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*Via email*

## Response to Human Rights Watch's Letter

After contacting the director of internal affairs in the province of Dohuk, we have reached the following regarding the questions about the situation in Sinjar district:

- Materials that are not allowed to go in or out are those that have dual use, such as chemicals or urea.
- All the people of Sinjar district have the right to enter and return to Sinjar. Government institutions, humanitarian and charitable bodies have the right to enter Sinjar to provide needed services.
- Regarding the approval to bring in construction materials, such as cement, and livestock, it's limited – it depends on demand and the area's needs.
- A security committee has been formed in the district governorate – it's dedicated to the affairs of the people of Sinjar. The committee receives their applications for permission from the Province of Dohuk/Internal Affairs to return to Sinjar.
- Taking objects and possessions out of Sinjar has been restricted because many of the people's possessions have been looted. This restriction aims to protect their wealth and belongings. Taking objects out of Sinjar is subject to strict security measures in order to determine what they are.

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