“Celebrated Scientist to Water Terrorist and Spy: Understanding Iran’s Water Bankruptcy”

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Dr. Kaveh Madani is an American-educated water management expert who left Imperial College London at the invitation of Iran’s current government to serve as Iran’s Deputy Vice President in his role as the Deputy Head of the country’s Department of Environment. Being known for his policy-related research, public awareness raising efforts, and major international research awards, he was convinced to return home after 14 years as the "Symbol of Expatriate Return" to Iran to help solve Iran’s major environmental and water problems. Although his return was celebrated by the general public and environmental activists, he ended up resigning from his post after seven months of increasing pressure from radical intelligence forces and being arrested, detained, and frequently interrogated. In this talk at Rutgers, Dr. Madani will discuss different aspects of Iran’s “water bankruptcy” problem and how he went from being a respected scientist to being targeted by smear campaigns, which accused him of espionage for CIA, MI6 and Mossad as Iran labelled him a “water terrorist” and “bio-terrorist.”

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