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STATEMENT BY SENATOR JOHN McCAIN ON ATTACK ON CAMP LIBERTY

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator John McCain (R-AZ) released the following statement on the attack on Camp Liberty in Iraq this week, which has reportedly killed over 20 people:

“Yesterday’s senseless and unprovoked attack on Camp Liberty that reportedly killed over 20 residents and injured dozens more is an outrage and represents a betrayal of the civilians the United States committed to protect. The Government of Iraq should provide immediate medical and emergency assistance to the victims of the attack and render every effort to ensure the recovery of those injured.

“Sadly, this is only the latest attack in a continued campaign against the residents of Camp Liberty. These residents have repeatedly been the victims of daily harassments that decrease quality of life, blocked access to food and medicine, and denial of basic protective equipment. I strongly urge the Iraqi authorities to provide additional security to Camp Liberty and bring those responsible to justice.

“The U.S. government and military committed to thousands of civilians that we would protect them, and they surrendered their weapons and came under our protection as a result. It is imperative that the United States, along with the United Nations and the Government of Iraq, uphold its obligations to these residents, do more to ensure the security of Camp Liberty, and expedite the relocation of its residents to other countries.”

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