



## Nineveh Plain Defense Fund

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The Nineveh Plain Defense Fund and the Assyrian Democratic Movement Illinois Branch met with officials of the Iraq desk at the US State Department to provide a direct perspective on the irregularities and practical disenfranchisement of free Assyrian representation in last week's Iraqi Parliamentary Elections.

The Assyrian Democratic Movement rejects the legitimacy of the elections and will continue to advocate for legal changes that preserve true representation of the Christian Component in the national affairs of Iraq as equal citizens and not as proxies for external elements.

Furthermore, we explained how the Nineveh Plain Protection Units plays a vital role in enabling Assyrians to provide their own local security and must be formalized into long-term security efforts in the area. Local security of Assyrians by themselves is essential to further progress in ongoing resettlement efforts in the wake of the liberation of Nineveh Plain.

