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March 15, 2008 – With deep sadness the Assyrian Universal Alliance received news of the heinous crime which claimed the life of another holy man, Archbishop Paulos (Paul) Faraj Rahho of the Chaldean Church of Mosul, who was kidnapped on Friday, 29-02-08, as he left the Holy Spirit Church in the Al-Noor area of Mosul city, Iraq.

The Assyrian Universal Alliance condemns in the strongest terms possible this vicious and cowardly act of terrorism perpetrated against the innocent civilians of the Nineveh plains, Northern Iraq. This inexcusable act of cold and calculated murder of Archbishop Rahho is directly aimed at demoralizing the Assyrians of Iraq in order to force them out of their ancestral lands.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to the immediate family of Archbishop Rahho, his parishioners, the Chaldean church, and the Assyrian nation worldwide. May almighty God rest the soul of this latest martyr who walked the path of peace shepherding our people. Let his martyrdom be a reminder to our people, particularly our churches, to stand shoulder to shoulder in defending the honour of our nation.

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