

## BETRIFFT: GEWALTATTACKEN GEGEN SCHWULE MÄNNER IM IRAK

To the Prime Minister of Iraq, Nouri Kamil Mohammed Hasan al-Maliki:

His Excellency

We are very concerned about the situation of homosexuals in Iraq, who live under constant threat. They are confronted by widespread intolerance towards their sexual identity and scores of men who were, or were perceived to be, gay have been killed in recent years, some after torture.

The wave of attacks on gay men in early 2009 coincided with statements by Muslim clerics, particularly in al-Sadr City, urging their followers to take action to eradicate homosexuality from Iraqi society. They used language that effectively constituted incitement to violence against men known or alleged to be gay.

We ask the Iraqi authorities to

- ensure impartial and thorough investigations into all attacks and killings of homosexuals and bring those responsible to justice in conformity with international law and without recourse to the death penalty.
- abolish legislation that provides disproportionately lenient sentences for perpetrators claiming "honourable motives" for crimes against members of the gay community.
- ensure the security and protect the human rights of all civilians in Iraq, also of homosexuals in Iraq.

Yours sincerely

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(Dieser Teil wird vor dem Weiterleiten der Petition abgetrennt).

Bitte ankreuzen wenn erwünscht!



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