



# Monitoring of Human Rights in Iraq

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## Press release : No. 4 Crimes of collective execution by the Iraqi Ministry of Interior

The continuous incidents, declarations, and proofs reveal the truth about crimes that took place or will be done by the former Iraqi Ministry of Interior. After receipt of many evidences on crimes of violations of this denominational ministry which started with the policy of denominational extermination and group arrestment of other denominations and forming special forces that work according to criminal extermination plan revealed by many evidences and witnesses, which the declaration of the United Nations Head of human rights in Iraq during the last days was the latest proof.

In compliance with the clear plan of this ministry and its minister for revenge based on denominational background instead of revealing the truth and hold the responsible people accountable for the breach of peace or the involved people in the assault on citizens, as the special forces of the ministry of interior along with other militias were involved in the denominational incidents against Sunnah mosques that followed the bombings in Samerra'a and which citizens and other evidences proved their participation along with the American forces there. Then Maghaweer forces of the ministry of interior on 11.00pm of 4<sup>th</sup> March 2006 shot and destructed Al-Nour mosque in Al-Jihad Avenue in Baghdad. A day before, the former minister of interior (Baqer Jaber) appeared on the Iraqi television threatening Zouba' clans with revenge and collective punishment and declared clearly his intention to commit group extermination and collective punishment, although he had always denied knowing anything about the violations which his ministry continuously performed when asked by the human rights delegation of the United Nations.

What is currently taking place by the Minister of interior and his staff, especially the special forces, is considered solid proof on their violations of the international human rights laws of wars and crimes against humanity including the breach of forbidding the crime of group extermination agreement of 1984 in which its article number 2 describes this crime as the one that aims for total or partial destruction against a certain denomination, ethnic, race, or religion. As for article number 3, it obliged punishment for paragraphs B, C, D, and E which the actions of the minister and his minister apply to all of them. For that, and based on article number 6 of this agreement, we ask the United Nations and the civil society to bring the minister of interior to justice and everyone who participated in these group extermination described in article number 3 to an international court formed by a decision of the security council like the group extermination crimes done in Yugoslavia and Rwanda. In light that the current Iraqi government refuse even signing on this agreement which is the least the Iraqi people wish for from the international community.

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