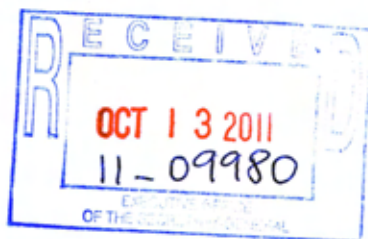


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Honourable Ban Ki-moon
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Dear Secretary General,

I am deeply concerned over the situation of the Iranian refugees in Camp Ashraf in Iraq. The GoI's insistence on its illegal and repressive deadline for closure of the camp by the end of 2011 prepares the ground for a bigger massacre of the residents, just as setting up espionage and jamming stations around Ashraf and continuation of psychological torture by using 300 loudspeakers for the past 21 months bespeaks of ominous intentions against Ashraf.

I know that the UN and you have taken effective steps in this regard and the UNHCR has underscored the need for protection of Ashraf residents. Your report to the UN Security Council on July 7th was very promising to us. You rightly specified: "I am concerned by the loss of life at Camp New Iraq during the violent incident on 7 and 8 April. I urge the Iraqi authorities to refrain from the use of force, and to ensure adequate access for camp residents to goods and services. To this end, I call upon Member States to help to support and facilitate the implementation of any arrangement that is acceptable to the Government of Iraq and the camp residents".

Nevertheless, the developments on the ground are in a different direction. Therefore, we in the Foreign Affairs Committee ask you to intervene personally and by preventing emergence of another disaster, make it possible to implement your call and to reach a peaceful and long-term solution. I believe these two steps are very essential:

1. Announce your opposition and that of the UN to this fabricated and suppressive deadline and ask the GoI firmly to leave aside this deadline until the UNHCR's job is completed and all the residents have been resettled in third countries.
2. In order to prevent recurrence of violence and massacre of the residents, station a full-time UN monitoring team in Ashraf until all the residents have been resettled in third countries.

I will be at your disposal, Mr. Secretary-General, for any help we can give.

Morten Høglund

Member of Parliament

