

**A special report on human right violations against  
Christians (Chaldo-Assyrian Syriac and Armenian)  
in Iraq.**

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(Hammurabi Organization for Human Rights) remain since it was founded in April 2005 monitoring and conducting statistics on violations against Chaldo-Assyrian Syriac and Armenian (Christians) in Iraq. Through those statistics, real extent of the tragedy experienced by minorities in Iraq were stated, especially Christians under the bad security situation and in light of the marked decline in the level of protection that should be enjoyed by small ethnic and religious and ethnic minorities according to the Iraqi Constitution, which provides that the State shall protect its citizens and ensure religious freedoms and intellectual and political beliefs. These statistics contribute to the disclose of the scale of the abuses and atrocities committed against human rights in Iraq, Statistics that we are prepared, which lasted a full year based on field research and inspecting the facts and in terms of its full names of the victims (٣٣٦) died during their normal daily lives during the past four years and also included dates and places of martyrdom, in addition to the hands that targeted them that draw attention in this statistics that unequivocally the blood of these victims had spread to several parties including:

- ٢٢٣ people were killed by unknown gunmen or militias.
- ٦٣ people have died while being in places where explosions occurred by unknown persons.
- ٢١ people were killed by the American forces or the multinational forces.

- ١٥ persons killed as a result of exchange of fire between American forces and gunmen or random bombings.
  - 14 Persons killed during the war processes before announcing the end of the war in May 2003.

The organization also monitored dozens of cases of kidnapping, which targeted civilians and clerics, some of them have been freed for large sums of money as ransom, and some were killed though they pay it, the organization also documented dozens of cases of the bombing of the shops, markets and factories owned by Christians. The organization was able to receive live testimonies, documented pictures, films, CDs and Voice tapes of physical and psychological torture of citizens, in addition to some texts threatening messages sent to them. The organization monitored what Christians have been exposed to in Al-Doora region and other areas, that have a lot of lawlessness and violence and exposed to serious violations including religious coercion and death threats and displacement, thus these families migrated to places might be safer in Baghdad and other governorates and some of them preferred to leave the country and go out of Iraq. The organization documented in its records about 200 family left their homes and their property in Baghdad during April and May of this year 2007, some of these families have been subjected to threats directly after they have been set with difficult choices and others became victims of kidnapping or murder, and others were afraid of staying in their regions. It also reported cases of murder, kidnapping, which affected clergymen, which was increased in the past two months, in addition to documenting the failed assassination attempts that targeted Christian symbols and known characters. It should be noted that these statistics that we distribute and codicil attached to our report, might constitute a limited

proportion to the size of the real violations, as the limited potentialities of the Organization are unable to access the details of many of the events because of the difficulty of communications and travel freely. In addition to the citizens fears and avoiding cooperation and giving information to the Organization for the violations that occurred due to the aggravation of violence and terrorism. The horror of violations against Christians stands against the Iraqi project, but a duty dictated by the viciousness of human tragedy and suffering and dimensions of criminal threatening the Christian presence in Iraq. It became necessary for the Iraqi government and its institutions to shoulder its responsibilities to protect its citizens regardless of their religion and nationality, culture and gender, and address of those who stand behind the acts of violence and terrorism escalating brought to justice. It also requires the international community to play its active role to protect and assist minorities in religious and national security of their rights and freedoms. The time we condemn all criminal acts which affected innocent people who are included in this report, invites civil society organizations, associations and humanitarian institutions and the Ministries of Human Rights and Migration and Displacement to play its role in assisting Iraq's Christians to maintain their presence and the protection of their rights in Iraq, and to provide relief assistance to them. Finally we thank our bodies and individuals who have cooperated with the Organization in the preparation of these statistical specially The Information Office of The Assyrian Democratic Movement and Nirgal gate Site [www.nirgalgate.com](http://www.nirgalgate.com)

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