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Ashraf Camp

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The Iraqi forces' deadly attack on Camp Ashraf, home to 3,400 members of the Iranian opposition, left 11 dead, 500 wounded and 36 residents abducted. The Iranian regime is trying to destroy the Camp and its residents through the Iraqi Government. Iraq's refusal to release the 36 abductees in defiance of two Iraqi court verdicts and the presence of the Iraqi forces in Ashraf are causing grave concern.

The European Parliament's April 24, 2009 resolution stresses that Ashraf residents are protected by the Fourth Geneva Convention and the Iraqi Government must refrain from expelling or forcefully displacing them within Iraq. It also calls on Iraq to end the siege on the Camp.

We urge the U.S. forces in Iraq to guarantee the rights of Ashraf residents and protect them against violence and mistreatment. As a positive step in guaranteeing their security, we call for the establishment of a U.N. monitoring team in Ashraf. We also call on Iraq to facilitate deployment of the team.

We share the concern of Ashraf residents' families who are on hunger strike in Europe and North America and assure them that we will pursue seriously the case of Ashraf, particularly the 36 abductees.

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