

# SAVE THE LIVES OF PATIENTS IN ASHRAF - IRAQ

*Dozens of terminally ill and cancer patients are refused access to medical services and specialist doctors by Iraqi forces under Nouri al-Maliki command*



*Mehdi Fathi, in his early 50s, is suffering from kidney cancer. He can no longer be cured due to delays and lack of access to specialist doctors. He is now in a critical state*



*Elham Fardipour, 44, suffering from thyroid cancer. Iraqi forces obstructed her transfer to a hospital in Baghdad for urgent treatment*

## **URGENT APPEAL**

- **The United States and the United Nations to intervene and end cruel siege and restrictions on Ashraf residents**
- **The US forces to assume protection of Camp Ashraf as they did between 2003 and 2008**
- **The United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq to set up permanent monitoring team in Ashraf to oversee the situation**

Camp Ashraf, home to 3,400 members of the Iranian opposition People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran, have been under an inhumane siege for the past two years by Iraqi forces under the command of Nouri al-Maliki. Acting upon the Iranian regime's instructions, the Iraqi forces have imposed harsh restrictions on Ashraf's residents including obstructions to their access to medical services and urgent needs of medicine. During the Iraqi forces attacks on Ashraf on July 28 and 29, 2009 that led to the death of 11 and left 500 wounded, some of the wounded died due to lack of medical attention.