

# URGENT ACTION

## DETAINED FORMER POLICE OFFICER AT SERIOUS RISK

**Qusay 'Abdel-Razaq Zabib has been detained without charge or trial in Iraq for over two years. He is currently considered to be at serious risk of torture or other abuse if he is not released.**

Qusay 'Abdel-Razaq Zabib, who is married with two children, was a police officer in the village of 'Uwaynat, near Tikrit, 140 km northwest of Baghdad, at the time of his arrest by US forces in July 2008.. He was suspected of collaborating with armed groups opposed to the Iraqi government and the presence of US forces in Iraq.

On 30 March 2010, the US forces transferred the control of Camp Taji, the prison where Qusay 'Abdel-Razaq Zabib was being held, to Iraqi government control. Four weeks earlier, the US military authorities had recommended his release; however, the Iraqi authorities continued to detain him without charge or trial. In mid-November, an order for his release was issued and he was transferred to al-Rusafa prison for a day then on to the police station where he formerly worked, apparently in preparation for his imminent release.

Instead, he has continued to be detained there. Initially, it was said that the Anti-Terrorism Directorate in Najaf was looking for an individual of the same name but his family were able to obtain a certificate stating that Qusay 'Abdel-Razaq Zabib is not the man wanted by the Directorate. His family have been told repeatedly that he is to be released but he remains in custody.

It is now feared that he is at serious risk of torture or other ill-treatment while he remains in detention and concern that those holding him may be doing so in order to obtain a ransom.

### PLEASE WRITE IMMEDIATELY in English, Arabic or your own language:

- Calling on the Iraqi authorities to intervene immediately to ensure that Qusay 'Abdel-Razaq Zabib is released without further delay after more than two years in detention without charge or trial;
- Calling for him to be protected from torture or other ill-treatment while in detention and protect his family from blackmail;

### PLEASE SEND APPEALS TO THE IRAQI EMBASSY OR CONSULAR REPRESENTATION IN YOUR COUNTRY BEFORE 20 JANUARY 2011 TO:

Minister of Interior.

Jawad al-Boulani  
Convention Centre (Qasr al-Ma'aridh)  
Baghdad, Iraq

**Salutation: His Excellency**

Minister of Justice

Judge Dara Nouredin  
Convention Centre (Qasr al-Ma'aridh)  
Baghdad, Iraq

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**And copies to:**

Prime Minister  
Nuri Kamil al-Maliki  
Minister of Human Rights  
Wajdan Mikhail Salam

Please check with your section office if sending appeals after the above date.

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