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I am writing this letter on behalf the PCS London DFT/DCLG branch. We have watched with hope and interest at the growing trade union movement in Iraq after the fall of Saddam Hussein. We are therefore particularly saddened by the news that the PUK fired at and seriously injured 13 workers at a peaceful demonstration outside their place of work at a cement factory in Tasloja Sulaimaniya in Iraq 27 July 06. The workers were legitimately protesting at the dismissal of fellow workers and calling for an increase in wages.

We call on you to launch a full investigation into this unprovoked attack on the workers of Tasloja Sulaimaniyah and ensure it never happens again.

Regards

Karen Johnson
PCS Branch Secretary