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Arab League summit in Iraq Amnesty International specialists available for comment

Ahead of the meeting of heads of state at the Arab League Summit in Baghdad on 29 March, Philip Luther, Amnesty International's interim **Middle East and North Africa Director**, is available for interview from London in English, Arabic, French or Spanish.

Amnesty International is [calling on the Arab League](#), together with the UN Security Council to ensure that any UN mission deployed to Syria as part of the Annan six-point plan includes human rights monitors who would be able to pass vital information to investigators, including at the independent international Commission of Inquiry on Syria.

Philip Luther said: "The Syrian government has continued to block the entry of human rights investigators into the country – both from international organizations and from the Commission of Inquiry. The Arab League must use this summit to help put that right."

Amnesty International's **Iraq researcher** Said Boumedouha is also available for comment in English or Arabic on the state of human rights in Iraq. Amnesty International yesterday published its annual [death penalty report](#) showing that executions in Iraq rose dramatically, from one recorded in 2010 to 68 in 2011.

When: Amnesty International specialists are available for interview from London on 28 and 29 March.

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