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PUBLIC NOTICE

INCREASED SENTENCES FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF CRIMES AFTER RECEIVING AMNESTY

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The Administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) hereby advises all citizens, residents of, and visitors to Iraq of the following.

Under Iraqi law, any person who was released from prison pursuant to Revolutionary Command Council Resolution No. 225, dated October 20, 2002, and is thereafter convicted of another crime may be sentenced using rules that allow stiffer punishments based on aggravating circumstances. These rules permit judges to impose significantly longer sentences than are otherwise authorized for the particular offense. For example, if the penalty for a crime is imprisonment for a term of years, a judge may impose a sentence that is greater than the maximum limit, provided that the increase in the sentence does not exceed half the maximum limit (up to 25 years total).

This law allowing harsher punishments continues in force and judges should consider it when sentencing persons who were granted amnesty under Resolution No. 225. Persons who were released under that Resolution should be aware that they will be subject to the severest sentences authorized by law if they commit further crimes.

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