

Welcome, Pope Francis ...



May understand direct and indirect messages of your visit to Iraq

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Many messages are carried by the visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to Iraq, in addition being similar to all other official visits, but in reality they differ in meaning and significance from those visits, as they have their human, spiritual, moral and international dimensions. Here, I do not want to dwell on the international dimension of Iraq's prestige and international standing as a country that must respect its sovereignty and take its appropriate place among nations and I do not like to go into the spiritual goals of the visit that reflects a basic fact that Iraq is the country of the prophets and the cradle of civilizations, the visit of His Holiness to the city of Ur in southern Iraq on the outskirts of the city of Nasiriyah to trace the trail of the Prophet Abraham - the source and foundation of the three Abrahamic religions Judaism, Christianity and Islam, to enhance the image of the cradle of mankind for this land and the cradle of human civilization with all the deep and broad meanings that this civilization carries in terms of the emergence of the spiritual and cultural human thought later evolved with the development of letters, writing and science into architecture engineering and others in Babylon, Nineveh, Ur, Eridu, Lagash and others.

What interests me in this article are those moral and humanitarian messages the visit carries, the closest to the goals Hammurabi Human Rights Organization including the message of peace and fraternity among Iraqis and the components of Iraqi society, the message of reconciliation and community cohesion, the message of national unity and the rejection of violence, hatred and extremism. They are goals that were the founding of establishing "Hammurabi Human Rights Organization."

Hammurabi Organization welcomes this visit with deep happiness its members look optimistically that this visit will enhance their ambitions and push towards the goals for which the organization was founded, because everyone has great hope that this visit will have a positive impact on strengthening the Christian presence not only in Iraq, but also in the Middle East, and will enhance social cohesion between all components of Iraqi society. Indeed, as its goals and means of achieving it, is dedicated to defending all vulnerable groups and communities including Christians, Ezidies, Sabeen-Mandaeans, Baha'is, Shabaks, Kaka'is and others are Assyrians, Chaldeans, Armenians and Syriacs as well as for women, children and handicap but the organization defends the oppressed regardless of their ethnic, religious and cultural affiliations, and at the same time it realizes that His Holiness will carry with him that concern and convey the same message and the same orientation .



Hammurabi organization is sure that holiness visit is mainly for the sake of all Iraqis, regardless of their religion, ethnicity and nationality. He will pray for everyone and defend the rights of all the oppressed and the rights of the bereaved, the needy and the weak without disparity.

These are goals that Hammurabi has always strived and worked for all, without discrimination, for peace, stability and harmony.

The Pope's visit revives hope and perhaps it will lead us to answer questions that have always revolved in the minds of every member of the Organization throughout the difficult years that have passed for all Iraqis, especially minorities such as Christians, Eizidies, Sabeen Mandaeans and others. Questions raised by members of our organization and its supporters, besides children also dream for prosperous future raising large banners in their demonstrations, whether in Fardos Square. when the forces of ignorance and obscurantism were attacking Christians in Mosul, Baghdad and other cities killing for identity and expelling from their homes, destroying their homes and churches during the years 2006-2010, or those sit-ins and demonstrations with various religious and ethnic people in front of the Church of Sayidet Al-Nejat In Karrada, led by organization's wondering why this killing is based on identity?, and who is behind it? What is the interest? We hope that the Pope will find answers to all these practices and grievances, as Hammurabi organization always repeated: "Stop killing on the basis of identity", "Stop discrimination on the basis of religion or sect," "uncover the killers of the youth of Iraq who are demanding their rights", "When will it take hold?" True peaceful coexistence, and where are the reconciliation efforts?



And the main question that remains unanswered "When will stability and peace be achieved in Iraq?"



Hammurabi organization does not wait for traditional answers, from a designated spokesperson, announcement of a statement, or a media statement. The real answer that can comfort the families of the victims, whose number reaches about 1100 Christians, all of whom were victims of the violence that the country witnessed over the past years, (653) of them were killed on the identity and that more than a million fled the country in search of safety, Hundreds of kidnapped and disappeared people, thousands of Iraqi dead, and millions of displaced and displaced people, whether they are Sunnis, Shiites, Yazidis, or Shabaks, Kaka'is, Sabians, or others. The will of the Iraqis to achieve stability for their country, and good will prevail for all without disparity or discrimination on the basis of race, religion, or clan, and the bloodshed and the culture of revenge and revenge come to an end.



Victim families, the displaced, and the expatriates will not calm down, will not be persuaded till fulfilling conviction of all Iraqis for no choice but to reject violence and striving for peace and give priority to love, fraternity, coexistence and dialogue over the culture of revenge and violence.

Hammurabi Organization is convinced that compensation to victims families of Christians or other Iraqi Muslims, Eizidies, Sabeans or Baha'is, is to achieve peace and stability in the country and to devote themselves to development programs, respect for religious freedoms, religious and cultural pluralism, and coexistence between followers of different religions and ethnicities.

His Holiness, without any doubt, realizes that everything has a price, and that ethnic people will offer blood and souls sacrifices for the sake of freedom and the stability of their country. They highly appreciate Pope's determination to share their pain despite the dangers of the spread of coronavirus pandemic and the security challenges facing Iraq. And that his visit to Iraq in this difficult and challenging circumstance is a message of love stemming from the Christian faith with the participation of others pain and circumstances.

Hoping that the program of this visit will be successfully achieved, and to understand the direct and indirect messages that His Holiness wishes to convey to Iraqis and the world. Hoping blessings on the land and people of Iraq will be resolved, and his love for peace to enlighten the minds of the rulers, to abandon

their selflessness and authoritarianism and be wise to guide their work for development, building the nation, and doing good for people with love and without discrimination.

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