

**General Federation of Workers
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**Federation of Workers Union
Basra**



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Statement

The duty which is incumbent upon the security forces is to protect the lives and property of citizens.

After the relative security stability that Basrah city witnessed, the security situation in the city began to setback again recently, where the city have witnessed and still witnessing frequent kidnappings and stealing of property of citizens, as well as tribal loose using different types of weapons.

The house of the well-known unionist and human rights defender Abdul Karim Abdul-Sada (Abu Watan) the President of the General Workers in the Oil and Gas Sector, and the member of the Employee Commission of the South Oil Company, and the Vice President of the General Federation of Workers Union Working in Basrah, was exposed to an attack in the broad daylight in Basrah city (Southern of Iraq). When an armed group raided on Monday, first of August 2016, the house of the unionist and tampered with the contents of the house after detaining him and his family in one of the rooms. They also stole some of the money which ate the profits that Abo Watan received from the South Oil Company, where he works, in addition to some other property of his house. The group that pretended to be security forces have threatened the unionist and his family of physical liquidation.

Our union in Basra and all unions members strongly condemns this crime, which was accompanied by harsh intimidation to Abo Watan's

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family, and we are, as we reserve our legal right, we call on the security authorities in its various forces to duplicate their efforts to pursue the criminals and arrest them and provide all the security and safety requirements for the citizens.

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