

Statement of support 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2011

To Tahrir Square in Baghdad and all squares of liberation in Iraq

We have gathered today to a meeting in solidarity with the struggling people of Iraq and in protest against eight years of occupation and war crimes.

From the north to the south, from Basra to Sulimaniya, tens of thousands of people in Iraq manifest, defying repression, blockings, curfews and vehicle bans.

Dozens of people have been killed, journalists and media have been attacked, organisers and demonstrators have been assaulted and many have been tortured in custody in an Iraq with absolute lawlessness.

We stand with you against the abysmal corruption, repression, torture, illegal arrests and executions of the Al-Maliki regime in a society with total lack of jurisdiction for the people and impunity for the perpetrators.

We stand with you against the total lack of basic service, against the lack of electricity and clean water, which make life unbearably hard and which hit in particular the already hard-hit widows, women and children, and the many internally displaced people of Iraq. The whole population suffers.

We stand with you in your struggle for democratic freedom and rights, independence, freedom, bread, water and an endurable life.

We stand with you when you demonstrate for a united, independent and free Iraq, saying, "we are Iraqis", thereby obstructing the efforts of the occupation and the puppet regime for sectarian split and division of Iraq.

We stand with you when you defend the people's right to benefit from oil and gas, not the thieves and swindlers who plunder and sell out the rich resources of Iraq.

We stand with you against the U.S. occupation. They attacked Iraq with the world's biggest and strongest armed forces. They have bombed, killed, devastated, plundered, stolen and destroyed Iraq in an unimaginable scale. Still, they have not conquered the people of Iraq.

Media keep shamefully quiet about the crimes of war committed by the occupation and its puppet regime.

The struggle of the Iraqi people for freedom, unity, independence and a bearable life gives us hope and courage.

We support your resistance and hope that the day of liberation is coming closer.

The U.S.A. must leave Iraq and those responsible for war crimes must be put to justice!

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