IRAQ
AFTER SEVEN YEARS OF OCCUPATION
FACTS AND FIGURES

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SUMMARY KILLING AND WOUNDING (Outside The Law)

- The number of victims as a result of the American Occupation in Iraq reached 2,350,000 up to March 2009. (1)
- In Iraq there are more than 5,500 assassinated, kidnapped and detained scientists, philosophers, academics and researchers, particularly atomic scientists, physicians, and chemists. (2)
- 50% of all Baghdad’s inhabitants have lost at least one relative during this period. (3)
- 80% of all assassinations targeted people who worked in universities; half of those killed were university lecturers or assistant lecturers; and 20% of assassinated academics were PhD holders, a third of whom specialized in science and medicine. (4)
- (34,313) victims during the period from 01.01.2009 to 31.12.2009 classified as victims of killing in its various forms; bodies with unknown identification, assassination victims, bombing victims, kidnap victims, victims of random detention and of targeted detention. (5)
- The country is witnessing a very hard and difficult security reality in Iraq which started at the beginning of 2010 right up to May of this year reflected in the killing of 2000 people, and the injury of another 5,000 as a result of violent operations. (6)
- Iraq is the most dangerous country in the world security wise. It is classified as No. 149 which is at the very bottom of the Index for 2010. (7)
- Despite the belief, to a large extent, that armed conflict in Iraq has ended, violence and lack of respect for human life are still rampant and affect Iraqi lives, and civilians are its victims in the first place. (8)
- Many Iraqis live in constant fear whenever they leave their homes, since anyone of them may be injured if he were present in the wrong place and at the wrong time. (9)

2.35 MILLION
THE NUMBER OF
KILLED IRAQIS
IRAQ - THE MOST
DANGEROUS
COUNTRY IN THE WORLD
FOR THE FOURTH YEAR
SUCCESSIVE YEAR
DETENTION, TORTURE, SUMMARY EXECUTIONS AND SECRET PRISONS

- Iraq possesses the largest number of prisons in the world. It possesses 36 prisons, excluding Abu Ghraib Prison which is considered to be the most humane amongst their number despite its terrible scandals. These prisons house 400,000 detainees, of whom 6,500 are minors and 10,000 are women. (10)
- We used to have 26,000 prisoners and, today, we have (23,500), of whom (525) are minors under the age of (18), and (18) women, and only (10%) of whom are actually presented at the Iraqi Courts. (11)
- 92% of the detainees or their relatives have suffered from depression and psychiatric problems such as schizophrenia or psychosis while at the same time their children's scholastic standards decreased by 82%, and while 56% of whom lost their breadwinning supporters, and 59% of whom entered prisons because of personal differences and malicious claims. (12)
- There is 100% incidence of torture in all the government prisons and detention centers as follows:
  a- All detainees were exposed to one form or all forms of torture.
  b- None were presented to any courts, although some were questioned.
  c- 87% of detainees and prisoners do not know the reason for their prison or detention.
  d- The period of detention varied from 3 months to 4 years.
  e- 81% of all detainees were denied visits from families or loved ones. (13)
- (15,813) detainees amongst the civilian population, were monitored during 2009. (14)
- (7,334) detainees in (903) raids were monitored among announced statements by the government security forces during 5 months only, over the periods 01.12.2009 to 30.4.2010. (15)

36 PRISONS IN IRAQ OTHER THAN ABU GHRAIB PRISON

400,000 DETAINES, AMONGST WHOM ARE 6,500 MINORS, AND 10,000 WOMEN.

100% TORTURE FOR ALL PRISONERS IN ALL THE PRISONS
[Government prisons are overcrowded with prisoners as a result of the continuing random detentions by the government carried out daily by government forces.] (16)

- There are cases of psychological and physical torture in the prisons and detention centers, and as a result of our visits to the prisons we saw that there were those who were exposed to the ugliest forms of torture for the extraction of forced admissions and that the government forces overseeing these prisons used various forms of torture including electric shock, and hanging from behind in addition to other inhumane practices.] (17)

- One of the main reasons for the death of prisoners and widespread disease is the weakness of prison management and the lack of supplies of the appropriate hygienic materials as well as nutritious foods. In addition, the prison management deals in an "immoral" manner with prisoners, such as using abusive language and sectarian terminology in addition to its general carelessness of prisoners' welfare.] (18)

- Government authorities executed 120 Iraqis during the past period since 2009 while another 900 are awaiting the same fate, amongst whom are 17 women. Many of those sentenced to death were convicted in unfair trials based on admissions extracted by force and torture. 285 were sentenced to be executed during 2008; in addition, 199 were sentenced to be executed in 2007, and 65 people were executed in 2006.] (19)
SECRET PRISONS

• There are more than (420) secret centers of detention in Iraq in addition to the publicly known prisons which are estimated to be (37) in number. Awful human rights abuse takes place in these secret detention centers by government authorities in all their sects. (20)

• There are an estimated (3500) known detainees in secret Ministry of Interior places, in which extreme torture is carried out daily to the extent that the detainees were prepared to admit to any crime just to stop suffering unbearable torture. (21)

• We possess information pointing to the existence of a number of secret prisons, as well as information that states that thousands of citizens are still being taken to unknown places, on the basis of suspicion and for reasons of blackmail without any charges and without any “arrest orders”. (22)

• Those detained in a secret detention center in Baghdad were exposed to being hung by the feet and were deprived of air; they were exposed to kicking as well as whipping and beating by hand, as well as electric shock and sexual assault, repetitively and systematically at the hands of the investigators. Many of the prisoners stated that they were forced to sign false admissions. (23)

• Torturing prisoners as well as beating them and sexually assaulting them were “normal practice” in an illegal prison under the command of a military unit under the direct command of present Prime Minister, Nouri Al Maliki’s Private Office, and that the fresh bruising and injury displayed on prisoners were the result of routine and systematic torture they were exposed to at the hands of their investigators in the Muthanna Prison. (24)

• The events that took place in the Muthanna Prison are just an example of the horrifying excesses which the new leaders of Iraq allege they want leave behind. (25)

420 SECRET PRISONS IN IRAQ.
AWFUL HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE TAKES PLACE IN THESE SECRET DETENTION CENTERS.
MIGRATION AND FORCED DISPLACEMENT

• (2,770,000) Iraqis is the number of internally forcibly displaced Iraqis, and 3,000,000 migrated abroad, 20,000 of whom are doctors which make up 1/3 of all Iraqi doctors.} (26)
• One fifth of all Iraqis have become refugees inside their own country and outside it since the entry of the American Army into the country – it is the largest number in the world and is over 5,000,000 refugees and displaced persons.} (27)
• 90% of the Iraqi refugees in Syria do not plan to return home, 4% said that they wish to return, and 6% said they don’t know.} (28)
• Iraqis continue to makeup the largest number of applications for refugee status in the world’s countries and the applications presented in the first half of this year only, by Iraqis, amounted to more than 13,000.} (29)
• At present, the number of displaced person internally, living in camps in various parts of Iraq has risen to 25% more than last year and the number living in tents is more than 500,000.} (30)
• The percentage of Iraqi students registered in public schools in Syria has decreased by 30% in 2010, as a result of the difficulties and economic pressures as well as the absence of educational registers for children coming from Iraq.} (31)
• The Nejef Governing Council in Nejef Province gave the militias belonging to the ruling parties, as well as to the police and the security forces, the green light, on 17.1.2010, to forcibly expel thousands of families from Nejef for reason of being members of the banned Ba'ath Party, whose numbers are estimated, to be more than 130,000, before the American Occupation, with an embarrassing shameful silence on the government’s part in Baghdad, which indicates its involvement in these events.} (32)
THE STATE OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

First: Women
- [3 million widows and 5 million orphans] A dangerous byproduct of the Occupation is the transformation of Iraq into a country of widows and orphans.] (33)
- [More than 70% of Iraqi girls and women have left schools and colleges.] (34)
- [A prison under the control of the Ministry of Justice contains 4,000 women with 22 new born babies, 93% of whom are of the Sunni sect, who face accusations resulting from enmity and malicious prosecutions amongst whom is a group possessing university degrees, and some of whom have spent 3 years in detention, who are all exposed to rape and torture, and who suffer very bad physical state as well as critical humanitarian situations.] (35)
- [The state of Iraqi women is considered catastrophic and the most important indication of this state is the fact that 600 active and effective women in Iraqi society have been assassinated, 350 of whom were doctors in the medical and humanitarian sector.] (36)
- [50% - 60% of marriages end in divorce in an unprecedented percentage increase in divorce cases in the country.] (37)
- ["Violence against women is on the increase to the extent that the number of cases registered by police stations, in 2009, in the three (3) Kurdish provinces alone, amounted to (1079), in comparison to (715) in 2008" and "suicide cases by burning rose from (119) in 2008 to (245) last year.] (38)
- [The increasing number of Iraqi women sold in the world markets, secretly, for "sexual slavery" is caused by diminishing economic means, and the horrifying security situation that Iraqi society has lived with for years, and to be precise since after the American Occupation in 2003.] (39)

3 MILLION WIDOWS AND 5 MILLION ORPHANS
TRANSFORMATION OF IRAQ INTO A COUNTRY OF WIDOWS
50% - 60% OF MARRIAGES END IN DIVORCE IN IRAQ AFTER THE OCCUPATION
Second: Children

5,000,000 children is the number of orphans in Iraq, 500,000 of whom is homeless as opposed to only 459 orphans cared for in government orphanages, and nearly a million children have joined the various work sectors. (46)

•[28% of Iraqi children suffer from malnutrition, 10% from chronic disease, while 30% of women in cities and 40% in rural areas give birth without any health care or medical treatment. (47)

•[There is an increase of 15 times in chronic birth deformities amongst suckling infants in Fallujah, and an increase in cancer cases in the early stages of life, resulting from the use of chemical warfare or non traditional warfare by the American Armed Forces.] (48)

•[Amongst 170 cases of new births in Fallujah Hospital, 24% of new born babies died within 7 days and 75% of whom were physically deformed, as compared with registers in August 2002, there were 530 births of whom only 6 died within thin the first week and only one case was physically deformed.] (49)

•[(122) kidnap victims were monitored in 2009 as a result of kidnappings which carried out amongst the people, which often resulted in the murder of the kidnapped victim, and the most targeted groups were children, women, students and government officials of both sexes, journalists, members of The Sons of Iraq, teachers, members of the security forces, judges, doctors, Christian citizens, and a number of farmers.] (50)

•[The percentage of child deaths in Iraq is the highest in the world; one in every eight children born alive, dies before the age of 5.] (51)

•["Families have exhausted their savings and are increasingly suffering poverty and there is evidence that children are leaving school and entering the working force to help their families" in addition to early marriages for girls, in turn, is also on a continuous increase as a result of the difficult economic situation.] (52)
• There are at least (200) Iraqi women sold in the "sexual slavery market" annually, despite the fact that Human Rights Monitoring Organization with headquarters in The United States, has warned that the numbers could be larger, were an actual census made of sales transactions of female refugees in Syria and Lebanon.\(^{(40)}\)

• There are thousands of Iraqi women who have been transformed into "victims of social and political oppression" as a result of being annually sold into the "sexual slavery market" which is quite active inside Iraq as well as abroad, for smuggling women and girls, at times not older than 12 years.\(^{(41)}\)

• "The Iraqi government is responsible for the lives and dignity of these women, as well as that of their children, particularly those women who are exposed to smuggling or who are forces into prostitution", in addition to "the United States of America and United Kingdom's governments, because their occupation of Iraq caused the miserable situation in which the people live."\(^{(42)}\)

• The women and girls in Iraq suffer from devilish violence and persistent human rights violations, for in addition to being victims of bombings and violent operations as well as being exposed to the danger of assault and confrontation much of which a large number of Iraqis are exposed to daily, they are also specifically targeted because of their sex.\(^{(43)}\)

• Iraqi women are exposed to death and being crippled as a result of the explosions and violent operations in the hot areas, in addition to suffering kidnapping, rape and murder; they suffer from looking after orphans as well as being widowed, also from being the wives of detainees, prisoners and missing persons, in addition to their deteriorating condition in the refugee camps as well as in the camps for the forcibly displaced internally.\(^{(44)}\)

• Iraqi detained women are beaten regularly and subjected to harassment; raped in both American and Iraqi prisons, and in spite of this the Iraqi government purposely ignores the suffering and the need of the children and the women, and this in itself is contempt and an insult to women's rights.\(^{(45)}\)
THE STATE OF HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

- [90% of 180 hospitals throughout Iraq suffer from a critical lack of human resources and health institutions suffer from a lack of equipment and of qualified personnel.] (53)
- [Iraq is in need of 100,000 doctors in all the various specialities, at a time when there are only 20,000 inside the country, today, so it is for this reason that hospitals suffer from a very large lack of doctors.] (54)

- ["The available statistics in Iraqi provinces, with the exception of those of the KRG, confirm that 63,923 people have contracted cancer during the past 5 years, of whom 32,281 are male and 31,552 female, most of whom have died; children and women make up the largest percentage of those contracting the disease."] (55)
- [67,000 Aids cases, where as the total number of patients with this disease prior to the occupation was 114.] (56)
- [The cancer problem in Iraq has become one that threatens every Iraqi family because of the exposure of the country to wars whose results were reflected negatively on life's reality.] (57)
- [There are 350 polluted sites, 140,000 cancer cases in addition to the fact that annually 7,000 - 8,000 new cases are registered as a result of the destruction of stations as well as the burning of chemical materials during the American bombardment.] (58)
- [There is a huge lack in health care as well as sanitation services in many parts of Iraq. Concern is focused on 40% of families in the countryside and in the suburbs which are not covered by sanitation or water systems, as a result of which a great many of the people suffer from water transported diseases.] (59)

LACK OF 80,000 DOCTORS OF ALL SPECIALITIES IN IRAQ
350 POLLUTED SITES
140,000 CANCER PATIENTS
7000 – 8000 NEW CANCER CASES EVERY YEAR
• More than 40 different districts suffer from pollution, especially Najaf, Basra, and Fallujah which suffer from very high levels of pollution which has led to the increase in the percentage of cases in cancer and physical deformities in new born babies. (60)

• Every American soldier leaves behind 9 - 12 pounds of "Dangerous Litter", daily, as well as the fact that there are 3% - 5% unexploded bombs and missiles. In some areas where there is a lot of sand the average increases to 15%, according to the United Nations Programme. (61)

• Farmland is affected by polluting materials of a highly poisonous nature, because they were war theatres in which many and different types of armament were used, which had a negative effect, equally, on a very large scale of the environment and a general health. (62)
THE STATE OF EDUCATION:

- There are 32,425 Iraqi students registered in schools, officially, for the scholastic year 2008 – 2009 compared with 49,132 during the scholastic year 2007 – 2008. (63)
- The number of illiterate people has topped the 5 million mark in the years 2008 and 2009, whereas in 1991 there were no illiterates whatever. (64)
- Iraq continues to be behind times when compared with most of the countries in the region for excellence in formal state teaching has deteriorated as well as the ability to be provided with education, resulting negatively on the average joining schooling at all levels of schooling and education. (65)
- Only 30% of Iraq's students go to school, and illiteracy threatens the state of education in Iraq after it was able to completely eradicate illiteracy in 1980, with the witness of international organizations. (66)
- (The Three Schools System) where three elementary schools share daylight hours (short), the result of fusing several schools in one building due to the lack of buildings and the destruction and demolition of a large number of them, which caused students to be crowded together in an inappropriate manner amounting to 50 students in one classroom, sharing seats. (67)
- Iraq now suffers from an increase in illiterates at an alarming rate, which makes it essential for hastening passing a law for the eradication of illiteracy which was presented to Parliament a year and a half ago, and was never passed, in addition to the lack of provision in the Finance Bill in 2010, for even One United States Dollar for illiteracy eradication courses projects. (68)
- A huge decline in the standard of university and basic education, and the prevalence of underdevelopment and backwardness in Iraqi society whereas Iraq was the foremost country in the world that eradicated illiteracy in the world. (69)
PRESS FREEDOM:

• [Iraq comes top for killing journalists and it is the worst internationally in investigating assassinations of journalists.] (70)
• [(247) Iraqi and foreign journalists were killed during the years of the Occupation, (64) were kidnapped, most of whom were killed and (14) are still missing.] (71)
• [(262) incidents and violations were monitored concerning incidents journalists were exposed to from 3rd May, 2009 to 3rd May, 2010.] (72)
• [More than (50) serious repressive violations was observed what is called parliamentary election day, alone, 23 violations of which were the share of the three Kurdish provinces, while in Baghdad and the other provinces 27 violations were monitored, committed by military and security parties against journalists and their media organizations.] (73)
• [(29) law suits were brought against a number of journalists and journalistic organizations in 2009 by personalities as well as government institutions using the publication and the practice of journalism law.] (74)
• [(23) law cases were raised by local officials against independent journalists and media organizations, because of publishing and exposing stories about financial corruption, as well as administrative corruption, and (35) in the Kurdish region, this past year.] (75)
• [The special law dealing with media broadcasting is a real step backwards in the march towards media freedom in Iraq, and it is not only limited to giving them extended powers, to enable them to shut down media broadcasting windows caused by committing small irregularities for the first time, but also exposes the lives of Iraqi journalists to extreme danger.] (76)
2009 witnessed (29) cases of (arrest and arbitrary detention of journalists), with Baghdad the largest share followed by the Iraqi Kurdish provinces, and the remainder being divided amongst the other provinces. (77)

2009 was similar to the previous years, very bad, dangerous and full with misery for journalists since "threats and obstruction of journalism, killing and kidnapping of children and relatives as well as being taken to court." (78)
SERVICES, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE CORRUPTION:

- Amongst 180 countries on world standards, Iraq occupies third place amongst most corrupt countries, after Somalia and Myanmar. {79}
- Baghdad is at the very bottom of the world's cities; it is the worst as far as quality and standard of living is concerned. {80}
- 8 million Iraqis suffer from malnutrition and 4 million are under the poverty line. {81}
- More than 4 Iraqis in 10 live under the poverty line at a time when the health and educational systems are at the point of collapse. {82}
- An estimated 10 million Iraqis suffer poverty, approximately a third of the country's citizens, that has surpassed 30 million in its population, according to the present Ministry of Trade's statistics; this number is likely to rise in the future, and the Youth group "which is relied on to build the country" was the most badly effected. {83}
- 70% of Iraqis are without potable water and 43% live with under USD1.00 per day, while one third of the population is in need of emergency assistance. {84}
- The Cancer Hospital Project in Basra, the worst ill reputed reconstruction project, which cost USD 168 million, and which completion has been delayed for longer than four years, with an added USD 115 million to its cost, is still not functioning. {85}
• The refinery production capacity before the Occupation was more than 700,000 barrels per day in Iraq, while it exported USD 5 billion's worth of oil derivatives per annum, whereas today, Iraq exports oil derivatives at costs which would be sufficient for building a refinery with a production capacity of 300,000 barrels per day, in addition to the rise in their prices to more than 20 times in addition to the difficulty in supplies, as well as the fact that 90% of the gas produced as a byproduct of the oil extraction operations, is burnt off wastefully, causing a loss estimated in billions of dollars annually. (86)

• The American Military institution as well as the Iraqi government spent USD 117 Billion since 2003, wasted on non-producing projects, or disappeared as a result of corruption and mismanagement. (87)

• All the expectations were imprecise, for the this year’s surplus which amounted to USD 22 Billion was spent on additional budget, with USD 14.3 Billion allocated for works prosecuted by the American Occupation, and the balance was spent on relatives and the corrupt state institutions. (88)

• Iraq's losses during the past 5 years following the American invasion of the country, are estimated at USD 250 Billion, and the General Secretariat of The Cabinet is "the focus of the most serious corruption.” (89)

• USD 17 Billion was spent on the electricity sector during the past 5 years, and today, we are on the brink of the 6th year, however, electricity production has not increased a single watt. (90)

• Unemployment from the age of 15 onwards for both sexes runs at a rate of 26.1%, where in cities it runs at 30% as opposed to 25.4% in the countryside. (91)
[During January and February, 2010, (356) accused officials were taken to criminal court charged with corruption amounting to the sum of Iraqi Dinars 46 Billion, and (433) arrest warrants were issued, amongst who were 4 senior officials, with ministerial grade, 18 with director general grade in addition to authentication of tens of thousands of forged university degrees held by senior officials and army officers, as well as directors general, and party members holding commanding governmental positions in the state.] (92)

[More than 8,000 Ministry of Interior officials have been sacked since the beginning of this year, totaling more than 38,000 since 2005, sacked because of corruption, forgery, and co operating with armed groups and militias, for dereliction of duty.] (93)

[66,000 ghost jobs were discovered in the Ministries of Defense and Interior, 50,000 of which belonged to the Ministry of Interior, costing the state USD 5 Billion annually.] (94)

[30% of the present security forces are either absent or disappeared, and continue to receive their salaries.] (95)

[The assassination of 31 investigators in corruption cases in government ministries, and the prohibition of many of them from entering these ministries' buildings.] (96)

[The Ministry of Interior occupies the first place in corruption for last year, during which 736 cases were registered, next comes The Ministry for General Works and Local Councils with more than 400 cases, followed by the Ministry of Justice with 249 cases, and the worst in this matter is that the Integrity Commission which is charged with dealing with corruption , itself suffers from corruption and favoritism.] (97)
THE STATE OF MINORITIES:

- [1960 Christians were killed in various parts of Iraq since March 2003. The government was unable to stop the assaults. It also promised, more than once, to compensate affected Christians, but never kept its promise."
The "violent waves against Christians did not take place from void, for there is a plan to expel all Christians from Iraq with the support of one of the neighboring countries."] (98)
- [The refugee non Muslim minorities in Syria total 16% Christians and 4.3% Sabia’a Mendaien, as well as 0.8% Yezedis.] (99)
- [The killing of (504), kidnapping of (118) and the departure of (4663) families outside Iraq, the result of the size of the violence and frightening crimes to which the Sabia’a were exposed from October 2003 to March 2006.] (100)
- [Large bombing operations in Sinjar effect the Yazeedi community in their residential areas, resulting in 500 victims, killed and injured in 15.8.2007.] (101)
- [Minorities faced great challenges, the most significant of which was their falling victim of the ongoing conflict between the political parties.] (102)

1960 CHRISTIANS HAVE BEEN ASSASSINATED SINCE MARCH 2003

THE SABIA’A
MENDAI’IS - 504 KILLED, 118 KIDNAPPED, AS WELL AS THE MIGRATION ABROAD OF 4663 FAMILIES.

500 YAZIDIS MURDERED ON 15.8.2007.
THE POLITICAL STATE:

• The present government was the most inept and ineffectual in facing challenges and ending the tragedies that did not spare anyone, and a parliament constituted for the sake of its own 276 members.\(^{(103)}\)

• Dangerous political fragmentation took place with the result that the number of political entities and parties numbered 550, and there are 11,400 NGOs in existence, as well as 126 security companies beside 43 militias belonging to the political and religious parties, in addition to 220 newspapers financed by external forces, as well as 67 radio stations the majority of which are financed by intelligence organizations in foreign countries.\(^{(104)}\)

• Iraq is now being run by institutions which do not possess any bases in laws or the constitution, and act for the good of the government and not the state.\(^{(105)}\)

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550 POLITICAL PARTIES, 11,400 NGOs, 126 SECURITY COMPANIES, AND 43 MILITIAS BELONGING TO POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS PARTIES.
TRUTH AND ADMISSIONS:

• "The war in Iraq is a military reckless and impulsive adventure, badly planned for. It cost much more than it should have financially, as well as a very great number of lives. It started with a lie believed by the coalition's forces, which is "the entrance from Kuwait to bring down Saddam Hussein's regime and to return within weeks". It is also "the war most argued about since Vietnam.""] (106)

• "I shall always feel distress for waging a tragic war on Iraq based on a false excuse, without Security Council authorization.""] (107)

• "The results of the American invasion of Iraq "are not random; for it is an organized cultural cleansing war, intended to destroy the Iraqi identity, and to expose its wealth to plunder and its archaeological treasures to destruction and devastation, and to spread chaos and make it a means to remake the country and transform it into a satellite of the United States.""] (108)

• "The humanitarian situation throughout most of Iraq remain one of the most dangerous crises in the world.""] (109)

• "Millions of Iraqis continue to live in appalling circumstances and continue to be left alone to face their unknown fate.""] (110)

• "Iraq will become the most solid state on the face of the earth.""] (111)