

Press release

The press conference for Albu Ajeel and Albu Nassir tribal leaders regarding Speicher Base Massacre

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In April 28, 2015, Albu Ajeel and Albu Nassir tribal have made a press conference to declare their true position in what have happened in the atrocious Massacre of Speicher base that targeted Iraqi people in June, 2014. Tribal leaders during the press release have addressed the national and significant role of the Supreme Religious Authority in standing against ISIS. The press release also focused on the Iraqi military accomplishment and the will to participate in the liberation of the Iraqi lands alongside with Iraqi security forces. Tribal leaders have declared innocence from those who committed Speicher massacre and those who belonged to Albu Ajeel and Albu Nassir tribes in this press release. Tribal leaders also committed to cooperate with the Iraqi authorities through giving the names of the involved people in the massacre, and help locate burial sites of the victims. Tribal leaders also stand alongside with their brothers and fellow citizens in central-southern Iraq by demanding the Iraqi government to provide moral and material compensation to the victims' families, while in the meantime, demanding the government to declare the facts concerning Speicher crime.

This press release is a part of an initiative led by the Network of Iraqi Facilitators (NIF), NIF is a group of Iraqis specialized in conflict management, facilitating dialogues, mediation, and promoting peaceful co-existence and peacebuilding concepts, with the administrative support provided by Sanad for Peacebuilding organization, where the team has formed the “communication and coordination committee”, which is comprised of Iraqi elite tribal leaders from Saladin province, and central and southern provinces to work on mitigating the tension resulted from Speicher massacre, and to enhance the national unity and sustainable peaceful coexistence among diverse Iraqi segments.

Please find attached Albu Ajeel and Albu Nassir’s press release for media and publishing.