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**Re: Invitation to the Halabja and Anfal Conference**

**Date: Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2007**

**Venue: The Council Chamber, Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, London, W8  
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**Time: 2.00 – 7.00 pm**

With pleasure the Joint Committee for Halabja and Anfal cordially invite you to the Halabja and Anfal Conference - a case for genocide.

On 16<sup>th</sup> March 1988 the Iraqi army lead by Saddam Hussein and Ali Hasan Al-Majid used devastating conventional and chemical weapons against the Kurdish civilians where 5,000 people gassed to death and more than 10,000 scarred for life in the town of Halabja.

This well publicised holocaust was one of many episodes in a series of acts infamously named 'the Anfal Operations'. These well-orchestrated systematic campaigns resulted in the rounding up of 182,000 villagers who were never seen again by the Iraqi Army during the months of February and September 1988.

The Kurdish community is determined to keep the memories of Halabja and Anfal operations alive in order to prevent future acts of genocide against the Kurds and for the elimination of weapons of mass destruction worldwide. Your presence and participation in this conference would be a tangible demonstration of support adding to the impact of our collective efforts.

The aim of the conference is to address issues of international law regarding genocide, looking at the history of genocide in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and requesting that the crimes of Halabja and Anfal be recognised by the government of Iraq and the international community as an act of genocide.

This year's conference will host distinguished speakers such as, Dr Philip Spencer (Associate Dean, faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Kingston University), Mr. Fred Teevan and Ward Ferdinandusse (the prosecutors in the Van Anraat case, Netherlands) and Dr Kazem Habib (Iraqi Human Right activist).

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Yours Sincerely

The Kurdish Joint Committee in London  
For the Remembrance of Halabja and Anfal