

Canadian Friends of a Democratic Iran Amis Canadiens d'un Iran Démocratique

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Dr. Abdulrahman Hamid Al-Hussaini, Ambassador Embassy of the Republic of Iraq 215 McLeod Street Ottawa, ON K2P 0Z8

Via Email & Fax

Dear Dr. Al-Hussaini:

Re: The dire situation of Camp Liberty residents

I am writing on behalf of the Canadian Friends of a Democratic Iran, to bring to your attention our deepest concerns about the intensified blockade on Camp Liberty where members of the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran have been placed under inhumane conditions. As this letter contains a humanitarian issue, we request that you urgently convey our demand to your government in Baghdad.

We were informed that Iraqi forces at Camp Liberty were ordered to prevent the entry of food, fuel and septic trucks to the camp starting from July 14 thus deliberately cutting off the camp from its most vital needs.

This cruel act is being carried out at an extremely hot weather of 50°C in Iraq and brings the camp to the edge of a humanitarian crisis because all the camp's infrastructures including water supplying system, kitchen, cooling and sewage systems rely on the electricity that is produced by power generators as the camp is not connected to the power grid.

There is no logical reason for imposing such an inhumane blockade on the camp residents and it is easy to see that this order must have been given by those who have close ties with the regime ruling Iran in a bid to impose further restrictions on the Camp Liberty residents and make the life more difficult and intolerable for them.

The news of this act surely creates a bad reputation for your government and depicts a cruel picture of Iraq. Therefore, we call on you to transfer our deep concerns to Prime Minister Haidar Al-Abadi. We urge the Iraqi government to immediately stop this inhumane order and allow the routine flow of food, fuel and septic trucks to the camp as they carry vital needs of the residents.

As this is a humanitarian issue with severe consequences, our committee will closely monitor and pursue the matter with you.

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Hon. David Kilgour, JD Co-Chair, Ottawa

cc:

- Hon. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations
- Hon. Rob Nicholson, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada
- Hon. Antonio Guterres, UN High Commissioner for Refugees