



EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
COUR EUROPÉENNE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

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BY E-TRANSMISSION

Dear Sir,

I write to inform you that the President of the Third Section of the Court, following consultations with the Presidents of other Sections of the Court, considers that it is appropriate to apply Rule 39 in respect of any Iraqi who challenges his or her return from the Netherlands to Baghdad.

This decision has been taken in view of the increasing number of Rule 39 requests made by applicants seeking to prevent their return to Baghdad on single or joint charter flights from European countries and the reported recent deterioration in the security situation in Baghdad and other governorates. Due note was taken of the UNHCR's continuing concern as to the safety of returning Iraqi citizens to Baghdad and certain other governorates of Iraq.

The President of the Third Section has instructed me to request your Government to assist the Court on the above matter by providing any relevant objective information that they have on safety of return by **29 October 2010**.

The matter will be reconsidered by the Court at the earliest opportunity in the light of the information received.

Yours faithfully,

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Section Registrar