

Press Statement

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Killing of Egyptian Envoy to Iraq, Ihab al-Sherif

The United States condemns the brutal murder of Ambassador Ihab al-Sherif, Charge d'affaires of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Iraq. Secretary Rice spoke with Egyptian Foreign Minister Aboul Gheit and expressed our deepest sympathy and condolences to his family and colleagues as well as to the government and people of Egypt.

Such attacks will not deter us from our commitment to assist the Iraqi people in their transition towards a peaceful and prosperous Iraq.

We will continue to work with the Iraqi government and security officials to bring those responsible to justice and to eliminate the network behind them.

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