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## The International Criminal Court and the Iraqi Special Tribunal : Access to justice and place of victims

Amman, Jordan

27-28 May, 2005

Regency Palace Hotel  
Petra Ballroom

### Agenda

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### The International Criminal Court in the national and international justice systems

#### 9.00-9.30 Opening speeches (30 min)

- **John Pace**, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- **Raji Sourani**, Vice President of FIDH and President of Palestinian Center for Human Rights (PCHR)
- **Khaled Mohey El-Dine Ahmed**, Judge, International Human Rights Law Institute (IHRLI), De Paul University (Chicago, USA)
- **Bakhtiar Amine**, Former Iraqi Minister for Human Rights
- Representative from Mizan, Law Group for Human Rights
- **Nizam Assaf**, Amman Center For Human Rights Studies

**Chairman:** **Raji Sourani**, Vice President of FIDH and President of PCHR

#### 9.30-10.30

##### Introduction to the ICC and its jurisdiction

*Complementarity principle. Exercise of Jurisdiction. Cooperation. Role of the Security Council.*

**Judge Khaled Mohey El-Dine Ahmed**, International Human Rights Law Institute, De Paul University (Chicago, USA)

**Crimes within the jurisdiction of the ICC**  
*Genocide, Crimes against Humanity, war crimes, crime of aggression*  
**David Boyle, Lawyer, Chargé de mission FIDH**

**10.30-10.45 Coffee Break**

**Crimes of Sexual and Gender Violence**  
**Amal Basha, Middle East and North Africa Coordinator, Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC)**

**The Obligation to implement the Rome Statute into domestic law and presentation of the work of the IHRLI**

*The Obligation to cooperate with the ICC, the need to include ICC crimes in domestic law*  
**Judge Khaled Mohey El-Dine Ahmed, International Human Rights Law Institute, De Paul University (Chicago, USA)**

**Discussion**

**12.30-14.30 Lunch**

**14.30 – 16.30 Campaign for ratification and implementation of the ICC Statute**

**Building national Coalitions, the experience of the CICC around the world**  
**Amal Basha, Middle East and North Africa Coordinator, Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC)**

**The United States and the ICC**  
*ASPA, BIA, Security Council*  
**Stephanie David, Middle East and North Africa Program Officer, FIDH**

**The Jordanian Experience**  
*Ratification, implementation, BIA...*  
**Dr Mohamad Al Tarawneh**

**16.30-16.45 Coffee Break**

**16.45-17.30 Debate : The ICC and Iraq**  
*Towards the ratification and implementation of the Rome Statute, Building a National Iraqi Coalition for the ICC*

**May 28, 2005**  
**The Right of Iraqi Victims to Effective Remedies:  
the ICC and the Iraqi Special Tribunal**

**Chairman: Sofiane Chouitter, Member of the FIDH's Legal Action Group**

**9.30 – 10.30 Victims Rights before the ICC**

**From Witness to Victim Status: Victims' Rights before the ICC**  
**David Boyle, Lawyer, Chargé de mission FIDH**

**Challenges and practical issues regarding victim's participation before the ICC**  
**Sébastien Bourgoin FIDH, International Justice Desk, FIDH**

**Discussion**

**10.30-10.45 Coffee Break**

**10.45-12.30**    **Victim's rights in the Iraqi context**

**The Iraqi Special Tribunal legal framework –  
Pr. Issam El-Attia, Baghdad School of law (TBC)**

**Victims' Rights in Iraqi law and before the Iraqi Special Tribunal  
Hassan Chaabane, Human Rights and Democracy Organization in Iraq**

**Reparation for Torture in Iraq in the context of Political Transition  
*Reparation and reforms to prevent recurrence of human rights violations*  
Lutz Oette, Project Coordinator, REDRESS**

**12.30-14.30**    **Lunch**

**14.30-17.00**    **Debate : Building a strategy to ensure victim's rights before the Iraqi Special Tribunal**  
*Applicability of general criminal procedure, Protection, Participation, Reparation, Truth, Outreach...*

**17.00**            **Concluding Remarks**