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2007		51	Iraq	Anonymous (historian of modern period/Turkish and Ottoman history)

Announcement

Scholars at Risk (SAR), based at New York University, works to promote academic freedom and to defend the human rights of scholars, in part by arranging temporary placements for scholars who suffer grave threats to their work or their person. SAR is sending us a summary profile of an Iraqi historian working in the field of Modern History/Turkish and Ottoman History whose life may be in danger and who is currently seeking assistance. Perhaps your university could accommodate our colleague. Thank you.

P.S.: For other recent information on Iraq, see the petition campaign on behalf of five assassinated Iraqi historians at <http://www.concernedhistorians.org/images/ca/47.pdf>.

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SCHOLARS AT RISK NETWORK

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IRAQ-663

FIELD: Modern History/Turkish and Ottoman History

Male/Female: Male

LANGUAGE: Arabic, English, Modern and Ottoman Turkish (basic)

RISK: Risk of death/threat to life

EDUC: PhD, Modern History, Iraq

This candidate is a leading scholar in Modern Turkish History from Iraq. He holds a PhD in Modern History from the University of Baghdad and is currently a professor at Al-Mustansiriyah University in Baghdad. He also has taught at Al-Fateh and Al-Jufara universities in Libya. He is a member of the Association of Arab Historians as well as the Association of Historians and Archaeologists in Iraq. This scholar has presented papers at conferences in Iraq, Libya, and Turkey and has authored over fifteen books and papers related to modern Turkish history and, in addition, the Ottoman Empire. He continues to dedicate his time to teaching within his field, supervising theses and dissertations, as well as writing and presenting papers. Currently at the University, he seeks academic opportunities abroad to continue his work.

The candidate is an Iraqi scholar working in a university that is now run by a militia group of the Al-Mahdi army. Recently, the candidate found himself in a circle of cross-fire as he was leaving the university on his way home. He has received threatening phone calls to his home late at night by unknown people and has been treated aggressively by several of his colleagues in the history department due to their sectarian beliefs. On numerous occasions, he has been told it would be best to leave the university, and as many professors and students have already been killed by the militia group at the university, the candidate fears for his life. As a free-thinking intellectual, he fears that he has and will continue to be targeted, possibly leading to his death. He therefore seeks an opportunity to pursue his work in a more stable and safe environment.

DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE:

- **Curriculum vitae
- **Articles
- **Statement of risk
- **References

SUITABLE HOSTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS SCHOLAR MIGHT INCLUDE:

- **Teaching (full load);
 - **Teaching (reduced load);
 - **Co-teaching and/or guest lecturing
 - **Research;
 - **Lectures, talks, and other events
- in the field of Modern History/Turkish and Ottoman History