



*League of Arab States
The Secretary General*

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Mr. Secretary General

It seems that the loss we had to endure due to the horrible and criminal attack that took place in Baghdad earlier this week is growing by the day. It was with profound sadness that I learned that Nadiyah Younis, Reiham Al-Farra and Selim Kanaan were killed as a result of this brutal and criminal act.

I got the chance to know Nadiyah quite well. I have always found her to be a sincere friend and a dedicated professional. She was a true believer in the role and values of the UN. Indeed, she had to pass away while on duty fulfilling her mission of choice. I am sure that we both share the deep sense of loss of a dear friend and a seasoned diplomat.

I am also sure that the significant number of casualties among the UN staff in Baghdad is causing a serious sense of grief and shock among you all. I want to assure you that I do share your feelings of sadness and that you have my sincere sympathy at this hard time.

I am confident, however, that under your wise leadership the UN family will be able to turn this agony into yet a higher commitment to serve humanity wherever and whenever the role of the UN is needed.

I hope that you would convey my heartfelt condolences to the UN family.

Sincerely,

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