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### **Whistle Blower: Cover up by the United Nations in the Iranian refugee Camp in Iraq**

The Iranian-American Community of North Texas is outraged by the cover up of the United Nations in regard to Camp Liberty in Iraq where close to 2,000 Iranian dissidents were forced to move from Camp Ashraf, their home for 26 years, since February 2012.

On August 22, 2012, in a commentary published in The Hill, as well as other media reports, a whistle blower, Mr. Tahar Boumedra, who resigned from his post in protest to the cover up by the United Nations, describes conditions in Camp Liberty as “worse than a prison” and describes how Mr. Martin Kobler, the Special representative of the UN Secretary General in Iraq, tried to present the camp as “a camp of high standards meeting all the refugees’ requirements.” Mr. Boumedra was until recently the chief of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI) Human Rights Office, monitoring, among other things, the human rights and the humanitarian situation of 3,400 Iranian exiles in Iraq.

Our community is shocked and outraged by the actions of Mr. Kobler and demands an immediate response from the Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-moon. Our community also demands to know if the State Department knew about this cover up. Why the Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was not informed about it, who in the State Department knew, and what actions were taken?

Our Community has many family members currently in Camp Liberty as well as Camp Ashraf awaiting to be relocated to Camp Liberty and cannot see the lives of our loved ones jeopardized by such cover ups by the United Nations and possible inaction from the State Department. For this reason, we demand immediate response from both the United Nations Secretary General and the Secretary of State.

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