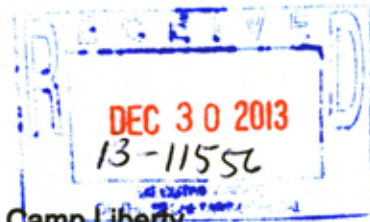


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Dear Sirs,

Please bring the attached statement by Lord Carlile of Berriew QC on behalf of the British Parliamentary Committee for Iran Freedom to the attention of the Secretary General and kindly acknowledge receipt.

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British MPs and Peers condemn unprovoked attack on Camp Liberty

At 21:15 Baghdad local time on 26 December 2013, Camp Liberty was the target of dozens of missiles. This attack has taken place a matter of months after Iraqi forces massacred 52 residents at their previous home in Camp Ashraf. The shamefully weak response to that attack by the EU Governments, the US administration and the United Nations has given the Iraqi authorities the green light to continue killing at will.

In total, Iraqi assaults on the two camps have left some 115 unarmed and defenceless civilians murdered. These are Iranian dissidents to whom the US authorities guaranteed protection and who are recognised as Protected Persons under the Fourth Geneva Convention. Today the whereabouts of seven hostages taken by the Iraqi authorities in the 1 September 2013 attack remain unknown and the latest murders are an indication of the Iraqi authorities' intentions in relation to Camp Liberty. It is in this Committee's view no coincidence that such an attack occurs shortly after Nuri Al-Maliki returns from a visit to Tehran.

The British government and other member states of the United Nations must immediately condemn this latest attack. Further UNHCR must immediately recognise Camp Liberty as a refugee camp and grant all the members of the camp group refugee status. It is clear that their current recognition as persons of interest under international law is insufficient and has hindered their safe return to third party states.

Lord Carlile of Berriew CBE QC, Co-Chair of the Committee said:

"This Committee has repeatedly warned the British Government and the United Nations that these assaults will continue until such time as an armed UN presence is stationed at Camp Liberty. Today's deaths were avoidable had that UN presence been in operation. The British Government must today publicly show its support for an armed UN presence at Camp Liberty while calling for the immediate release of the hostages.

This attack and the uninterrupted executions happening in Iran each and every day have resulted from the international community's weak stance towards the Iranian regime in recent months.

Unfortunately the UK Government has been weak in expressing its protests, and has done little to ensure that both Iraq and Iran understand that these attacks on unarmed people are wholly unacceptable."

**British Parliamentary Committee for Iran Freedom
26 December 2013**



IPCDA Strongly Condemns Fourth Deadly Attack on Camp Liberty

The International Parliamentary Campaign in Defence of Camps Ashraf and Liberty condemns today's deplorable terrorist attack on the defenceless residents of Camp Liberty where at least 3 people were killed and at least more than 50 injured.

It is shameful that at a time when the US and British governments and the United Nations are duty bound to protect these civilians a further murderous attack has taken place.

Unfortunately this is not the first time this Committee has had to condemn a missile attack on this group of Iranians. After each and every attack we have written to the British government and the UN to demand that the residents are protected from such vicious attacks, which have to date left over 100 killed and many more wounded.

The International Parliamentary Campaign in Defence of Ashraf and Liberty has repeatedly warned the UN that Camp Liberty does not provide the level of security promised to the residents. The Iraqi authorities will continue to do the bidding of the Iranian regime by massacring this group of Iranians until such time as the British government and its American partners decide to abide by their international obligations to protect the residents.

We therefor call upon the United Nations to protect residents of camp Liberty with a force of UN Blue helmets

Moreover, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) must without delay recognise the status of the residents and grant them asylum in safe third party nations in keeping with the promises already made. immediate recognition must now insure that group refugee status, covers all the residents of the camp

Further the British and US governments as coalition partners in the war in Iraq have a duty to condemn this attack, ensure the residents are protected from further attack with a UN Blue Helmet force and speed up their transfer to safe third party states.

The perpetrators of this crime, Nouri Al-Maliki the Iraqi Prime Minister and his Iranian regime which supports him must be brought to justice in the International Criminal Court.

Brian Binley MP,
President,

The International Parliamentary Campaign in Defence of Camps Ashraf and Liberty

International Parliamentary Campaign in Defence of Ashraf
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