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HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OF THE AMERICAN TROOPS IN

Fallujah

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As we approaching the mid of 2010, the violations of the United State of America to (1) the UN Charter; (2) the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; (3) human rights instruments (4) Its voluntary pledges and commitments (especially with regard Iraq); and, (5) applicable international humanitarian law, continues in every corner in Iraq. This report is taking one city (Fallujah) as example the USA violations to the basic and inherent rights of all Iraqi people. In April 2004, the American forces lunched its first major offensive against the innocent people of Fallujah, destroying their homes and leaving more than 1000 civilians dead. In November from the same year (2004) a second major offensive was initiated by the American forces in which 70 per cent of the city buildings were completely destroyed, thousands of civilians were killed, almost half million became refugees.

It is almost impossible to list all the crimes that the American forces had committed in Fallujah during these two major offensives, but in brief, these includes: the deliberate destruction of the whole city, killing civilians and wounded persons, torture of the civilian populations, prevention of distribution of food and medicine, all can be easily categories as: war crimes, crimes against humanity and grave violations of international humanitarian law.

There has been nothing like the attack on Fallujah since the Nazi invasion and occupation of much of the European continent—the shelling and bombing of Warsaw in September 1939, the terror bombing of Rotterdam in May 1940. All the talk about precision bombing in Iraq is dust thrown in the public’s eyes. The purpose of the devastation in