



The Second Appeal Relatives of the Peoples' Mujaheddin in Camp Ashraf, Iraq Have Been on Hunger Strike for 50 Days in Berlin

Today, on the fiftieth day of the hunger strike conducted by German relatives of the Peoples' Mujaheddin across from the Foreign Office in Berlin, the International League for Human Rights is directing a second appeal to all responsible parties within the Federal Republic of Germany, the European Union, the United States of America and the United Nations:

Everything must be done to prevent a humanitarian catastrophe among Camp Ashraf's residents!

Since the violent attacks and subsequent occupation by the Iraqi Army at the end of July, the conditions of the Peoples' Mujaheddin living in Camp Ashraf have worsened dramatically:

Eleven (11) camp residents were killed.

Countless men and women have been mistreated and wounded, some life-threateningly.

Thirty-six (36) camp inhabitants have been arrested and placed in Iraqi prisons without being charged or defended.

Today more than 3,000 members of the Peoples' Mujaheddin live in "Camp Ashraf" in Iraq. Constantly threatened by reprisals, they now fear extradition to the Islamic Republic of Iran – to torture and certain death.

Simultaneously, the most recent developments indicate that if the Peoples' Mujaheddin remain in Iraq, they will suffer a humanitarian catastrophe. Notwithstanding the organization's unacceptable structure – and despite all political differences – this must be averted.

The International League for Human Rights appeals to the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Governments of the Member States of the European Union and to that of the United States, to UNAMI (UN Assistance Mission for Iraq) as well as to the UNHCR (UN High Commissioner for Refugees), to work for :

- **the abandonment of plans to break up Camp Ashraf and extradite members of the Peoples' Mujaheddin to Iran.**
- **the immediate release of the 36 political prisoners—before the end of Ramadan.**
- **unrestricted access to food, medicine und other vital goods for the residents of Camp Ashraf.**
- **the cessation of attacks on Camp Ashraf residents that violate their human rights.**

The League demands the dispatch of a delegation preferably composed of representatives of the International Red Cross, the UNHCR and UNAMI to effect an on-site inspection of the camp occupants' humanitarian situation, with the mandate to campaign for their intake by secure third countries.

All camp residents who are ready to leave should be given the option to depart for secure third countries as quickly as possible.

The League appeals to the relevant bodies of the United Nations as well as to all Governments of its Member States – and specifically to the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany – to undertake every effort to prevent a humanitarian catastrophe in Camp Ashraf.