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Center for Human Rights and Democratic Participation "SHAMS" demands that the Iraqi government to stop the massacres of members of the Mujahedee Khalq, an Iranian opposition organization in Iraq

Center for Human Rights and Democratic Participation "**SHAMS**" "Received a severe shock news from the city of Ashraf in Iraq, which refers to the loss of hundreds of martyrs and injured residents from the members and supporters of the Mujahedeen Khalq Iranian opposition in Iraq, the massacre against members of the organization is an evidence of a deliberate plan aimed at liquidating the Organization and its sympathizers.

SHAMS confirms the need to protect members and supporters of the opposition organization in Iraq by the Iraqi government as hosting authority until they return to their homeland, according to the laws and relevant international conventions, particularly the Geneva Conventions as an important step in light of the growing violations of the freedoms and rights under the international cover for the so-called war on terrorism.

SHAMS centre Demands the Iraqi government not only to immediately allow the doctors, nurses and paramedics, humanitarian and relief agencies access the city to provide first aid to the wounded, and the transfer the critical cases to hospitals without delay or procrastination, but also to provide protection for relief agencies and provide all necessary assistance to enable them to perform the duties of humanity.

Center for Human Rights and Democratic Participation, "**SHAMS**" stresses on the need to protect members and supporters of the opposition organization as they are unarmed civilians, and reminds the Iraqi government that the use of excessive force by

the Iraqi security forces and use of gun bullets, tear gas, armored vehicles against civilians is a serious violation, and considered a war crime against humanity.

SHAMS calls for the broadest campaign of solidarity and condemnation and denunciation against what the Iraqi government is committing against members and supporters of the Mujahdee khalq opposition organization in Iraq