

On the sidelines of Pope Francis visit: Spotlight on the achievements of Hammurabi Human Rights Organization to support and protect the rights of Iraqi Christians

While Hammurabi Human Rights Organization is working to implement its national legal mission to defend the rights of all Iraqi components without exception, it is keen to give legal effort to support the most harmful Iraqi components as a result of the unfair policies that these Iraqi components were subjected to specially Eizidies and Christians.

As far as the situation is related to the injustice subject to Iraqi Christians ,Hammurabi organization is following up the issue of Iraqi Christian on the basis of field mechanisms not limited to one aspect of Christian grievance, rather has addressed and exposed many of the injustices that hit Iraqi Christians since the early days of the organization's founding, in April 2005. It is necessary to mention the details of the activities undertaken by Hammurabi Organization referring to the following activities





Hammurabi is leading the demonstration Fardos square

●Hammurabi Human Rights Organization warned of the dangers threatening Iraq, in attempts to erase Christian national presence, The organization highlight this ancient historical presence and the attempts of displacement and destabilization practiced against Christians, and if we return to the temporal background of this unjust terrorist policy that was committed against Christians in the genocide during the First World War, and after the establishment of the Iraqi state it was remarkable the Simele massacres in 1933, led to bombing, displacement and removal of Christian villages, towns and cities during the Anfal genocide in 1988 and other military operations and the collusion between Saddam Hussein's regime and successive Turkish regimes to inflict serious damage on Christian areas in the areas of Dohuk and Nineveh. after the change in 2003, and that Hammurabi organization after its establishment in 2005, confronted the dangers threatening Iraqi Christians besides series of stances about what Christians subjected to in the capital Baghdad, especially the neighborhoods of Dora, Karrada, New Baghdad, Nairiyah, Palestine Street, Al-Mashtal, and others. It was clear stance by issuing statements, holding conferences and workshops as part of the campaigns to defend religious freedom and exposing abuses on Christian rights,



●Spotting light on the martyrs , killings and kidnapping as a result of armed conflicts, the spread of violence, the rise of sectarian religious extremism, the attempted extortion and the rape of Christian property and even the fact that Hammurabi exposed the facts and figures in notes to government administrative and judicial authorities on the systematic policy of evacuating Iraq from Christian population should be noted in the field documents, as the organization’s annual report for 2012 indicates the number of Christians who were killed on the basis of identity by unknown gunmen reached 653 out of a total of 846 from 2003 until 2012, while 127 died by explosions occurred by unknown persons and 28 killed by US force fire shots and that 38 Christians killed as a result of indiscriminate shelling, or by Iraqi security forces.

and the attacks on churches and monasteries, and assassination attempts, of notables and dignitaries is continuing as more than 100 churches and monasteries were destroyed and more than 2010 Christians kidnapped and the number of wounded due to violence and conflict reached 3220, leading to immigration of more than a million outside the country, and 325 thousand displace



- Organization uncovered the mass killings and displacement of Iraqi Christians in Mosul, where dozens killed on identity, number of houses exposed to bombing and more than 13000 displaced, but the government did not reveal the results of investigation. Hammurabi organized demonstrations including various Iraqi components, in Fardos square in central Baghdad, raising protesters demands to decision makers. The event was covered by various media channels.

- Condemnation of the heinous crime committed against the Church of Seyidat Al Nejat in Baghdad at the end of October 2010, when armed men stormed inside the church hostages the believers and killing 53 Christian citizens, including children, women and the elderly. tens injured and got psychological trauma, the impact continues as a result of fear and terror, on May 2, 2010, buses transporting Christian students from the towns of Nineveh Plain to the institutes and colleges of the University of Mosul were subjected to IED attacks, killing two people and wounding 181 students. In addition to car bombings in 2010 that targeted the Christian towns of Bartella and Baghdida with car bombs and explosive devices, the organization response was to form a working team to follow up the families of the victims and the wounded, also organized a sit-in in front of the Church of Seyidat Al Nejat in Karrada to express discontent, condemnation shedding light on the scale of the crime and its impact on the Christian presence, as more than 2300 families fled Baghdad within a month after this crime.

- The completion of Hamdaniya University project, which Hammurabi Organization took over and led the advocacy campaign in obtaining official approvals for the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research to establish it, as one of the scientific governmental monuments



before the university building completion destroyed by ISIS

that the organization is proud of, after the students of Nineveh Plain including Christians, Eizidies, Shiite , Shabaks who were attending the University of Mosul, were exposed to killings and harassment on their way from their areas to the city of Mosul or during return home.

Hamdaniya University project achieved a distinguished goal in relief and human rights issues witnessed by Iraqi authorities, now it is a landmark for thousands of students. The organization supported the University with scientific laboratories on chemistry, physics, languages and the necessary means of demonstration and provided sports halls with requirements for training



Document on receiving Chemistry lab.



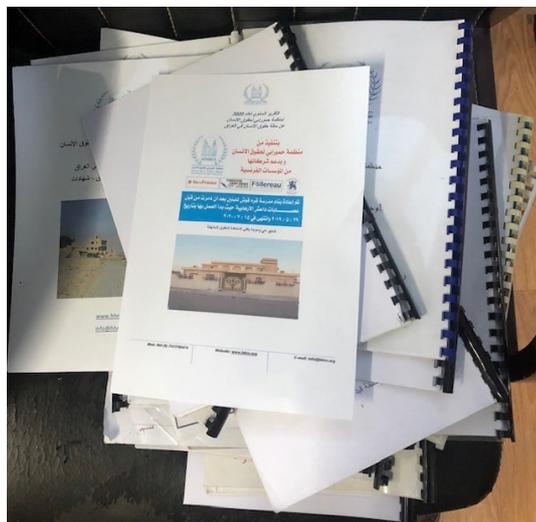
- Undertake broad advocacy campaigns to enact and amend laws on the protection of minorities. The campaign required the submission of numerous notes, working projects and special workshops for amendments to laws, including campaigns to amend the Civil Status Act and the Unified Card Act, which affect non-Muslim minorities in some of its articles.

- To urge the Iraqi public opinion towards the protection of Christian heritage including Chaldean Syriac and Assyrian through conferences, workshops and seminars with local and international governmental and civil organizations and institutions.

- Hammurabi Human Rights Organization mobilized all its administrative capacities, cadres, and members of the General Board in confronting and addressing the catastrophic consequences of displacement of Iraqi Christians by ISIS as well as killing, absenteeism and enforced disappearance, the activities varied between statements, seminars, workshops and field operations. In fact, it provided relief achievement, with support and coordination of the Christian Solidarity International Organization (CSI), for IDPs in camps and follow the conditions of Christians in Nineveh Plains and Mosul in addition to its other activities.



- Hammurabi Organization documented the terrorist crimes of ISIS in general, especially those that affected the Christian heritage and monuments in Iraq, as well as what ISIS committed against Christians in terms of captivity, killing and displacement, and issued periodic and annual reports on these crimes, the details can be read in the reports issued by Hammurabi organization on this regard, the organization is proud that it was able, through its defense campaigns on the marginalized and oppressed Iraqis, to bring a change in international positions regarding the recognition of the brutal acts suffered by Eizidies and Christians and other minorities by ISIS and crime of genocide against humanity, especially with regard to the texts issued on Iraq by the US State Department and the United Nations, Hammurabi also provide information and field analyzes preparing special reports to the international organization to get benefit of the human rights situation in Iraq.



- The subsequent stage is the return of Christian refugees and IDPs to their areas in Nineveh Plain, as Hammurabi Organization mobilized more efforts to facilitate their return home after the defeat of ISIS. Including rebuilding, lighting and providing water purification and desalination systems
- Hammurabi Organization established two centers in Nineveh Plains to provide legal aid and psychosocial health services in Hamdaniya district to help residents in treating psychosocial diseases resulted from trauma and fear of violence and terrorism, as well as providing legal help as issuing documents instead of lost, addressing issues of abused property and claiming compensation.
- Reconstructing the first Qaraqosh School in Hamdaniya with support of French charitable organizations.
- This project has been completed, and the school became one of the landmarks in Hamdaniya





●Hammurabi Human Rights Organization indicated the support, care and protection of Christian rights but these does not represent all its achievements, as well as other activities in the context of their participation with other parties inside and outside Iraq. If Hammurabi has the right to be proud, must consider as a key part of its human rights responsibilities and its affordability to be implemented for their goals in its rules of procedure



What we display from the reality of Christian situation and Hammurabi stance of playing a prominent role in defending their rights with assistance as much as possible, this does not mean that the organization has not defended the rights of the rest of the Iraqi people on an equal footing,

It has done so with the same efficacy and direction, but we have highlighted the organization achievements towards Christians coinciding with the visit of His Holiness Pope of Iraq.