

## Iraqis United Against Terror

The attack on Glasgow Airport and attempted London car bomb were the latest atrocities committed by evil people inspired by a poisonous and perverted politics that disguises itself as a form of the religion of Islam. The terrorists seek a closed society of fear and conformity. We reject the terrorists' claim that they represent authentic Islam. They do not.

Terrorists do not hate what is worst in the societies they attack, but what is best. They despise individual liberty, critical thought, gender equality, religious tolerance, the rights of minorities and political pluralism. They do not criticize democracy because it sometimes fails to live up to its principles; they oppose those principles.

Our community condemns terrorism in any shape or form. It is extraordinary to suggest that the British foreign policy is the cause of terrorist atrocities.

Foreign policy in 1939 caused bombing of Great Britain too. That didn't mean our foreign policy was wrong then, and the current terrorist failed bombing attempts don't mean it's wrong now. Beside that, it is annoying to see various commentators continuing to appease terrorism in Iraq and psychopath killers of Baghdad - it's time to stop this nonsense. Many members of our community here in this country has lost family members, relatives, or friends at the hands of evil killers.

These brain-washed people remind us of the Nazis. We should pity their naivety and narrow-mindedness, the difference between faith and politics must always be realised. Let us use the democratic rule of law, if you dislike government policies, use non-violent protests. We need to move away from talk of martyrs, there is no future for any cause anywhere in the world that validates, or implicitly supports, the use of political violence in any shape or form.

Lastly, it is not the failure of our diverse communities, but the failure of lack of action by the government to recognise and support the work of grass-root community groups, to assist and help younger generation to integrate and settle successfully.

Every year we help more than 6000 people to settle and to make valuable contributions to this country. We hope that the recent ugly events wouldn't become a significant new government barrier, to punish law abiding citizens, and those who want to complete their training in this country.

We stand against the racists who seek to exploit the current tensions for their own agenda.

We stand against those who apologize for the terrorists and who misrepresent their atrocities as resistance.

## Inauguration of IraqChild Project

Thousands of children in Iraq suffers from the continuing violence, particularly in Baghdad, Anbar, Najaf, Diyala and Basra. They are deprived from their childhood, the precious time of their lives. And perhaps an even more terrifying is the damaging proportions and impact the normal physiological and psychological growth of the children in an environment that is dominated by murder and hate.

Recognizing this growing humanitarian needs, Iraqi Association, in consultation with local non governmental organisations and concern medical doctors and parents in Iraq, has launched an initiative to provide emergency support and development programme to help Iraqi children, those who have been affected by wars and violence. The inauguration of the project took place on 23 March 2007 in the Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, west London.



Among the guests were Andy Slaughter, British Member of Parliament, Canon John Record of the Parish of St Peter Hammersmith, Professor Abdullah Al Mousawi, Iraqi Embassy Cultural Attaché and Noaman Muna, Chairman of Almal NGO in Iraq. The reception was also attended by other distinguished guests and the Trustees of Iraqi Association. The opening speech was made by Roza Mohammed-Ali, solicitor and volunteer,

Iraqi British born, followed by Abdul Ilah Tawfik, Iraqi Association Chairman, and Jabbar Hasan, Director of the charity. A message of support was received from Antony Lillis, the Hammersmith & Fulham conservative councillor and Borough's Cabinet Member for Community & Children's Services.

This initiative is also supported by the Labour Friends of Iraq, and David Anderson, Member of Parliament.

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## “We are all Vulnerable”

Since January this year, the number of Iraqi Association clients seeking help has increased by 35% our charity is overwhelmed by the sheer desperate needs of many vulnerable people.

They need help with the process of settlement. Beside that, the terrible human misery in Iraq is mirrored here in many parts of London, and other regions of the country, often we have to deal with grief and emotion of those who have lost family members at the hands of terrorists and sectarian cruelty in Baghdad.

**One inheritance of the violence in Iraq will be the horrid trauma that afflicts generations of children who know violence.**

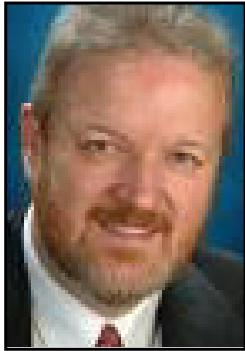
In March this year, Hameed's granddaughter was only 5 when she was shot by sadistic killers in Bagdad. When we visited him in his home in Hounslow, he broke down and said “we are all vulnerable”.

Sana was 11 when gunmen crashed the door of her home in Baghdad and killed her parents in front of her. Now, when she was asked about it, she said, “They were killed.” And then she cried. Now in an orphanage with two sisters, she watches out for the young ones but worries all the time.

On daily basis we hear heartrending stories from our clients. And consider this dark observation from a new comer “Yesterday, I was taking my 6-year-old son for a walk. He asked, me, ‘Is this a Shia street or a Sunni street?’”

Furthermore, in the west London area we have more than 2500 users, and we use telephone methods to assist others in the regions. As a community based services, the trust, transparency and credential all have been factors to attract users and the wider members of the community. Iraqi Association has been working with and for vulnerable people since its inception in 1987. Our committed volunteers, staff and committee members are all too aware of the fact that we have a prudent budget, but we are determine to reach out and help those who are socially excluded and suffer from severe isolations.

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## Worsening plight of asylum seekers

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The Guardian

The asylum system in the UK is still grossly unjust to many of the people who are subjected to its delays, inconsistencies and inhumane procedures. Now the parliamentary joint committee on human rights has added its weight to calls for reform (Leaders, March 31) of the system.

Those fleeing persecution and violence in their own countries may wait years for a decision as to whether or not they can stay in this country, during which time they are not permitted to work to support themselves or their families. If refused asylum, all state support stops and they are either deported or expected to return to their home country. Many asylum seekers, determined to preserve their dignity and not to be a burden on the generosity of others, obtain work illegally in order to support themselves.

A one-off amnesty that would give those who have already been in this country for four years or more the chance to work legally and to demonstrate the contribution they are making already, is a sensible and humane act. It would also make economic sense - it costs an estimated £11,000 to deport an individual. If asylum seekers are allowed to work legally they will support themselves and pay taxes.

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## IRAQI ASSOCIATION CONDEMNS THE TERRORIST ATTACK AT GLASGOW AIRPORT...



Iraqi Association expressed its condemnation of terrorist attack at Glasgow Airport and the attempted car bomb in London on Saturday 30th June 2007. Terrorism cannot be tolerated in any shape or form and Islam totally forbids this evil act.

“In Baghdad, our people are

suffering from the daily terrorist attacks, and mostly women and children are paying the cost.” Said Jabbar Hasan; director of the Iraqi Association in London.

On behalf of the Iraqi Community we condemn the terrorist attack at Glasgow Airport and the attempted car bomb in London. We should not allow terrorists to divide and rule our diverse communities. Together we can defeat sadistic murderers.

## ZIPANG Hormuzd Rassam event in London on 13 April 2007

On the fourth anniversary of the looting of the Iraq Museum in Baghdad sixty people gathered at the Poetry Café in Bloomsbury, London to celebrate the life and work of Mosul-born archaeologist Hormuzd Rassam. Among them were several of his relatives who live in the UK.

More than 150 years ago Hormuzd Rassam discovered the palace of King Ashurbanipal in the ruins of the city of Nineveh. Many of the sculptures and nearly all the inscribed clay tablets in the palace library are now housed in the British Museum.

The history of this discovery was outlined by Dr Mariana Giovino, an Assyriologist, in a slide-illustrated lecture. She showed the audience how

cuneiform texts on clay tablets are transcribed and translated.

Fran Hazelton, a modern day Mesopotamian storyteller, told one of the stories found written on clay tablets in Ashurbanipal's library. Tara Jaff, a Kurdish musician, sang a Sumerian song of praise for the goddess Inana, harmonising with a chant sung by the audience.

This ZIPANG event was organised by the Enheduanna Society in collaboration with the Iraqi Association, the British School of Archaeology in Iraq, and the Camden Ceilidh Storytelling Club.

The Enheduanna Society is a registered educational charity dedicated to popularising the literature of ancient Iraq through the art of oral storytelling.

## 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



**Is the life  
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**A child screams for help, it's your chance to make a difference. Please reach out to save Iraqi children today.**

**£22 will pay for a child's clothing pack.**

**£48 will treat a child for diarrhoea and ear infection.**

**£75 will feed 20 orphaned children every week.**

**£170 will pay for a child's treatment for a month.**

**£1,650 will maintain a children's clinic for a month.**

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