

**"Voice and Suffering of the  
Families of Victims of  
Enforced Disappearance and  
the Missing in Iraq."**



**"There are no accurate statistics or governmental or civil studies that document the numbers and data of the missing in a clear manner."**

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# Discrimination

" This discrimination is based on Article 10 of the Supreme Criminal Court Law, which covers the crime of enforced disappearance only for the time period from 1967 to 2003."

"The families of victims of enforced disappearance suffer from neglect due to the lack of legal resolution of their situation, as the legislative framework still lacks a unified law."

"The issue of enforced disappearance in Iraq is linked to the issue of mass graves, with estimates indicating the existence of more than 85 mass graves in the country, with the possibility of this number increasing."

## Let me conclude with the demands of the victims' families:

- Enact legislation to address enforced disappearance comprehensively, involving victims' families and specialized organizations. This law must include provisions for effective and well-funded search and investigation mechanisms and comprehensive programs to support victims financially, psychologically, and socially.
- Establish an independent national authority to support victims and their families. This authority should document cases of enforced disappearance, provide financial and psychological assistance, and be responsible for creating a national registry of the missing, supported by sustainable funding.
- Increase the number of national teams specialized in opening mass graves and analyzing remains, and provide them with the necessary training and equipment. A sufficient budget must be allocated to support these teams, ensuring the acceleration of investigations and the accurate uncovering of facts.