

Condolence Message

The board and staff of Human Rights Watch express their deepest sympathy for those killed and injured in the bombing of the United Nations office in Baghdad.

AL-FARRA, Reham
BASSEM, Alyawi
BUENAVENTURA, Ranillo
CLARK, Gillian
HELTON, Arthur
HOOPER, Richard
HOSSEINI, Reza
KANAAAN, Jean-Selim
KLEIN-BEEKMAN, Christopher
SOUZA, Alya
TAHA HUSEIN, Ihsan
TEAS, Martha
VIEIRA DE MELLO, Sergio
WATSON, Fiona
YOUNES, Nadia

Our thoughts are with their families and colleagues, and with all those recovering from this traumatic event.

This was a terrible attack, not only on the United Nations and people of Iraq, but on the cause of human rights itself. These were true humanitarians, people willing to risk their lives to bring help and relief to those in need. It is tragic they should fall victim to the kind of war crime and abuse they fought so hard to prevent.

In solidarity, we reaffirm our commitment to protect human rights, and the human rights defenders and humanitarian workers who uphold them. This was the ideal to which our lost colleagues were dedicated, and we must ensure that this will be their legacy.