

## The Press Release on the Terrorist Attack against Tuz Khormato - Iraq

The terrorist attacks against the innocent followers of the Ahlul-Bait (peace be upon them) have increased recently in tens of bombings of civilian gatherings in a number of governates in Iraq. These terrorist acts include targeting the followers of the Ahlul-Bait (peace be upon them) in the city of Tuz khormato, attacking worshippers in Mosques, youths in the stadiums, visitors of Imam Hussein (peace be upon him) in their way back and many others. This confirms that these attacks are part of regional plot that will have dangerous consequences on the security of the regional and of the world.

As we ask Almighty Allah to send His mercy on the souls of the martyrs and to grant the wounded fast recovery. We strongly condemn these savage attacks and emphasize on the following:

Firstly: It is necessary for the Iraqi government and judiciary system to take the responsibility in bringing the perpetrators to justice and in protecting civilian citizens

especially the followers of the Ahlul-Bait (peace be upon them) as they are the primary target of terrorism.

We also emphasize on the importance of allowing the people of the targetted areas like Tuz Khormato and Tal Afar to protect their own cities.

Secondly: We call the international community; especially the international organizations to classify such crimes as crimes against humanity, since they are genocides that resulted from hate culture and shedding human blood on religious bases which are violations of the international laws and ethics.

"There is no power save from Allah, the All-High, the All-Great"

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