



**To the kind attention of:**  
 Mr. Christof Heyns  
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**Subject: Urgent Appeal regarding the human rights situation of Iraqi Turkmen**

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO), I present you this urgent appeal to bring your attention to the fast escalating human rights violations against the Iraqi Turkmen people in Northern Iraq.

UNPO is a democratic, internationally recognized, membership organization based in The Hague, the Netherlands. Its Members are indigenous peoples, nations and minorities who have joined together to protect their human and cultural rights, preserve their environments, and to find non-violent solutions to conflicts which affect them.

This appeal follows a series of attacks against ethnic Turkmen in Iraq, including an attack on 23 January 2013 in Tuz Khurmato at the funeral of a civil servant, in which at least 42 people were killed and a further 117 wounded.

Unfortunately, this is far from a unique occurrence. Attacks on the Turkmen have been increasing at an alarming rate in recent months – including the burning alive of two teachers – as tensions between the Arab and Kurdish populations in the disputed territories rise.

Below is a non-exhaustive list of atrocities committed against Turkmen people that have resulted with the death of individuals.

Date	Identity	Place	Cause of death
8/1/2012	Faisal noori fu'ad	South west of Kirkuk, green district	Shot to death
26/1/2012	Ayoob mahdi taqi	south west of Kirkuk, nearby Baghdad district	Bomb explosion
12/3/2012	Musa Yahia Shakir	Middle of Taza sub-district	Shot to death
9/4/2012	Hassan Ahmed Sameen	Kirkuk near to Basheer village	Bomb explosion
9/4/2012	Isma'eel Muhammed Salman	Kirkuk near to Basheer village	Bomb explosion
13/4/2012	Yousif Ibraheem	Kirkuk , qassab khana district	Assassinated by unknown mob
15/4/2012	Ahmed Yashar Qadri	Middle of Kirkuk, Baghdad road district	Car bomb explosion
19/4/2012	Hussain Shakir Wali	Middle of Kirkuk, Baghdad road district	Car bomb explosion

19/4/2012	Muhammed Qasim	Middle of Kirkuk, Baghdad road district	Car bomb explosion
19/4/2012	Mahmood Khattabl Isma'eel	South west Kirkuk, near celebration square	Car bomb explosion
23/5/2012	Mu'ayad Sa'eed Toqmaqli	South of Kirkuk, al—wasiti district	Bomb explosion
17/6/2012	Murad Asi Sulaiman	South of Kirkuk, al—wasiti district	Car bomb explosion
16/8/2012	Ahmed Maseeb Ali	Middle of Kirkuk, Daqooq	Bomb explosion
4/9/2012	Moustafa Ramthan Jaafer	South west Kirkuk, green district	Assassinated by unknown mob attacking general Adnan Abdul-Razzaq Al-Bayati, who perished as well
7/9/2012	Ahmed Hussain	South west Kirkuk, Domeez district	Car bomb explosion
7/9/2012	Salam Kathem Husain	Middle of Kirkuk, Atlas street	Car bomb explosion
7/9/2012	Ahamd Kathem Husain	Middle of Kirkuk, Atlas street	Car bomb explosion
7/9/2012	Mohammed Ahmed Khorshhed	East of Kirkuk, qassab khana district	Car bomb explosion
9/9/2012	Hazem Hussain Akbar	Middle of Kirkuk, Baghdad road district	Motorcycle bomb explosion
10/9/2012	Abaas Mahdy Najaf Agha	Middle of Kirkuk, tis'ieen district	Armed group breached his office and shot him with silenced pistol
18/9/2012	Mohammed Abid Alwahab	East of Kirkuk, between al-urooba and al-nasr districts	Assassinated by armed group
19/9/2012	Retha Hamza Albayati	Middle of Kirkuk, Baghdad district in front of agricultural department	Brutally assailed in front of his house
16/12/2012	Salam Abdalrahman Abd Allah	Kirkuk , qassab khana near imam Ali mosque	Explosion of three bombs ravaged his house totally and killed him in sight
16/8/2012	Dadil Abbas Qasim Al-Shimr	West of mosul, tala'afar suburb, casino in al-wihda district	Killed by a suicidal terrorist who blew himself up in the casino
16/8/2012	Muhammed Faisal Ahmed Al-Sato	West of mosul, tala'afar suburb, casino in al-wihda district	Killed by a suicidal terrorist who blew himself up in the casino
16/8/2012	Adil Hazim Muhammed El-Baqqal	West of mosul, tala'afar suburb, casino in al-wihda district	Killed by a suicidal terrorist who blew himself up in the casino
4/9/2012	Gen. Adnan Abid alrazak Albayti	South west Kirkuk , the Green district	Killed by armed assailants
16/12/2012	Abd alhussain mahmood hamdi	Territory near from Alzargata Rfe'aat belongs to al-Rashad suburb 60 kilo meters south of Kirkuk	Kidnapped by four armed persons driving a car model kia carrying guns, including a sniper rifle. The police found the body before the noon of Monday 17/12/2012 near Al-Humaira village, 350 kilometers south of Kirkuk. It was totally burned and bore signs of previous torture.

Besides these horrific killings, there are also numerous cases of kidnapping:

Date	Identity	Place	Details of disappearance
12/3/2012	Qasim Ali Abbas Al-Bayati	Kirkuk, 1st of march district	Kidnapped by unknown men in a car
19/4/2012	Omar Najm Abd Allah	Middle of Kirkuk	Kidnapped in front of Sumer hotel by unknown men
11/6/2012	Abd Al-Ameer Muhammed Amen	Middle of Kirkuk, Tis'een district	Kidnapped by unknown men
4/7/2012	Taken Ali Hussain Kalbawi	Middle of Kirkuk	Kidnapped in front of school and released after three days
11/8/2012	Husham Sami Ameen	Middle of Kirkuk, the teacher's district	Kidnapped near his house
30/8/2012	Hassan Ihsan Shukri	Middle of Kirkuk, officers district near entertainment city	Kidnapped by armed men near his house
24/9/2012	Muslim Mohammed Ahmed	West of Kirkuk near laylan checkpoint	Attacked and kidnapped
24/9/2012	Mowfak Abid Tournaje	Middle of Kirkuk, special locality nr.1	Injured and kidnapped by armed men
8/11/2012	Ameer Jihad Awji	South Kirkuk , Adan district near the entertainment city	Kidnapped by armed men, who also looted his house

When these murders and kidnappings are committed, there are also people injured both physically and mentally:

7/6/2012	Muhammed Isma'eel Faraj	South East Kirkuk ,old Laylan bridge district	Shot to abdomen by drive-by shooters
20/6/2012	Nihad Najeeb Awoji	Middle of Kirkuk	Humiliated and mistreated by a member of emergency unit
4/7/2012	Murad Tariq Zenel Wahab	South East Kirkuk, al-askari district	Victim's store was looted and he was hit multiple times by armed robbers
28/7/2012	Ali Khorsheed Ahmed	South of Kirkuk, entrance of the industrial district	Different injuries from car bomb explosion
16/8/2012	Nawal Asghar Zeinab	Middle of Kirkuk, Daqooq	Different injuries caused by bomb explosion
27/8/2012	Emad Haseeb Omar	Middle of Kirkuk	Kidnapping attempt by armed men who beat him severely to the face and humiliated him. He escaped
20/11/2012	Hashim Fu'ad Isma'eel	Middle of Kirkuk, tis'een district	Injured by car bomb when departing his workplace, a shi'a endowment
20/11/2012	Hani Muhammed Khorsheed	Middle of Kirkuk, tis'een district	Injured by car bomb when departing his workplace, a shi'a endowment
16/12/2012	Ghadeer Qanbar Khaleel Asghar	Kirkuk railway house near alzahra mosque	Victim( 5 year old child) injured by car bomb
16/12/2012	Nazim Hassan Kawthar	Kirkuk , qassab khana, near imam Ali mosque	House severely damaged
16/8/2012	Kamal abd al-Kareem Muhammed Ali	West of mosul, tala'afar suburb, casino in al-wihda district	Several injuries from suicide terrorist's attack
9/9/2012	Central of Tuz district	Ahmad Rasheed Khalel	Injured by car bomb.

These lists are far from exhaustive, they are just highlighting the pattern of human rights violations inflicted on the mostly civilian population in Turkmen areas.

All these cases were reported by sources in Kirkuk, Mosul and Tuz police forces, in most cases mediated by local news agencies. Police investigations were conducted, but they have remained unfruitful. All the evidence points out that the perpetrators were specifically targeting the Iraqi Turkmen population. There are escalating tensions between the Kurdish population and Turkmen. The issues related to greater aspirations for autonomy in the region are most likely the source of these attacks.

All too often, the Turkmen community has been caught up in the collateral damage of this conflict and many Turkmen feel both marginalized and victimized by their fellow Iraqis.

The UNPO welcomes the statement by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton in which she condemned the funeral attack in Tuz Khurmato. However, more needs to be done to specifically protect the Turkmen community, which has suffered disproportionately from violence in Iraq in recent times.

The Iraqi government has repeatedly pledged greater protection for the Turkmen community, but any action on the issue has not been forthcoming. The UNPO therefore humbly pleads to you to get acquainted with the specific cases of violations submitted and state your opinion, as the obligations of Iraqi government to the Turkmen community will not be fulfilled without external action of the international community.

This appeal has also been sent to Independent Expert on minority issues Ms. Rita Izsák.

We will gladly provide further information on the current situation should you need more details.

Respectfully Yours,



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