

Iraq Prime Minister Maliki continues Massacre of Innocent Civilians in his Last Days in Power

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Simultaneous with the news regarding the formation of a new government in Baghdad and the war against ISIS in the Kurdish areas, the outgoing Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki continues the nonstop bombarding of civilians, dropping explosive barrels on Sunni neighbourhoods and killing women and children. Below are some examples of such massacres carried out on September 3 and 6 alone, which constitute a clear example of war crimes. Those who have ordered these atrocities must be prosecuted.

- 3 September 2014, al-Tagheer TV: "Fallujah Hospital stated that due to the resumption of bombardment of Fallujah by Maliki's warplanes, eight people were killed and nine others injured."

- 6 September, 2014, Al-Jazeera TV: "In the bombardment of al- Hawija city by Iraqi forces, the city hospital was targeted; 7 woman and children were killed and 20 more were injured. A pregnant woman and a new born infant were among the victims. Also a school in the city that housed displaced people was targeted; seven people were killed and 11 were injured."

- 6 September, 2014, Al-Jazeera TV: "In an air strike on city of al-Awja six children were killed and six more were injured."

- 6 September, 2014, Rafidain TV: "in Fallujah nineteen citizens were killed and injured due to shelling of the residential areas by the Iraqi Army."

- 6 September, 2014, al- Tagheer TV: "Due to shelling of the albu-Shamsi district (north of Babil), dozens were killed and wounded."

- 6 September, 2014, Al-Jazeera TV: "In the bombardment of the district of Buhayrat in the province of Babil, south of Baghdad, 16 residents were killed and 20 were injured by warplanes of the government."

- ... Also the residents of Jorf al-Sakhar in the province of Babil stated that they found twenty corpses with signs of torture seen on them. They added that these corpses belonged to the 35 individuals that were arrested by governmental forces in Khezr district three days before."

While strongly condemning the bombardment and massacre of innocent people in various Iraqi cities, the European Iraqi Freedom Association (EIFA) wishes to place on record that the foremost and most important demand of the Iraqi people and the Sunni tribes from the new government is to stop the bombardment of the Sunni populated cities by the forces under al-Maliki's command. If the new Prime Minister is unable to stop this bombardment until his cabinet is officially formed, we call on him to at least condemn it strongly and keep himself distant from these outrageous crimes.

EIFA also calls on the U.S. government to stop the Iranian regime and Maliki's forces from massacring innocent people from the air which is practically under U.S. control while the U.S. is bombarding ISIS.

Reiterating once again that the main perpetrators of these massacres, which are going on in Iraq every day, are the militias associated with Maliki and the Iranian regime's Quds Force, EIFA calls on the U.S. government and Iraq's new Prime Minister to dissolve and disband all militias.

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