



The Assyrian American Leadership Council

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Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, California

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Dear Mr. Governor:

On this first anniversary of liberating Iraq, The Assyrian Christians, the indigenous people of Iraq, would like to express their heartfelt thanks to you, the U.S. Government and the people of the United States of America for liberating our ancestral homeland. The sacrifices rendered by the sons and daughters of America are appreciated by the Assyrian people. We salute our brave soliders who are fighting terrorism in Iraq and all over the world.

At this critical junction in the history of Iraq, the Assyrians see themselves once again ignored and their national rights trampled by the American Civil Provisional Authority and the un-elected Iraqi Governing Council. After long years of struggle and sacrifice by our people against the criminal regimes in Baghdad, the Assyrian national identity and rights were totally disregarded in the recently signed Transitional Law for Iraq.

Under the watchful eyes of the American Government, the promoter of democracy and human rights in the world, a new fabricated nation has been created in Iraq under the name of "ChaldoAssyrian" to replace the historical, legal and holy name of the Assyrian Nation. The new Transitional Law obliterates the Assyrian nationality and refers to Assyrians in Iraq as "groups." This is an un-forgivable offense committed by the American Government and the members of the Governing Council in Iraq against the proud Assyrian people. Not even Saddam Hussein and the Mongols in the past dared to this to our people.

It is a tragedy beyond words what happened in Iraq on March 8, 2004. Therefore, to prevent this ethnocide against the Assyrian people from taking effect, we strongly urge you to make representations to our President George W. Bush to amend this wrong committed against the Assyrians and to protect their human and national rights in Iraq. In addition, we ask that true Assyrian representatives be appointed to the future Iraqi Transitional Government.

Listen to the cry of the Assyrian people in Iraq and their political representative, The Assyrian United Front of Iraq. Don't listen to one person, namely the "Christian Representative" in the present Iraqi Governing Council. He was not elected or appointed by our people. He was recommended to the membership of the IGC by the same circles who are trying now to erase the Assyrian name from the northern region of Iraq on order to claim the Assyrian lands and incorporate them under their recently found name of "Kurdistan."

The Assyrian people in Iraq and all over the world are outraged. We seek a redress of this historical injustice against the Assyrian Nation.

Sincerely,

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