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## Iraq 13 Years Later, We Are Still Waiting For Peace

### Iraq War 13 Years Later

**1,000,000 Dead**

**2,000,000 Displaced**

**2,000,000 Fled**

**Genocide**

**Corruption**

**Nepotism**

**Starvation**

**Sectarian**

**Clan Rule**

**Religious Extremism**

Thirteen years ago, on March 19, 2003, the United States and its allies invaded Iraq. But they failed to achieve peace, if it's to be defined in broader terms than just Saddam Hussein's fall. They had no post war strategy nor any immediate post war plan. Its motives, circumstances and results have made the Iraq war a strategic failure in the eyes of history. It was an irreparable destabilization of the world's most volatile region, the Middle East. The Iraqis have to bear the consequences, but so do the Americans and its allies. The toll on the people of Iraq were even greater. The war left chaos and impoverishment, hundreds of thousands of Iraqis have lost their lives, and

tens of thousands were maimed, disfigured, and otherwise permanently injured and scarred. Nowadays, a significant population profile is made of widows and orphans. The war has also led to millions of displaced people and refugees, and a vicious bloody sectarianism that still threatens to rip the country apart at the seams. Coupled with that, the nihilist IS murderers are continuing to terrorise people. Equally, the ugly poisonous corruption grips Iraqi system from top down. It is based on nepotism and clan loyalty, which is bleeding the country's wealth and services. The hogwash toxic sectarian hate and killings is mainly influenced by the regional regimes' interest.

### Join Our Cinema Club

This initiative is organised by a volunteer film critique Sadiq Al Taie, to develop an audience and invite debate and discussion on different social, economical and political issues which reflects in all the screen movies form different parts of the world. So far we have screened the following movies, Iraqi film (Haj Najim the Grocer), French film (Far from Men), Latin American film (Even the Rain), U.S film (HER), Iranian film (Off Side), and a Jordanian film (THEEB).



### A Snapshot Of Our work

From November 1st 2015 to the end of January 2016, we have helped more people in the west London boroughs, particularly Hammersmith and Ealing. Although, we have had our office relocation in the middle of December 2015, but our services continued without major disruption, we have helped the total of 388 people during that period. Thanks to staff and volunteers, as well as our Trustees. The breakdown of figures represents the highest of 49 people in the borough of Hammersmith, followed by the borough of Brent which we have helped 44 people and the third borough is Ealing with 42 people, the rest are coming from other London boroughs, with exception of 27 people from outside London. It is worth to mention that age groups are vary, from 15+ to over 75.

