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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Iraqi officials summoned to Court for commission of alleged offences against residents of Camp Ashraf (Iraq)**

The National Central Investigative Court number 4 of Spain in a writ issued on March 17 -that become firm on March 23- summoned two Iraqi officials and two military officers for the alleged commission of offences against international community in Camp Ashraf.

The four, Ali Yeseri, a senior official of the Prime Minister Nouri Maliki's office and head of the Committee for Closure of Camp Ashraf; Sadq Mohammad Khazem, Secretary of the Committee for Closure of Camp Ashraf; Lieutenant Colonel Nezar, one of the officer in charge of security for Ashraf; and Lieutenant Haydar Azab Mashi, are accused of serious violations of the IV Geneva Convention regarding the members of the People's Mojahedin Organisation of Iran, currently residing in Camp Ashraf.

The Court declared that the *"aforesaid respondents be served notice of the supplement to the complaint and summoned before this Court to give evidence on 31 May at 10 hours, and moreover be notified that they should appear with a legal counsel, and if they do not, one will be appointed ex officio."*

The Court also found admissible the request to extend the proceedings to cover *"continuance of and increased severity in the breaches of Geneva Convention IV investigated in these proceedings, given a sustained rise in the level of mental torture experienced by the residents of Ashraf, for since February 2010 the whole population has been subjected to noise from powerful loudspeakers, assailing them all day and for much of the night with threats of mistreatment and death; severe restrictions on the supply of medicines, medical and health equipment, medical care, food, energy and fuel and educational materials, and a total denial of personal freedom of movement."*

The Iraqi forces attacked Camp Ashraf in July 2009, killing 11 and wounding around 500 residents. The Iraqi authorities have also imposed severe restrictions on Ashraf including denial of free access to medical services which had resulted in permanent harm to several patients. In addition, helped by Iraqi forces, agents of a neighbor State are using 240 powerful loud speakers threatening the resident round the clock to mass killings and destruction of the Camp.

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