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**Open Letter to The President of Iraq Mr Jalal Talabani**

Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights expresses its firm protest against the execution of the former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

We consider his execution to be in violation of basic standards of international law in the name of which Saddam Hussein's regime was toppled. The execution should be also treated as an affront to victims of his multiple crimes.

Everybody has a right to life. Nobody, in spite of the kind and dimension of the committed crime, can be sentenced to death and no hangman acting on behalf of the state can take human life away.

Warsaw, January 2, 2007.

**On behalf of the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights**

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