

Erbil, 7 September 2018
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Dear Mr./ Madam,

The International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP) will convene a workshop in Erbil entitled “Missing Persons in Iraq and the Impact on Women, Peace and Security – Participatory Workshop”. This will be a follow-up workshop for the one conducted in Baghdad/Oyoon Baghdad Restaurant.

Following decades of conflict and repression, Iraq is confronted by a huge number of missing persons cases. Since a majority of those who have disappeared are male, a disproportionate number of surviving families of the missing are headed by women. Social and political circumstances impose challenges for these women that are faced with bureaucratic procedures in securing rights and providing for their families. Furthermore, women themselves are also the targets of kidnapping and disappearance. Yet, the connection between the missing persons issue and women peace and security is not sufficiently understood. This has had a serious and negative impact on efforts to restore peace and stability to Iraq and beyond.

ICMP would like to invite you through the Secretariat of National Team of the Resolution 1325 (Cross Sector Task Force) to attend the participatory workshop in Erbil and work together with ICMP experts in defining priorities related to missing persons for the second national action plan (II NAP) of the UN Resolution 1325. We would be honored by your attendance.

Event details:

Date: 16 September 2018
Time: 09:30 – 13:45
Location: Van Royal Hotel

We look forward to seeing you on 16 September 2018.

Sincerely,

Fawaz Abdulabbas
Deputy Head of the Iraq Program

Enclosure: Agenda: Missing Persons in Iraq and the Impact on Women, Peace and Security – Participatory Workshop (ICMP.GR.IRQ.042.1.doc).