



I am an Iraqi citizen (**Ammar Mumtaz Aziz**) with my family, consisted of my wife and (3) children, we are of Christian religion and lived in Kirkuk governorate. We have suffered from the religious persecution due to the insecurity, appearance of the sectarian conflict armed militia. When the terrorist “ISIS” gangs entered to the area around Kirkuk, such as Al-haweja and AL Reyadh, which is only (15) km away from the city, they tried to occupy the city several times. So, we lived instable life, as I worked as “Maintenance Engineer” at the North Gas company while my wife worked at the Christian Endowment Directorate. Our company was under constant fire from the adjacent villages controlled by “Da’ish” gangs, as they are only (5) km away. Despite this we hoped for better security conditions although there is constant threat, kidnapping and embezzlement against the Christians, as we couldn’t practice our religious rights freely because even our churches are continuously attacked.

On Saturday 3/9/2016 at (8) PM, three armed persons came to my house, they insulted and threatened me, saying you are infidel Christian and said you have either to become Muslim or you will be killed with your family. The next day at (7) AM, we fled from our house shaking along with my wife and three children and left everything to protect ourselves and went to Erbil, Ainkawa where I lived at my aunt’s house, then we fled from Iraq and came to Jordan because it was no longer possible to live under the constant threats, so we came to Jordan on 2/10/2016.

In March 2018 we were informed by my wife’s work colleague that a person came to my wife’s workplace at the Christian Endowment Directorate where she used to go every day and he asked about my wife and when he knew that she left her work he start asking if she flee with her husband and where did they flee? Later on, 14/4/2018 I was informed that my house was attacked by unknown armed people, so all of our precious possessions were stolen, and they destroyed the rest of my house and that’s all because the



terrorist organizations wanted to kill the Christians in the governorate which make a real threat on me and my family's life if we return to Iraq

We are living under difficult circumstances; we cannot return to Iraq because our life is threatened with death. And we are waiting on Jordan without a work permit waiting for finding a new home away from home. Alhadaf keeps reminding us that there is a light down the dark path, their physical and emotional support is priceless.