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## **Message of Support from Dashty Jamal Secretary of International Federation of Iraqi Refugees to this united demonstration against the anti asylum policies of the Moderate Swedish Government today (26 February 09).**

On behalf of the International Federation of Iraqi refugees I would like to welcome everyone to this important demonstration. We gather here today to send a message to the right wing political parties in Sweden, who have added Sweden to the list of Countries who have forcibly deported Iraqi refugees back to the war torn country they have escaped. The Swedish Government claims that Iraq is a safe country to return asylum seekers to. We know this is not true Iraqi asylum seekers have fled from a country of war, occupation and insecurity.

Iraqi asylum seekers are not crazy they do not leave their homes their family and everything they own on a daily basis for no reason! They flee because of daily terrorism inflicted by the occupation and the ruling parties of Iraq. Asylum seekers are not criminals they are just looking for safety, security and a better life.

Sweden returned 50 people via charter flight to Baghdad 2weeks ago. Baghdad is one of the most insecure cities in Iraq, yet the Swedish Government returned a disabled man to Baghdad in October 2008. In December the Swedish authorities imprisoned and detained a pregnant woman. What kind of human rights are these?

We need to stand and unite together against this travesty of human rights. The Swedish and Maliki lead Government have signed an agreement to play with the lives of Iraqi people who have suffered the consequences of the war. We must stand against this horrible agreement.

The International Federation of Iraqi Refugees has formed an international campaign to defend the rights of Iraqi and Kurdish asylum seekers around the world. To win the demands of this campaign we need your support and solidarity. It is essential that we unite all human rights activists to campaign together to make the Swedish Government recognize the human rights of refugees!

Long live our solidarity and this demonstration!

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