

We are the demonstrators in Firdous Square in central Baghdad, today we came from different regions of Iraq and the various components of Iraqi society, Christians, Muslims, Yazidis, and Sabeans, and from different national, religious, cultural and linguistic backgrounds as Iraqi organizations, institutions and civil society associations, and clergy. We came loudly appealing and denouncing, in the ongoing killings and displacement because of identity of Iraqi Christians in Mosul.

For more than a month, and a continuous series of killings against Christians in Mosul, has escalated during the past few days, with the campaign for the upcoming elections, to repeat the scenes of killing and blood and displacement, which Christians suffered in September and October 2008, before the provincial elections.

Number of students at the University of Mosul has been killed within the last week as well as owners of shops and markets in different districts of Mosul. All of them were original citizens of the city. Thus in addition to the threat of Christian students buses, where as before these threats a bus was exploded in the garage of the university and another bombed bus was dismantled. This recent incidents caused the displacement of more than 1500 people during the past two weeks in Mosul, to different parts of the Nineveh Plain, and stopped more than 1700 students and 300 teaching staff going to Christian colleges, institutes and scientific centers and departments in Mosul, because they receive vague threats indicate targeting them coupled with killing of a number of their colleagues.

We are the crowd and demonstrators in the courtyard of Paradise strongly condemn these crimes and inhumane practices towards the inherent component of the components of Iraq and an essential component of the community of Nineveh. We addressed these demands to the federal government and all executive authorities in the Iraqi state, including the following:

1 - We ask the Federal Government and the central executive authorities and local communities to intervene immediately "to resolve the plight of Christians in Mosul to stop the shedding of innocent blood, and call upon them to bear the constitutional and legal responsibilities to protect its people, and provide security for all.

2 - Serious attempt to arrest the perpetrators of these crimes against Christians in Mosul, and those who stand behind them and bring them to justice as soon as possible.

3 - Revealed the results of investigations reached by the Iraqi security forces in operations targeting Christians in Mosul, both the incidents happened in 2008 and is happening now, and if you can not achieve this we demand an international investigation to detect it.

4 - Find quick solutions to the problem of students who stopped going to their colleges and institutions at Mosul University and other institutes and scientific centers in Mosul and the need to find practical mechanisms to protect them.

5 - calling for rapid approval of the establishment and opening colleges and institutes, or agree to establish a university in the Nineveh Plain, where Christians Yazidis and Shabaks are living and their students, who have long exposure to the killings, threats and intimidation in Mosul, and depriving hundreds of them from receiving their education because terrorist targets to them.

6 – Calling for immediate action to find solutions to the displaced persons, and victims of the recent targeting of the Christians.

7 - as long as the imposition on the population of the Nineveh Plain to be within the (disputed) areas outside their will, the best thing is to protect them is the formation of military units and national security within the military and police from the sons of the region to protect it, and not from any other of the parties of the conflicts, since the region's population of Christians Yazidis and Shabaks are not a part of this conflict.

8 - Stopping the continued abuses and inhalers for the properties of Christians in the Nineveh and compensate owners for the houses that blew up.

9 - In case of continued targeting of anti-Christian on identity, and the inability to find solutions to them, which put an end to the violence in

Mosul, the Christians have the right, in appealing to the international community to protect and find solutions to their suffering and plight.

In conclusion, we thank Hammurabi Organization for Human Rights for its sponsorship and organizing this demonstration, and all those of other Iraqi factions who have shown solidarity with the rights of Christians and their plight.

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