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Press Release

Hawija case at the District Court of The Hague

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On 24 October 2023, the victims of the Hawija airstrike in Iraq (June 2015) seek justice and reparations at the Dutch District Court in the Hague. Eleven victims, including the mayor of Hawija, want to see the State of the Netherlands be held liable for the airstrike and seek reparations from the Dutch government, highlighting the devastating impact of aerial warfare on civilian populations.

This case is important for three reasons. It marks the first time a court will comment on the legality of the airstrikes conducted by the international anti-ISIS coalition. Secondly, the victims will participate in the civil proceeding with translation services provided. Thirdly, the proceedings will be live-streamed, offering an opportunity to witness this historic case as it unfolds. Journalists and concerned citizens alike can follow the proceedings in both Dutch and Arabic via the live stream online.

The Nuhanovic Foundation's goal is to help secure justice and reparations for civilian victims of war and conflict. In this case, the Nuhanovic Foundation supports the investigation and participation of victims during the hearing.

For more information visit our website <u>www.nuhanovicfoundation.org</u> or <u>our FAQ page on the Hawija case</u>. For regular updates follow our social media accounts.

Details of the court hearing

The court hearing is scheduled on **Tuesday 24th of October 2023** at **09:30 hrs (CEST)** at **Rechtbank Den Haag**. The claimants are represented by Prof. dr. Liesbeth Zegveld and Thomas van der Sommen. More information is also available on Prakken d'Oliveira's <u>website</u>.

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