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Kobler Urges Iraq to Refrain from Violence and Residents of Camp Ashraf to Prepare for Next Move



Baghdad, 31 July 2012 – The Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for Iraq, Mr. Martin Kobler, today attended a meeting on the issue of Camp New Iraq (formerly Camp Ashraf). The meeting was called by the Government of Iraq for the diplomatic community in the country.

During this meeting, SRSG Kobler urged the Government of Iraq to refrain from violence under any circumstances and to be generous when it comes to the humanitarian needs of the residents. The United Nations supports only a peaceful, humanitarian solution to the issue of Camp New Iraq.

At the same time, he urged the residents of Camp New Iraq to begin preparations for the next move to Camp Hurriya without delay. Especially vulnerable persons and minors should be included in the next group.

Mr. Kobler appealed to the international supporters of the residents to live up to their responsibilities. He also appealed to Member States to accept the residents for resettlement in their countries.

“The relocation has come a long way since February and the situation has remained peaceful so far,” SRSG Kobler said. “This should not be endangered. The UN went every extra mile and will continue to leave no stone unturned to fulfil this humanitarian mission.”

During the past days, Mr. Kobler has been engaged in intensive discussions with various interlocutors as part of his efforts to facilitate a peaceful resolution to the issue of Camp New Iraq.

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