

Press Release

At the mercy of the Kurdish parties Iraqi Turkmen are subjected to constant terror

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Around 19pm of March 11th 2017, a group of 7-8 masked armed men talking Kurdish and wearing Kurdish costume stormed the house of Mr. M.M. at the Piryadi neighborhood of Kerkuk city. They impersonalized as Kurdish security service (Asayish) and came to search the house for weapons; however, they squeezed the home residents in a room and robbed the house.

Again on March 14th 2017 the house of Mr. E. Sh. in the Gharnata neighborhood and on December 6th 2016 the house of Mr. S.H. in the neighborhood of Sahat Al-Ihtifalat were subjected to the same raid.

These are only few out of tens of similar awful attacks to which the Turkmen of Kerkuk city are recently suffering from. This situation has been continuing since the fall of the Baath regime in 2003.

Since 2003, in insecure and instable Iraq, large part of Turkmen regions, particularly Kerkuk province, remain at the mercy of the Kurdish parties. The Kurds dominate almost all the governmental administration and claim the ownership of these regions. The Turkmen are subjected constantly to kidnappings, assassinations, raiding houses and marginalization. These ruthless offences, which are likely to get out of control and burst into massacres in the near future.

The central Iraqi government and the international community, particularly the United States, the International Coalition and UN, are called to intervene directly to stop such continuous Kurdish suppression against the non-Kurdish components of the Kerkuk city and the whole region ruled by the Kurdish regional governments.