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The International Alliance for Justice (AIJ) and the International Federation of Human Rights Leagues (FIDH) conducted an investigation and observation mission from July 9 to July 25, 2002, among internally displaced persons located in the autonomous Iraqi Kurdistan, and Iraqi Shiite refugees living in the Islamic Republic of Iran. The members of the mission were Fabienne Messica for the FIDH and Françoise Brié for the AIJ. Their mandate was to investigate the causes of displacement of Iraqis hosted in the Kurdish autonomous region and the reasons that push Iraqi refugees into exile in Iran. The mission also wished to collect information on the current state of human rights in Iraq, on the living conditions of families housed in camps for displaced persons and refugees, on the management and the hosting of these populations by the international community. The goal was to determine if, in the current political context, the policy of repression, forced enrolment in the army, terror, forced arabisation and ethnic cleansing, as witnessed during the previous joint mission1 conducted by the FIDH and the AIJ, were still being pursued.

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