



gemeente **Oosterhout**

Dr. Yassin Taher al-Yassiri
Minister of Interior
Al-Kailan neighbourhood behind Al-Shaab Stadium
Baghdad
Irak

Datum	Uw kenmerk	Zaaknummer	In behandeling bij
22 januari 2020		208740	J.A.P. Herders-Nelissen tel. 14 0162

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Your Excellentie,

On 8 October 2019, lawyer Ali Jaseb Hattab al-Heliji received a call from a woman, a prospective client, asking to meet for work in a central area of Ammarah in al-Mayssan governorate. Shortly after they met, armed men suspected of belonging to the Popular Mobilization Units (PMU) dragged him away from his car and drove him away. Two days before this ambush, armed men from the PMU threatened to kill Ali al Heliji if he did not stop speaking out about protesters' killings on Facebook. Members of the PMU also threatened his relatives when they attempted to report the incident.

We call on you to urgently use all resources at your disposal to find Ali Jaseb Hattab al-Heliji and secure his safe release, immediately investigate his abduction as an enforced disappearance, in accordance with Iraq's obligations under international human rights law, and to keep his family informed of developments on regular basis.

We thank you for your attention to this urgent matter and are confident of your good will and sense of justice.

The Municipal Council of Oosterhout, the Netherlands

, town-clerk

, mayor

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