



**THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON MISSING PERSONS (ICMP) SUPPORTS IRAQI AUTHORITIES IN EFFORTS TO FIND, SAFEGUARD AND EXCAVATE MASS GRAVES AND OTHER SITES HOLDING THE REMAINS OF MISSING PERSONS.**

ICMP is a treaty-based international organization that seeks to ensure the cooperation of governments and others in locating missing persons from conflict, human rights abuses, disasters, organized crime, migration, and other causes, and to assist them in doing so. ICMP also supports the work of other organizations in their efforts, encourages public involvement in its activities and contributes to the development of appropriate expressions of commemoration and tribute to the missing.



**IF YOU ENCOUNTER SUCH A SITE PLEASE CONTACT AUTHORITIES IMMEDIATELY**

In Federal Iraq, please contact:

- **Ministry of Interior - Police Stations:** report to the nearest police station of your neighborhood
- **Mass Graves Affairs and Protection Directorate (in Baghdad) - Martyrs' Foundation:** 0783 571 5725
- **Martyrs' Foundation Directorates in all provinces except Kurdistan Region of Iraq:** report to the nearest office

In the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, please contact:

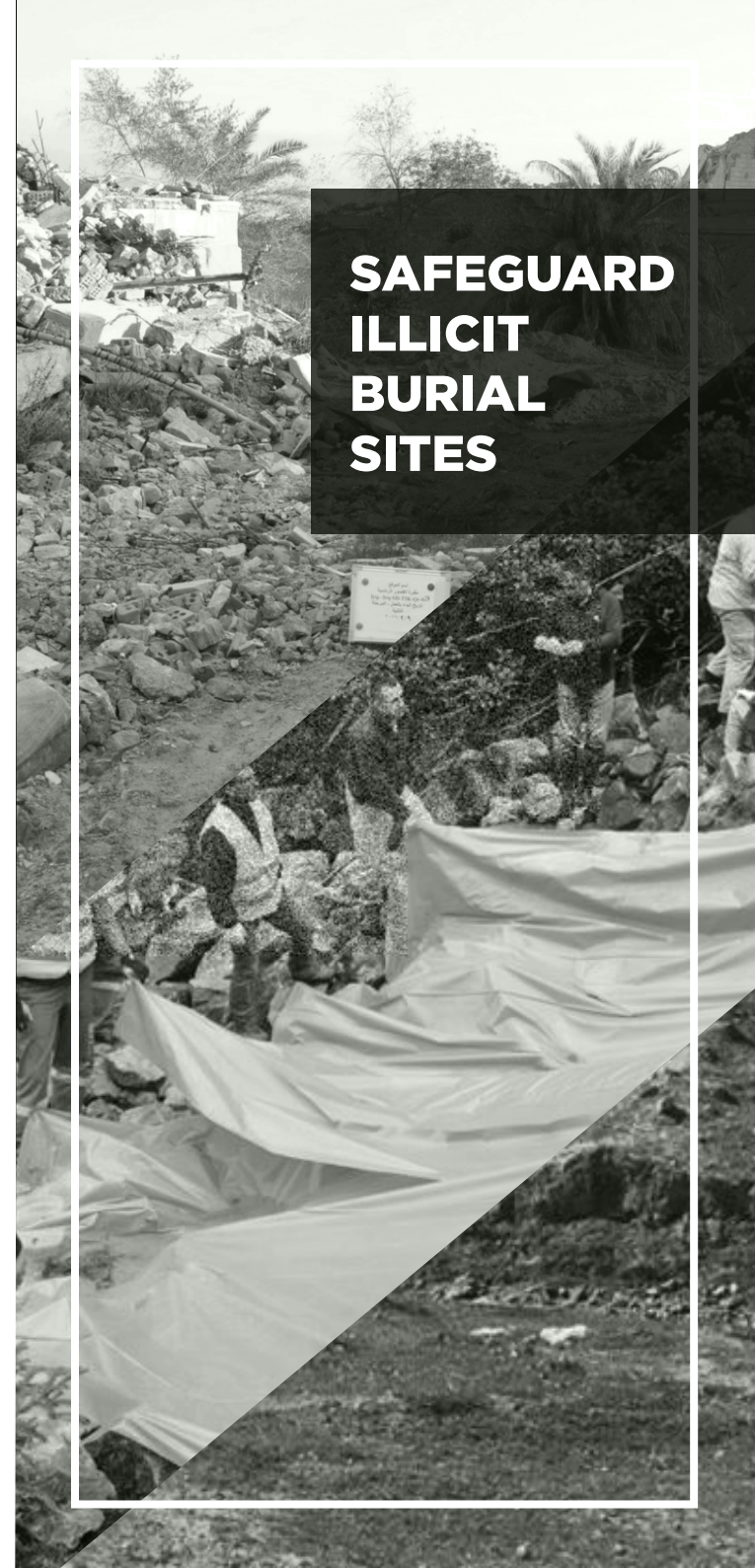
- **Ministry of Interior - Police Stations:** report to the nearest police station of your neighborhood
- **Mass graves Directorate (Erbil) that belongs to the General Directorate of Diwan in the Ministry of Martyrs and Anfal Affairs:** 0750 4720 699, 0750 376 9574, 0750 376 9575;
- **General Directorates of Martyrs and Anfal Affairs in Kurdistan Region Governorates.**

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**SAFEGUARD  
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BURIAL  
SITES**

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A SUSPECTED MASS GRAVE



**PLEASE DO NOT POST ANY PHOTOS OR INFORMATION ABOUT THE SITE LOCATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA, AS THIS CAN LEAD TO ACTIONS THAT WILL HARM INVESTIGATIONS.**

Experts sent by the authorities will investigate the site and document information so that evidence can be used in justice mechanisms that aim to bring perpetrators to justice.

The authorities should safeguard the site as soon as they learn about it. Fences, coverings and guards can help ensure that neither humans, animals nor the weather destroy any evidence.



Mass graves and other sites where the remains of missing persons have been hidden are crime scenes, and the State is responsible for investigating them.

Areas that are suspected to be such illicit burial sites must be safeguarded so that the evidence they contain remains intact and can be used in criminal proceedings and other justice mechanisms.

Any digging, removal of material or other disturbing actions will make it harder to investigate who the victims in the grave are, and what happened to them. Such actions are also illegal. And they may be dangerous: sites may contain unexploded ordnance and contaminants.