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CHAI ACS Condemns Attack in Iraq and Launches Security Support Initiative for Churches and Nonprofits

San Diego, CA | April 4, 2025 — CHAI ACS (Community Helping All Inclusively – Assyrian, Chaldean, Syriac) strongly condemns the recent, unprovoked act of violence in Nohadra (Duhok, Iraq), which occurred during Akitu 6775—a sacred time of celebration for our people around the world. This attack is not just an affront to peace, but an assault on our collective identity, resilience, and cultural legacy.

In response, CHAI ACS is taking swift and strategic action to ensure the safety of churches and community spaces in the homeland and across the diaspora. This includes plans to bolster armed security, improve emergency preparedness, and implement safety protocols for high-risk sites.

As part of this commitment, CHAI ACS will offer weekly office hours through the end of June to support nonprofits in Illinois applying for the **FEMA Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)**. This initiative mirrors our successful model in Michigan, where CHAI ACS helped secure over \$100,000 in federal security funding for vulnerable institutions.

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Nonprofits seeking assistance are encouraged to sign up for office hours using **the QR code provided below** to get expert guidance on preparing their grant applications.

Our sacred spaces must be sanctuaries—not targets. CHAI ACS is committed to ensuring our people can worship, gather, and celebrate in safety, wherever they are.

For inquiries or to schedule a consultation, contact: support@chai-accs.org with the subject line “Illinois Nonprofit Security Grant”.

About CHAI ACS:

Community Helping All Inclusively – Assyrian, Chaldean, Syriac (CHAI ACS) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening underrepresented communities through advocacy, culturally responsive services, resource development, and coalition building.

Sincerely,



Chai ACS

President & Founder

