

IRAQ FIVE YEARS AFTER

WHAT HOPE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS?

AMNESTY LECTURES

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from 12.30 to 14.00 - 10 Rue Guimard, 1040 Brussels

PROGRAM:

1. PHILIPPE HENSMANS

(Director of Amnesty French speaking section of Belgium)

« Présentation d'Amnesty »

2. CARSTEN JURGENSEN

(Researcher for Amnesty International)

« The last mission of Amnesty in Iraq »

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09/10/2008: Iraq Five Years After : What Hope for Human Rights?

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Amnesty International has recently published a report of the situation in Iraq. It's a good time for us to present our NGO and the work we do.

« Five years after US-led forces toppled Saddam Hussein, Iraq remains one of the most dangerous countries in the world for human rights » Amnesty International said today.

« The Middle East is on the verge of a new humanitarian crisis with over three million people forcibly displaced by the conflict in Iraq. Iraqi refugees have flooded into Syria and Jordan.

Thousands of people have been killed or maimed, and communities that formerly lived in relative harmony have been propelled into open conflict. Civilians have borne the heaviest brunt. For many women, now at risk from religious militants, conditions have actually deteriorated compared with the time of Saddam Hussein ».

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- Philippe Hensmans
« *Présentation d'Amnesty* »
Quelles sont les luttes menées par Amnesty International ? Comment s'organise le travail d'enquête? Quels sont les moyens d'action ?
- Carsten Jurgensen
« *Amnesty's last mission in Iraq* »
Testimonies and explanations from this field survey.

Philippe Hensmans who has been the Director of the French section of Amnesty International Belgium since 1996. Mr Hensmans also contributes as well to the setup of several projects at international level. He helped conceive Amnesty's forthcoming campaign 'Dignity' and is also involved in the creation of a reference model for the blueprint of human rights as well as strategic thinking concerning the management of the international movement. A degree holder in sociology (UCL), he has been a sociologist, conscientious objector and journalist.

Carsten Jurgensen has more than 10 years' work experience as a Researcher for Amnesty International on the Middle East, North Africa and Turkey. He has lead numerous research missions for Amnesty to the Middle East and North Africa, including recent missions to Iraq to investigate the Iraqi refugee crisis . Mr Jurgensen's expertise is also based on more than 4 years living in various countries in the Middle East. He is graduated in Islamic Studies (Berlin) and has an LLM in International Legal Studies (London).