

“Cleanse Iraq from the crime of
homosexuality.”

Posters distributed in the Baghdad neighborhoods of
al-Shola, al-Hurya and Sadr City

“We see this [homosexuality] as a serious illness in the community that has been spreading rapidly among the youth after it was brought in from the outside by American soldiers... These are not the habits of Iraq or our community and we must eliminate them.... We had approval from the main Iraqi tribes here to liquidate those [men] copying the ways of women.”

Abu Muslim, who claim to have been killing gays
in Baghdad

“Those who break the rules of God must be cleansed from the Muslim community. There are clear rules for mankind, that men should be men and women are women. The truth is that the homosexual brings shame on them so how can God be angry with them for killing the homosexual ?...On the contrary, in killing the homosexual they are carrying out God’s will.”

Hayder al Mousawi, the 39-year-old imam at the Hussein mosque in Baghdad

A previously unknown group “Ahl al-Haq (the followers of Truth) has circulated 3 lists, each with the name of 10 gay men in Sadr City of Baghdad. The lists included a quote saying, “You, prostitutes, we will punish you!

Alarabiya TV, April 20

“Iraqi militias use a very strong glue to close the anus of the homosexuals they capture. Then they give them a drink that causes diarrhea. Since the anus is closed, the diarrhea causes death. Videos of this form of torture are being distributed on mobile telephones in Iraq.”

Yanar Mohammad, president of the Organization of Women's Freedom in Iraq (OWFI)

“I have many friends who have been sadistically tortured, some even murdered. They are sticking glue up their anuses; some hospitals refuse to treat them. Is it a war waged against homosexuals?”

Moyad, a 38-year-old Baghdad resident to MSNBC

“Attacks against homosexuals have been abundant in Shiite neighborhoods, especially poor regions and remote areas... all religious leaders, whether Sunni or Shiite, call for the eradication of homosexuals, but the Shiites are the ones who are most involved in these attacks.”

Iraqi LGBT group in London

“I had seen three men killed for being gay during the past three months. They were of men between 17 and 25 years old and they’d either been shot or burnt to death.”

Taher Mustafa, a medical staff at al Shaab hospital

“We were not able to identify the culprits who dumped the bodies of 7 gay men in front of the morgue and fled, without being seen... The bodies had gunshots in the head and chest.”

Dr. Neman Mohsen, the medical examiner in
Bagdad's Morgue

“We have heard that the tribes, to whom these “perverts” belonged, declared their lives worthless and allowed their death, but we have also heard that an organization calling itself the followers of Truth (ahl-al Haq) are responsible for the murders.”

Sheik Salal Al-kaabi, one of the elders of Sadr City:

“In recent day... a coffee house in Sadr City that was frequented by gay men was burnt down.”

Arabic CNN- April 5 2009

“Iraqi LGBT has documented 617 cases of assassinations of LGBT people ... since 2005. The murder campaign of "sexual cleansing" of homosexuals has intensified in recent months, with 70 new killings since December alone.”

Doug Ireland, investigative reporter for Gay City
News

“A police patrol in Shaab district, north east of Baghdad, stopped two young men “behaving like women” in mid March and forced them to take-off their clothes in front of other passers-by and made fun of them and their naked bodies.”

Niqash.org , An Iraqi news portal

“Amnesty International expressed concern at the government's failure to publicly condemn the killings and ensure that they are promptly and effective investigated, and that the perpetrators are brought to justice. The letter also drew attention to reported statements by one senior police officer that appear to condone or even encourage the targeting of members of the gay community in Baghdad,”

Amnesty International In a letter to Iraqi President
Nouri al-Maliki, April 13, 2009