



THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF IRAQI REFUGEES

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To/ Mr. Frank Jansen, Minister of Justice of Denmark

Dear Sir,

Through this letter I would like to attract your attention to a very important matter. Three decades of Baath Party rule in Iraq, deprived millions of people of their most primitive rights. The civil and individual rights, the right of organizing, demonstration and strike can never be found in the dictionary of the rule of this regime. All over the rule period, war, killing and political oppression were the main factors of remaining this government. Just in a short glance we see the corpse of millions of people, in eight-year war of Iraq and Iran and the second war and tragedy of Gulf. Three decades of war and killing of Kurdistan people, imprisoning and death sentence have become the traces of daily life of this society. Despite the fact that the effects of this status lead to Iraq's becoming a big jail, at the same time economic embargo, unemployment and hunger have destroyed people and displacement will become wider. As a part of this, one of the most brutal persons who is Nizar Khazraji, the Iraqi armed forces chief of staff and who was the direct responsible for creating that criteria, has made himself as the victim of those catastrophes and sought for asylum from the Danish government. All the human beings and especially the Iraqi people are waiting for prosecuting and sentencing him the suitable penalty according to those international laws which can in any way show social justice.

We are not astonished about that Kurdistan Democratic Party, some sides and old Baathist who pretended to be opposition justify to that person and ask your government to give prosecuting Khazraji up.

The deeds of these persons and sides are none but to justify for themselves since if today the prosecution of Khazraji starts, then they fear for being treated like him as they were cooperating Baath regime and took part in that bloody history. The question which arises is: what will your government do and how will you treat Khazraji? Does your government confess the fact that Baath regime in Iraq had made Anfal operation, hid 182 thousands of people, used chemical bomb in Halabja and many other cities and towns in Kurdistan and Iraq which was one of the genocides in the world? Do not you name oppression, killing, executing thousands of political activists and ruining several villages, towns and cities as the contrary of any human principle and human rights? And in brief, does your government consider the rule of Iraqi government as the opposite to any basis and laws of a modern and human government? Do you think that the arrogance of that regime is still the biggest threat of the area? If you answer these questions actually and positively, human beings, especially Iraqi people and the relatives of the victims of three decades wait for the law proceedings and the prosecuting one of the criminals of war who sought for asylum two years ago.

Undoubtedly, if only a paragraph of 1951 Geneva Resolutions compromise Khazraji, that means his being prosecuted as the war criminal. Khazraji's being in Denmark is a serious chance for your government to have a serious initial in prosecuting one of the most guilty personalities of Baath Party rule in Iraq and performing this act will record a big proud in the history of Danish government. We hope you get this message from us seriously and divulge the crimes of this criminal. Our organization will cooperate you as much as possible in showing the documents of Nizar Khazraji's crimes.

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