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MANDAEANS OF IRAQ CONTINUE TO SUFFER PERSECUTION GOVERNMENT IS NOT ABLE OR WILLING TO PROTECT ITS MINORITIES

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The Mandaean community worldwide is worried about the continuous hate crimes committed against members of their religious minority inside Iraq

Most recently the attempted killing of the mandaeen community representative MR.SALIM THAMIN AODA AND HIS WIFE in their home in the town of Soak Alshiukh, Nasiriya, both are still under intensive treatment. The Criminals threatened them and were trying to displace them from the property designated as a place of worship (MANDI) for the mandaeen community in Nasiriya.

The Mandaean community of Iraq is a small and peaceful community but has been suffering continuous hate crimes at the hand of the insurgents and extremists. For the past ten years since the war of 2003 these hate crimes have amounted to genocide proportions. They have suffered large numbers of killings, forced conversions, kidnappings and abductions including that of women and children. Out of a community of 60,000 populations less than 15% remain inside Iraq today. Most were driven out by the violence which was unleashed against them leaving them with no option other than abandoning their homes and businesses and fleeing to neighboring countries.

Some eventually have reached the safety of a third country of asylum but a large number of about 2000 with women and children among them are still in a dangerous situation in Syria today.

The Iraqi government up to this date seems incapable or unwilling to do what it should do to protect the remaining population of this vulnerable community within Iraq and refused their suggestions for protection.

We ask the international community to put pressure on the Iraqi Government to put in place measures to protect Iraqi religious minorities specially the remaining Madaeans inside Iraq and to prosecute and punish those responsible for such crimes

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