

Mr. Kofi Anan (Secretary General of the United Nations)

Your Excellency,

April the 8th marks the 22nd anniversary of the forcible removal of tens of thousands of the Faylee Kurds from their country after confiscating their properties, documents and detaining their young men as hostages without legal justification or without proof of them committing crime.

The world was aware of the outrageous conduct of the Iraqi regime against the Faylee Kurds but did not take any action to denounce, or prevent it. Our young men who have been detained unlawfully since 1980 in Iraqi detention centres while their families have been deported to Iran is considered a flagrant violation of the human rights convention.

The families of the detainees have been deprived from any news about their sons and brothers except some uncertain reports from time to time, released from some dissident security and intelligence officers claiming that they are still existing in Iraqi prisons, others claim that they have been annihilated by exposing them to experiments over chemical and biological weapons. Such abominable news has been worrying the families of the detainees for years, which is an act against humanity. The latest news, which has arrived, is that the Iraqi Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhafa, announced an amnesty for all Iraqi prisoners as a thank you to the nation for re-electing President Saddam Hussein. There is no evidence though that he has released any of the detainees that had been in prison cells since 1980s.

We, the Faylee Kurds General Council, are representing all organisations, political parties, the political figures opposing the Iraqi regime, and the representatives of human rights organisations, all the Iraqi Faylee Kurdish people, to call upon you, the freedom lovers, and the International Community to order and demand Saddam Hussein and those of his likes that are responsible for war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity, to give freedom to those detainees that have been in prison cells for 22 long years without committing any crime, except the fact that they are Iraqi Faylee Kurds.

We are calling upon you to pay attention to this crime, which was perpetrated by the Iraqi regime, as well as demanding to reveal the fate of those disappeared and release them from prison.

The Iraqi regime committed more crimes such as extra-judicial executions, arbitrary arrests, and disappearances in notorious dungeons, mass deportation of Iraqi Arabs, Kurds, Turkomans, Assyrians and other minorities, use of chemical

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weapons, use of napalm, drying of the marshes, torture and assassinations inside and outside Iraq.

We also demand to establish an International tribunal to prosecute Saddam Hussein, the leader of the Iraqi regime together with his cronies for the crimes they have been committing against the Iraqi people, which includes Arabs, Kurds and religions and ethnic minorities as well as the peoples of the region.

We have a lot of witnesses who are victims of this criminal regime (the Baath Party) since it came to power by force, and the parties before that. It is still not too late to end the suffering of the forgotten and neglected Iraqi Faylee Kurds people who are suffering from the oppression of this notorious regime.

Yours Sincerely,

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