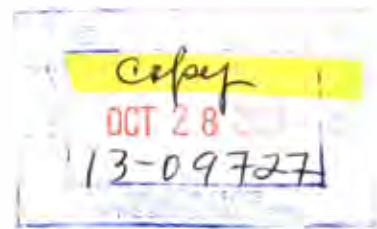


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ACTION *Mr. Feltman (email)*

Hon. Ban Ki-Moon  
UN Secretary General  
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Dear Secretary General,

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Thank you for answering, after 47 days, our letter about a critical issue, through Ambassador Feltman. On September 1st, the Iraqi forces executed 52 people at Ashraf while their hands were tied, exploded bombs and other devices in over 200 locations, and abducted 7 hostages. About 3,000 other UN asylum-seekers and registered refugees at camp Liberty remain at risk.

The United Nations has repeatedly made commitments about the security and health of all victims and residents of Liberty. All of these individuals are, as certified by UNHCR, refugees or asylum seekers and people of concern while protected under the 4th Geneva Convention.

Mr. Feltman refers to Camp Liberty as a temporary transit location. The residents have been at the camp for 21 months and there is no immediate prospect of their resettlement. This camp is neither temporary nor transit, furthermore, according to two reports by the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detentions in 2012, it is a prison. Of course, its conditions in 2013 have become more dangerous in every respect, and it has been the subject of three missile attacks, leaving 19 dead and 170 wounded.

Despite repeated promises, including the UN's September 5th plan, the Iraqi government prevents the provision of minimum-security requirements at Liberty. Of the 17,500 original T-walls removed, only 1170 have been returned to the camp, but the police have allowed only 192 of them to be installed. The residents have not been allowed to transfer their helmets, protective vests and medical equipment to Liberty. They are incredibly vulnerable in facing attacks from missiles and mortars.

The camp's siege, especially since the September 1 attack on Ashraf, has intensified and since a week ago, transferring patients to hospitals has been prevented. As a consequence of this deliberate medical siege, so far, 15 patients have died in Ashraf and Liberty.

We thank you very much for your initiative for establishing a Trust Fund for resettlement of the residents and we ask the UN member states to contribute.

According to various reports and documents that we have seen, the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI) has spent \$20 million so far for the reconstruction of Camp Liberty during the last 21 months. This does not include the specialized work and labour provided by the residents, who have had a significant role in the reconstruction programme. All the expenses of those individuals relocated to Albania and Germany (so far 230 people) are being paid by the PMOI. The PMOI has

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reassured us that if the Iraqi government approves an agreement for the sale of its properties at Ashraf, in an arrangement between the PMOI and a British company, it will contribute \$100 million to your trust fund initiative.

The situation at Liberty is indeed dangerous; we and many of our colleagues on both sides of the Atlantic, have issued repeated warnings prior to the missile attacks and the September 1st massacre, but those warnings were not taken seriously. Unfortunately, political expediency vis-à-vis Iran and the West's apparent desperation to keep the Iraqi Prime Minister – Nouri Al Maliki happy, have superseded humanitarian principles and human rights. Since Maliki refuses to carry out his duties because of his subordination to Iran, we ask you immediately to refer this case to the Security Council in order to realize the following objectives and prevent a larger human catastrophe:

- A. Immediate release of the hostages by the Iraqi government;
- B. Provision of minimum security standards at Liberty;
- C. Full-time stationing of UN observers and a unit of Blue Helmets at Liberty;
- D. Allowing residents' sale of their properties under the supervision of Senator Torricelli, their legal representative;

Secretary General, we are ready to assist at the European Parliament in every possible way.

Yours sincerely,

Alejo Vidal-Quadras, Vice President of the European Parliament



Struan Stevenson, President of European Parliament's Delegation for Relations with Iraq





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Enclosed please find a letter, jointly signed by Dr Alejo Vidal-Quadras, Vice-President of the European Parliament and Mr Struan Stevenson, President of European Parliament's Delegation for Relations with Iraq for the urgent attention of the Secretary General.

Please kindly confirm.

On behalf of Mr Struan Stevenson  
President, Delegation for Relations with Iraq  
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