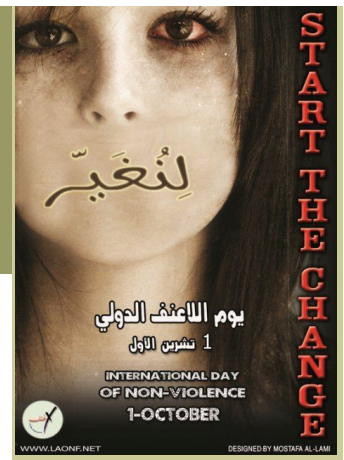


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Time is come for formation of the Iraqi national government and enough for the delay

Statement of the non-violence group on the fourth non-violence week 1st-7th of October 2010

The preparation escalated for the non-violence group and their friends for those whom believe on non-violence way as a mean for change in order to complete the fourth Iraqi non-violence week, the Iraqi non-violence people waiting for this event whenever they reach October. Non-violence group chose a political topic for this week it is the main concern for all Iraqis the subject is formation of the new Iraqi government.

Non-violence group as known by its neutrality join to all the Iraqi Civil Society institution and individual voices, Time is come for formation of the Iraqi national government and enough for the delay, it is regrettable we notice competition toward prime minister position, shorthand all Iraqis hopes and aspirations for democratic political project,

not only that but the race took place outside legal and constitutional framework representative by the dome of the parliament, and the great concern is encroach our geographical border and open the door wide for intervention from regional and international countries.

We are all know that there is a need for discussion and dialogue but we are all surprised the they insist and put it outside the right legitimate framework, and put entire political process at risk, the months ago showed the fact that the seriousness of the situation of what happened and happening the implication of security is a reflection of the political differences the Iraqi people from north to south pay the cost, and it cannot be limited by farther militarization or more arm purchase but it is a key part for the problem.

That is why we request national unified stance and re-hopes and aspirations for turn the discussion to its proper perspective, and give



the elected member in the current parliament right to directly vote to choose the three presidencies without any pressure, for that we call for the direct and secret vote mechanism. The respect for the principle of democratic action, dialogue and differences in the dome of parliament it is only way to gain the trust of the Iraqi public.

The non-violence group also reminds of the necessary to respect the Iraqis rights for non-violence struggle for the expression of their opinion and their demands, which is the suitable way to build secure and democratic Iraqi, and once again call upon all Iraqis to relay on the non-violence replacement for change and expression.

Iraqi non-violence group
30th of September 2010

Daily newsletter issued by the operating room on occasion of the fourth non-violence week

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Press statement from non-violence group on the occasion of the fourth non-violence week 1st-7th of October 2010

Under the banner of (the time has come for Iraqi national government formation and enough for the delay) an Iraqi group of non-violence launch the fourth non-violence week for the period from 1st to 7th of October 2010.

The activity week for this year include, various events throughout the provinces in Iraq and Kurdistan region, all of this aim to reminder of the best alternative to change and it is non-violence struggle and the celebration the international non-violence day coincides every year on 2nd of October. The week repre-

sents the means for non-violence group for promote and dissemination a culture of non-violence in Iraq, this means should be available to all as option for Political, Social and Economical change.

The activities and events will continue for period of week, and it is important to mention that Iraqi non-violence group include tens of Iraqi civil society organizations seeking to change through non-

violence way and annually organize non-violence campaign. The week obtains the above banner for reminder to accelerate the formation of national Iraqi government that strengthen the national independence and consecration democracy.

For the more information about Iraqi non-violence group and the fourth non-violence week visit our website www.laonf.net

Events and Artistic activity in Baghdad on the occasion of fourth non-violence week

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Non-violence group representative body in Baghdad celebrated the first day of the international non-violence week in the Almutanabi Street on Friday on the bank of Tigris River.

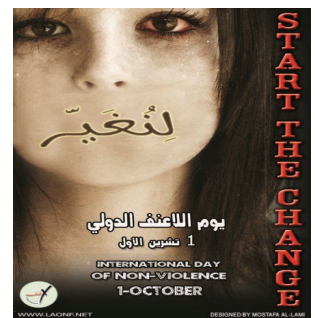
The ceremony introduction of the non-violence group and welcoming the presence by the member of non-violence group in Baghdad (Hussein Saadon) on the occasion of International non-violence day and birth of Mahatma Gandhi the Indian non-violence leader, some of journalist and masters had their words in this occasion, the word of Zaid Al wardi spoke about non-violence and the journalist Shamkhi Jaber words about War Makers and Peace Heroes.

The ceremony included reading the poetry by poems Mohamed Al khafaji entitled (I have a Dream) and Hayder Khalifa from of the Asso-

ciation of Democratic Students, after that writer Mr. Jumaa Abdullah Al –mutlaq had words about non-violence and reconsider the phenomenon of humanity, in same time the non-violence statement been reading entitled ((Time is come for formation of the Iraqi national government and enough for the delay))

The silent theatrical performance played in the ceremony (To maim) acted and directed by non-violence group member Artist Ali Karim and the non-violence member Hussein Saadon invited the presence for the non-violence art exhibition prepared by the group of Faculty Fin Art College students and group of Fine Artist Photographic Gallery Picture prepared by non-violence photographer Mustafa Sad and non-violence poster exhibition prepared by non-violence designer aim Dagestan and Mustafa Limy.

The ceremony ended after the representative body director Mr. Basil Abdul Karim distributes the certificates on the participations in the activities



Start of Non-violence Week Events in Basra

The fourth Non-Violence Week was launched in Basra at 11 am on October 1, at the Union of Iraqi Writers. In the presence of a crowd of intellectuals, academics and civic activists, a seminar was held on ways to promote the culture of non-violence. The event was supervised by Non-Violence Week coordinator Safa Khalaf and the writer and academic Mohamed Atwan.

The symposium began with the definition of their Basra non-violence group, their funding and the important goals they have set for their humanitarian mission. "Non-violence activities are happening across the whole of Iraq" says coordinator for the campaign Safa Khalaf. As he says "we have many non-violence activists in Iraq but they need to organize together and unite their contributions. The La Onf group, of which Basra is a member, is a strong base for all the non-violence activists in Iraq. The door is wide open for all, without any race or religious discrimination, and our message is purely humanitarian."

Khalaf mentioned in the opening of the symposium "there is a historical necessity required of us to organize around non-violence as the only means for our struggles to achieve our political, economic and social demands. If not, the weapon of violence

that you see in our country will take us to hell and burn all of us together."

He also mentioned the La Onf mission to establish an annual non-violence week every year in October. "We dedicate this year to protest against the delay of the government formation, recent constitutional violations, and the unstable political and security situations in this country resulting in daily violence."

During the symposium, he read the La Onf non-violence group statement on occasion of the fourth non-violence week.

The academic researcher Mohamed Atwan said "our non-violence group is doing a very important and necessary job trying to create and organize civil non-violent solidarity to face violence at all levels in the country". The demonstrations led by intellectuals in the centre of Basra last May needed to be organized peacefully and non-violently to create a base of solidarity, particularly to support the innocent voices affected by violence.

Then he read the paper entitled *They are Targeting Us*.

A group of academics, intellectuals and political activists reaffirmed the important of

forming a non-violence group in Basra and of gathering people's support around it.

The former president of the Union of Writers in Iraq and poet, Ali Nwer, said it is very important to activate a non-violence group in Basra. The city needs this action to reach to the general public and through enlightened educated people to create a popular base.

The current president of the Union of Writers, Karim Jakhewr, said" it is very important that the events start from the Union of the Writers office. And it is encouraging and has great significance to include writers and intellectuals who are non-violent people. They can represent an important interface of non-violence in the society.

In conclusion they decided to make another seminar in the Union of Writers office next Monday with a selection of academics, intellectuals and writers to talk about non-violence principles and solidarity for the La Onf Non-violence group.

This event was covered by number of media outlets including the *Voice of Iraq*, *Fayha Satellite Channel*, *Hurya Satellite Channel* and the *Kurdistan Agency for News*.

“The Time Has Come for Formation of the Iraqi National Government; Enough for the Delay”

The city of Kut, in the governorate of Wasit, celebrated International Non-Violence Day and the birth of Mahatma Gandhi the leader of the Indian independence movement and the pioneer of non-violence philosophy on the 2nd of October, 2010. The Kut Society for Human Rights coordinated the event.

In accordance with the UN General Assembly Resolution 271/61/ RES/A, October 2 is International non-violence day and a time to spread non-violence messages of tolerance, respect for diversity, and mutual understanding through education and public awareness. The UN

clearly defines the interlinking nature of respect for human rights, fundamental freedoms, and democracy as key components of non-violence. The resolution reaffirms the global importance of the principle of non-violence and desire to secure the peace, tolerance, understanding in the creation of non-violent culture.

The group posted signs printed with non-violence slogans in public places in the city of Kut. As a result, citizens became more aware of the International Non-violence Day, Iraqi Non-Violence Group and various practices of non-violent action.

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Dewanya Launches the Fourth Non-Violence Week with a Peace Marathon

Dewanya/ Laonf net

On the 2nd of October 2010, the Non-Violence group in Dewanya organized a 5 km marathon from the old Governor Building to Celebration Square in Dewanya. It was gathering of young athletes wearing white shirts with non-violence logos. The Dewanya Governor and some of the governorate members and a parliament member, Mrs. Shatha Hamed, attended the event. The Governor whistled the start of the marathon.

The Governor gave a supporting speech on this important non-violence occasion. Dr. Alyaa Albadry from the Dewanya Non-Violence Group also presented a statement. The province coordinator delivered a poem for a young Iraqi from Baghdad, Mr. Hassan Al Khashimi. Following the speeches, the Governor, a parliament member and a governorate member, Mr. Ali Jawed AL kaki,

distributed gifts to the first 5 winners of the marathon. At the conclusion of the day, they released 10 white doves in the sky of Dewanya to spread a non-violence message across Iraq.

The event was covered by Furat, Iraqia, Al Ghader and ALhura satellite and Dewanya Radio.

Salama Sagban

Dewanya non-violence Coordinator



Halabja Sulimaniya Organizes Public Symposium to Launch International Non-violence Day - October 2

Halabja/ Laonf Net/ Salim Saaed

On Saturday the 2nd of October 2010, the Halabja Non-Violence group launched their fourth non-violence week on the occasion of International Non-Violence Day. They organized a public symposium with Tahseen Hama Ghareb a PhD. Student in law entitled *Non-violence Ideas - A Positive and Negative Assessment*. This philosophical study about non-violence and its historical roots was attended by a large number of students and young people in the city of Halabja. Activities will continue for the non-violence group in the coming week.

Salim Saaed

There is no way to peace; peace is the way

Aakid Cultural Institute of Babylon Held Fourth Week of Nonviolence Activities

Babylon /Nonviolence Forums

The Aakid cultural Institute of Babylon held a festive occasion for the International Day of Nonviolence, in the tourist resort of Babylon on October 2. About 350 people participated in the festival under the supervision of our colleagues Adnan Bahia, Zeina Issa, Lubna Abdul Hadi, and Ibtisam Abdel-Hamid.

The festival of nonviolent activities coincided with International Festival of Babylon. It was held on the ancient land of Babylon in Murdoch Hall. The event was implemented effectively with a significant presence of families and youth.

Among the activities held was a hanging of two banners by the organization of Bent Allrafedin. The banners elaborate the La Onf logo and the need to celebrate International Nonviolence Day. There were placed in prominent places at the entrance of the city of Babylon and at the entrance of Murdoch hall .

A hundred small cards were beautifully printed by the Aakid Cultural Institute of Babylon, referring to the the International Day Against Violence and distributed by the staff of the Institute to families that participated in the activities. On each card was written "*Iraqi Nonviolence Group in Babylon congratulates you and wishes you good luck in the competition of the International Day Against Violence*" with the cards numbered from one to a hundred. A card drawing awarded gifts to 15 of the participants. One hundred copies of the Iraqi Nonviolence Group statement also was printed and distributed.

After the completion of a dramatic play on the first day, a brief speech on the International Day against violence and about the competition of the event was read to the participants. Mr. Raad Allawi, the representative of the Iraqi Minister of Culture and Mr. Sabah Allawi, Deputy Chairman of the Board of Babil province, were asked to distribute gifts to the winners in the lottery.

The organizers of the Babylon International Festival thanked the Iraqi Nonviolence Group for their efforts, which coincided with the festival that enriched it with joy and significant interaction from the participants of both events.

The banners will also be used in the province of Hilla by the organization of Bennt Allrafedin



The Iraqi Non-Violence Group in Dohuk

The Dohuk Non-Violence Group events began with dissemination of non-violence posters on Friday 1st of October in the Aqra, Smel, Amedi and Zaxo districts.

At 10 am on the 2nd of October, a non-violence delegation visited the General Director of Education in the province of Dohuk and the Director of Education in the centre of Dohuk and presented school non-violence posters as a gift. The Non-violence group has been emphasizing the need to move forward to implement the decision of the Ministry of Education toward non-violence. The Non-Violence group invited the Director to visit one of the nearby schools and to ask the students not to use violence. More than

200 posters were distributed during this event.

The delegation visited Zirca Correctional Centre, which is considered one of the largest correctional centres in the province which includes convicts and detainees. They met with the Directors and presented them with posters that condemned all kinds

of violence and asked them to use non-violent means in the prison. The delegation confirmed commitment to new regulations which will reform prisons into correctional institutions and will work to reform prisoners to be positive members of the community after they finish their sentences.

Then the Dohuk non-violence delegation visited the youth and women's correctional centre and presented them with the posters to hang on the walls to condemn violence and use non-violent means as alternatives.

The event was covered by local media, Kurdistan Satellite and Kurdsat Satellite.



Non-Violence Group in Dohuk

The Fourth Week of the Iraqi Non-Violence Group in Najaf



The representative body of Iraqi Non-Violence Group in Najaf celebrated International Non-Violence Day and solidarity with the fourth non-violence week in Iraq, including Kurdistan, in the presence of 60 young people on October 2nd. Similar to other non-violence groups, Najaf came together under the slogan "The time has come for formation of the Iraqi national government and enough for the delay."

The ceremony was started by the Non-Violence Group coordinator in Najaf, Hejaz Bahea, saying "our group believes that non-violence is the way for change in Iraq."

Bahea added "it is regrettable to see competition for the Prime Minister position. It hurts all Iraqi's hopes and aspirations for Iraqi democracy. Moreover it takes place outside the legal and constitutional context"

Another member of the Najaf Non-Violence group, Mr. Mohamed Abdul Al Zahra, said "non-violence is a political strategy and a moral philosophy to renounce the use of violence to achieve political change. Unfortunately, it can be seen as a choice between the negative option of bow and obey or struggle in armed confrontation.

But Abdul Zahra added that "non-violence calls for alternative strategies of public struggle including civil disobedience, non-violence resistance, non-obedience and refusal to cooperate. The term non-violence is used frequently as a synonym for a peaceful approach. Since the mid-twentieth century non-violence includes many tactics aimed to bring about social change without force but by directly facing a repression or a tyrant. In this way, non-violence is not fully equal with peaceful.

Following Abdul Zahra, the Iraqi popular poets Ali Iraqi and Muhssen AL Gazali presented poems about the love of the Iraqi homeland homeland and peace. The Iraqi Youth Democratic Federation sang "Iraq raise your head and peaceful Iraq" and the Baniqia for Folklore Art also impressed the audience with a performance.



More than 50 young's participate in the non-violence marathon in Salah Al Din

Salah Al Din/ LaOnf net

Non-violence Coordinator in the province of Salah Al Din Mr. Khalid AL Jbouri said "the marathon started from the stadium of Al Alam District with participations of 50 young athletics within the fourth non-violence week activities under the slogan "Time is come for formation of the Iraqi national government and enough for the delay"

Al Jabouri explained that they put non-violence logos on the T-shirt worn by the athletics in the marathon, and he explained all details about Iraqi non-violence group and significance of the marathon.

The distributed non-violence press statement on the presence athletics in the activity and stressed the importance of Love and Peace and the importance to expediting formation of the Iraqi government and non-violence group adopted this slogan for it is being the first defender on Human Rights in Iraq.

After the end of marathon Mr. Al Jabouri distributed prizes to the winners in the marathon.

Non-violence is not a garment to be put on and off at will. Its seat is in the heart, and it must be an inseparable part of our very being