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The first category comprises groups that clearly defend the Revolution and sacrifice their lives for the Revolution. The Government of the Islamic Republic has made its position clear about these groups. It will strongly support them, and it will provide them all that they need. The second category comprises the ones that are in agreement with the government and do not cause any trouble. They are free to operate within the legally acceptable framework of the country. The government's position on them is clear. The third category comprises the ones that oppose the government but do not harm the government. Yet, they pose as protectors of people's rights. As long as these groups do not take up arms, they are free. But if they go beyond what is permitted in the legal framework we will strongly confront them. These groups may have offices and newspapers, but only with the government's permission. The fourth category comprises the ones who are directly fighting against the

government of the Islamic Republic. They are at war with us, and we will fight with them. Komala, the Democratic Party of Iranian Kurdistan (DPIK), the Fadaiyan Khalq Organization (Minority) and the People's Mojahedin of Iran Organization are included in this group. The Government will confront these organizations. They [the Mojahedin] are, with a hundred percent certainty, a seditious group. Hypocrisy and sedition are fully visible in their actions. We have to prepare ourselves for confronting them. They really don't have anything, and they cannot make any political analysis. On one hand they unite with Ghasemlou [leader of DPIK] and Ezzeddin [religious Iranian Kurdish leader who opposed the IRI] to spread their decadent Marxist ideology among the people, and on the other they make deals with American groups. We have to be alert so that we can disarm them, because they have lost everything and now they have reached a state of nihilism.

