

Letter to Prime Minister Harper on the issue of violence against Christians in Iraq

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The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.
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Dear Prime Minister Harper,

The recent violence in Mosul, Iraq and the targeting of Christians is a disgrace to humanity. We, the Iraqi community in Canada call on your government to drive an international response to these outrageous deeds and plan at the national level to provide refuge to Christians that have lost their homes, belongings and dignity.

Violence against Christians is rooted in racism, and the ongoing effects of international inaction will continue to suppress human rights at the core.

As proud Canadians, we demand and expect from our government a quick action that will bring to the forefront of the international community our Canadian beliefs in equality, human rights and values.

We recognize that the current state of instability, violence and inequality have caused a serious humanitarian crisis in Iraq and is heading towards a genocide. The lack of a comprehensive international action to address this situation is not acceptable and cannot be allowed to continue.

Therefore, Salam Social Club on behalf of all its members and the members of the Iraqi Community in Canada is calling on the Canadian government to enact a national response that is fast and effective to provide the opportunity of refuge for those immediately impacted by these events. We also expect our government to be leaders in the international community to help bring a viable solution to the events in Iraq while providing immediate relief to the suffering families.

Salam Social Club is not alone in this call for action; we are backed by the Catholic and Eastern Churches in Canada, the Iraqi community in Canada, and all those that stand-up for the core principles of human rights, equality, and the fight against violence and discrimination. It is our hope and expectation that your government will be spurred to action by the growing need for an immediate response.

Respectfully Yours,

Salam Social Club on behalf of its members and the Iraqi Community in Canada