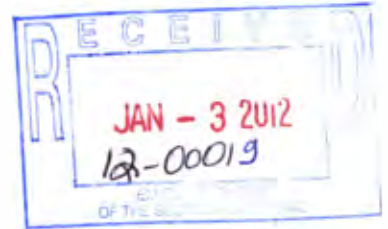


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Hon. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary General of the United Nations
United Nations
New York
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Dear Secretary General,

While expressing my warmest greeting for New Year, I am writing on behalf of Finnish Group of Parliamentarians for Human Rights in Iran to draw your attention to the early obstacles created by the Iraqi government on the relocation of Ashraf residents to Camp Liberty.

I learnt that the Iraqi government has not agreed to a free and voluntary relocation of the residents to the new camp in their own vehicle and with all their belongings. They have been restricted to take limited items and move in a humiliated manner like prisoners. They have not been allowed to send their team of engineers to evaluate the situation and make the necessary preparations for the residents before they arrive in the camp.

The obvious conclusion is that a speedy Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) without the participation of all parties is not necessarily the quickest way of getting out of the crisis. The relocation would have been carried out with much fewer obstacles if the minimum guarantees were specified in the MOU.

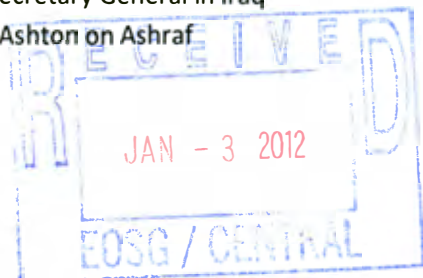
As the Iranian state media is full of provocative remarks in confrontation with the MOU these days, we are facing a critical situation which could take us back to the phase prior to signing the MOU. Therefore, I am writing to urge you to adopt the necessary measures to make the Iraqi government understand that it is in its own interest to comply with the international community's will for solving this issue and reject the instructions from its neighboring country i.e. Iran. There is nothing irrational about the above demands of the residents and I strongly believe anything less than that would mean a compulsory relocation with suspicious intentions.

Sincerely,

Kimmo Sasi
Chairman of the Finnish Group of Parliamentarians for Human Rights in Iran

cc:

- Ambassador Martin Kobler, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General in Iraq
- Ambassador Jean de Ruyt, Special Representative of Baroness Ashton on Ashraf
- Ambassador Daniel Fried, US Special Representative on Ashraf
- Ambassador James Jeffrey, US Ambassador in Baghdad



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