Union, the African Union, the League of Arab States, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the International Organization of the Francophone, in addition to several human rights groups.

All these organizations issued statements praising the climate under which the election campaign was conducted and the organization and conduct of the elections themselves. Moreover, positive statements were issued by the leaders of the political parties as well as some candidates. Positive statements were also conveyed by several governments, in particular the French Foreign Ministry and the American Embassy in Nouakchott.

Having seen the results of the first round of the elections, which we have followed with great interest, and in view of the unanimous positive evaluation of the nascent and mature Mauritanian democratic experience by all observes, which reflects the sense of responsibility, seriousness and commitment of the People and Government of this developing country which is part of the African Sahel and the Arab World, the United States Federation for the Middle East Peace also would like to express our heartfelt congratulations to President Colonel

Ali Ould Muhammad Val and Mr. Sidi Muhammad Ould Bakr, head of the transitional civilian government for the courage they have shown, proving that political and economic reform could be achieved and that such reform could be comprehensive, deep, just and calm if it originated with the people and is carried out by the children of that people.

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· [US Federation for Middle East Peace Condemns the Assassination of Industry Minister Pierre Gemayel](#)



New York, NY- 22 November 2006

The United States Federation for Middle East Peace (USFMEP) condemns in the strongest terms the assassination of the Lebanese Industry Minister Pierre Gemayel at Martyrs square in Beirut, Lebanon on Wednesday, November 22, 2006. Increasing tension and continued violence in Lebanon threaten to destabilize the Lebanese political system. The US Federation for Middle East Peace call on the United Nations and the international community as a whole to take strong action to find and prosecute the killers of Lebanese leaders and to help bring about national reconciliation, between the Lebanese people.

USFMEP President Sally Kader offers her deepest condolences and sympathy to the deceased's wife, family, the Lebanese people and the broader Arab world. USFMEP members in the United States and around the world share their sorrow and grief at this ruthless and cruel crime.

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· [General Assembly new President](#)



New York, NY- 8 June 2006

Sally Shatila Kader, President of U.S. Federation for Middle East Peace announced her support for the new General Assembly President [Haya Rashed Al-Khalifa](#) of Bahrain, a "worthy woman of power," according to Mrs. Kader. Al-Khalifa will become the third female President of the Assembly and will take over for Mr. Jan Eliasson starting September.

"This is a big step for women in the Middle East and for women in general. This high position is an extremely big step for the Middle East community and it is welcomed with high spirits," said Sally Kader. Al-Khalifa accepted her position by citing her inspiration as "a deep feeling of pain caused by the tragedies all over the world, on both the human and environmental levels." Al-Khalifa continued to speak about searching for a common understanding between cultures. "Al-Khalifa had spoken directly to me and to the World," said Kader. "I hope this will show that the Middle East is growing in the right direction," said Mrs. Kader. "The people of the Middle East saw the potential for themselves and the United Nations recognized it, and the Federation is celebrating it."

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[· United States Federation for Middle East Peace Strongly Condemns Terrorist Bombings in Dahab City, Egypt](#)

New York | April 24, 2006 |

The U.S. Federation for Middle East Peace (USFMEP) condemns the bombings that hit the Egyptian Red Sea Resort of Dahab city on Monday, April 24. USFMEP President Mrs. Sally Shatila Kader said, "Our thoughts and prayers go to the families of those killed in the attacks. The U.S. Federations Members extends their condolences to the families of the victims and the Egyptian people. For more information contact USFMEP President, Sally Shatila Kader at (973) 568-8384  
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[· United States Federation for Middle East Peace Strongly Condemns Terrorist Bombings in Sharam elSheikh, Egypt](#)



Sharam elSheikh | Egypt Dec. 19, 2006 |

The USFMEP March in Sharm elSheikh at the International March for Peace to condemn violence, with International delegation participated with Muslim and Christian youth organizations in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt (International Peace walk), under the auspices of Minister of Youth Dr. Mamdouh El-Beltagui, and the Governor of Sinai region Major General Mr. Mostafa Afifi . The focus of Peace walk is to sponsor the International Year of Sport and Physical Education, which provides a unique opportunity to focus the world's attention on the importance of sport in society and on how sport and physical education programmers can be used as tools to help utilize sport for peace; Seeking to reap the benefits of sports for peace building, socio-economic development and health, The US Federation for Middle East Peace adopted a policy declaration aimed at national governments around the world.

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[· United States Federation for Middle East Peace Strongly Condemns Terrorist Bombings in London](#)



New York, NY | July 7, 2005 |

The United States Federation for Middle East Peace (USFMEP) strongly condemns the series of despicable terrorist attacks that occurred in London earlier today. No cause, issue, or rationalization can justify or excuse such brutal acts of indiscriminate murder, which are completely contrary to all moral, ethical and religious values. The USFMEP and the people of America are deeply angered by this act of terrorism and grieve together with the people of Great Britain. We send our sincerest

condolences and sympathy to the families and victims of this heinous crime.

“As Americans and citizens of the world we must continue to be steadfast and resolute in this fight against terrorism and its perpetrators,” said USFMEP Communications Director Sam Kader. “It is crucial for us to work together to eliminate this phenomenon entirely and bring those responsible for these cowardly acts to justice.”

The U.S. Federation for Middle East Peace is a non-profit, non-partisan organization, whose primary mission is to promote understanding and tolerance between the American public and the peoples of the Middle East. The Federation aims to mobilize ordinary members of societies in all regions of the world, particularly women and youth, in contributing to the establishment of peace in the Middle East.

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· [The assassination of Lebanon's ex-Prime Minister, Rafik Hariri](#)



Washington, DC | Feb.14, 2005 |

The United States Federation for Middle East Peace (USFMEP) condemns in the strongest possible terms the killing of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri. He was killed along with several people on Monday in a massive explosion that rocked central Beirut. Hariri had been the leading figure in Lebanon's reconstruction in the aftermath of that country's long and devastating civil war.

Hariri's three terms as Prime Minister, which spanned over a decade, were characterized by his steadfast determination to rebuild the country following its devastating war. He was a giant and a visionary whose accomplishments reflected both qualities—they were enormous in size and far-reaching in consequence.

Hariri viewed the country's reconstruction as the key to post-war reconciliation and was unwavering in his efforts to build a prosperous, modernized country beginning with a revitalized Beirut. His dedication to this cause earned him worldwide respect and admiration. The Lebanese people have suffered a great loss, but Hariri's legacy will live on in the flourishing, invigorated country he helped to build.

USFMEP President Sally Kader, offers her deepest condolences and sympathy to his wife, family, Lebanese people and the Arab world, for the loss of great father and leader. The USFMEP members in the United States and all over the world share their sorrow and grief at this ruthless and cruel crime.

This brutal and unforgivable action deserves prompt action by the Lebanese Government in order to bring the responsible criminals to justice. The evolution of the Lebanese people towards a democratic government will succeed despite of this tragic accident.

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