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Tug of Terror Fuels Sectarian Violence



The UNHCR reported that at least 500,000 Iraqis were displaced immediately by the takeover of Mosul.

Food supplies are low and there is limited fresh water and little electricity.

An additional 430,000 people were displaced by fighting in Anbar Province, which extremists have controlled for more than six months.

As the sectarian war increases in recent weeks, hundreds of thousands of Iraqis were driven from their homes. For many, it was not the first time.

The present crisis in Iraq is a direct consequence of the war of 2003 and of the inefficiency of the new democratic system which cannot function if there is no true reconciliation. The total mass flight doubles the number of internal refugees from Nineveh, Anbar and Salaheddin provinces to one million this year, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) reports.

Some 200,000 Iraqis have also become refugees in neighbouring countries.

Thousands have sought sanctuary in the Kurdish region. At least 450,000 of those driven from their homes this year are children. Our community

here in Britain is extremely concerned about the latest wave of terror in Iraq by psychopaths. It will further fuel the sectarian killings and increases divisions between different religious and ethnic groups.

Many people are astonished that this happened so quickly. We are all deeply worried, especially that sectarian violence is touching us all.

Speaking Wednesday, June 18th from the Iraqi capital, Bishop Saad Sirop Hanna said:

“We fear a civil war.” “If the various different opposing internal parties do not succeed in finding an agreement, then we must expect the worst.”

“Another war would mean the end, especially for us Christians.” “After more than 2,000 years during which we have withstood obstacles and persecutions, Iraq is today almost emptied of its Christian presence,” says Bishop Sirop.

Terror Heaps Suffering on People Who Have Already Suffered Enough ...

Iraqi Association has issued a press release on 19th June in the wake of the Islamist terrorist violence in Mosul. It says that the regional ferment has been stocked by Syrian civil war as it spills across the border and ignites Sunnis and Shiites sects in neighbouring states to also attack one another. The misery continues, as innocent and vulnerable people are paying a heavy cost. Thousands have fled and sought safety in the Kurdish region.

Many fears that Syria's deadly civil war is reverberating in the wider region, as Sunni-Shi'ite proxy war flare up. Our community is deeply worried and concern that again the cycle of hate and sectarian murder will engulf Baghdad. This terrible and ghastly terror is fuelled further

when a group of extremists started to control the city of Mosul.

Iraq is poised at the crossroads between two starkly different visions, the foreign psychopaths and former regime's hardline Baathists. There is a real risk of further deadly sectarian atrocities on a massive scale. The press release also says that, “we appeal to all Iraqi political and religious leaders to avoid incitement, and that there should be genuine reconciliation to form a national unity government. The unity government can only be formed by all Iraqi leaders deciding whether they love their children more than they hate each other. That is the most important question they must answer, it can't be avoided any longer.”

VOLUNTEERS WANTED...

Our Charity provides skills and experience in areas of administration, confidence building, work environment, IT skills and communication with different age groups of people. Minimum hours 7 per week for the period of three to twelve months.

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Australian Government Offers Iraqi asylum seekers \$6,000 to return home



Australian Prime Minister, Tony Abbott

The Abbott government is offering Iraqi asylum seekers \$6,000 to leave Manus Island and Nauru, despite spiralling sectarian violence engulfing the country.

It is also offering voluntary return packages to Syrian asylum seekers to return to the war-torn country, but says the offer has not been taken

up by anyone who has arrived without a visa since 2008.

A spokeswoman for Immigration Minister Scott Morrison said asylum seekers who wanted to return to their country of origin, including war zones, were required to sign a statement stating that they 'understand the current situation in their country of

return.'

«The department continues to facilitate the voluntary return and removal of those nationals from Iraq and Syria who are requesting departure, including providing any initial post-arrival assistance that they may require,' she said. This month, fewer than 10 Iraqi asylum seekers

Iraqi Association Annual General Meeting

Iraqi Association held its 26th Annual General Meeting on 18th May 2014 in Hammersmith. The official businesses of the meeting were presented and discussed, including the Trustees' report and accounts ending 31 March 2013 & 2013. It was followed by a detailed report on the work of the Iraqi Association during the course of the past 12 months. It was reported that the Iraqi Association has helped 2587 people, since the last AGM, serving different users from different backgrounds and needs, they were most vulnerable local residents of elderly and young people. Iraqi Association is a non sectarian service provider.

The AGM was attended by the local MP Andy Slaughter, and other guests, including the

Iraqi Cultural Attach', Professor Mousa Al Mousawi and head of communication of the Iraqi Cultural Centre, Ms Wahida Al Muqdadi, and members and users of the charity, including other Iraqi non profit organizations.

A new board of Trustees was elected, the meeting also highlighted that despite a shoestring budget, the Iraqi Association continued to serve its users, and stressed that resource development must be one of the top priorities. The meeting also noted the success of the IraqChild project and its vital role to help orphan children.

The Board thanked staff and volunteers for their hard work over the past year and thanked the support of funders and donors of the charity..



Our Charity's Direct Help

During the period of three months March 1st - May 31st, 2014, Iraqi Association has helped 363 people, this figure includes 25 new clients or users, age range average of 19 and 73 were the significant profile.

They come from different London boroughs, the highest borough is Hammersmith and Fulham. This service covers, health, employment, training, welfare, homelessness, immigration and education. Beside that, we had 11 volunteers from different age groups.

The service methods which were used during this period includes, face to face, telephone calls, letters and follow up calls. We are extremely grateful to all our volunteers, staff and the cooperation of other organisations who we work with. Iraqi Association is a non sectarian organisation, our services are open to everyone.



IRAQI ASSOCIATION (IA)

The Iraqi Association is a non-profit organisation that exists to enable Iraqis to settle and integrate in this country with rights to express their cultural identities. Our work aimed at Iraqis, by providing volunteerism, advice, public health support, counselling, training, employment guidance,

information services, and organising cultural events. It is also our mission to raise awareness about relevant events in Iraq and the integration process in this country."

Our Aims and Methods:

We provide the following services to our clients regardless of their race,

ethnic origin, language, and gender, religious or political background.

- Face-to-face support session
- Group empowerment session
- Workshop advice session
- Training session
- Outreach work
- Client-led information

