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Center for Human Rights and Democratic Participation "**SHAMS**" demands the Iraqi government to respect its obligations towards the members of the Mujahedee Khalq, an Iranian opposition in Iraq

Center for Human Rights and Democratic Participation "**SHAMS**" Welcomes calls and statements from different organizations and bodies, political parties, groups and individuals calling for the need to protect members of the Mujahedee Khalq, an Iranian opposition in Iraq, according to the laws and relevant international conventions, particularly the Geneva Conventions as an important step in light of the growing violations of freedoms and human rights under the international cover for the so-called war on terrorism.

The center confirms that it is the duty of the Iraqi government to take necessary actions to protect members of the organization in Iraq, on the basis of their international obligations, and the traditional Arab hospitality, and the ethics of the host. We are anxious and gravely concerned about the move of Iraqi forces towards ASHRAF city which signifies unpleasant signs of a new phase.

"**SHAMS**" Center stresses that a government pay a lot of members years in detention, and exile is capable of safeguarding the freedom and dignity of members of the Mujahedee Khalq until they return back to their country and live as free citizens and that the Iraq of civilization and history was still and will remain a place and a safe haven for the oppressed and disadvantaged.

We see that despite the heavy responsibilities that fall on the Iraqi government under the current circumstances prevailed; this doesn't exempt the Iraqi government from its legal and moral responsibilities in protecting them and ensuring rights and dignity.