

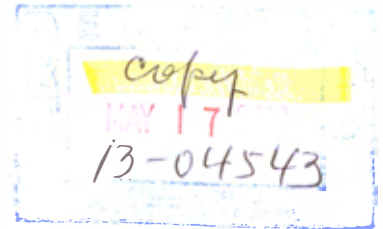


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Ms Navi Pillay  
UN High Commissioner for Human Rights  
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Dear High Commissioner,

There are disturbing news from Iraq regarding 3200 Iranian opposition PMOI members in camps Liberty and Ashraf. Firing of 20 missiles at Camp (prison) "Liberty" on April 29, that fortunately left no human casualties, showed once again that Liberty residents have no security and Liberty is prone to massacre at any given time. Several months after the February 9th missile attack, with 8 dead, the Iraqi government has not yet allowed any of the necessary security measures to be taken by the residents at their own expense: T-walls are not returned, protective vests and helmets and the residents' basic medical equipment are not allowed to be brought from Ashraf, and constructions and expansion of the camp's area has not been allowed.

We believe the main issue after these two missile attacks should be the security of this population. In the European Parliament we have called for their temporary return to Ashraf which is relatively more secure against rockets.

However we are deeply concerned by the behaviour and regular statements by the UN envoy in Iraq Martin Kobler against the residents and in line with the Iraqi government. He continues to misrepresent the residents as the responsible party for lack of progress in relocation while the residents provided the UNHCR with a list of 140 people for relocation to Albania and 100 people to Germany in the past months.

Kobler's statements for the past year and a half have been consistently expressing gratitude and admiration for the "humanitarian" approach of the Iraqi government and criticizing the PMOI for lack of cooperation with that government; not even a word about making Liberty a prison or unfortunate living conditions there, Iraqi government's prevention of safety arrangements, the role of that government in the February 9th massacre, or the fate of the investigations regarding the past two massacres.

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I count on your good office to be active on this case and send your representatives to meet the residents and listen to their complaints.

At the same time, urgent measures could be made by you and the UN to ensure the safety and security of the residents, including nearly 1000 women in Liberty. I was deeply disturbed to read their recent letter and petition, complaining of repressive measures and psychological torture of residents by Iraqi forces carried out upon agreement or before the eyes of UN representatives: <http://www.ncr-iran.org/en/news/ashraf-liberty/13669-martin-kobler-s-agents-psychologically-torture-women-in-camp-liberty.html>.

Yours faithfully,



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