



## Tammuz Organization held a dialogue session under the slogan of "the Ration Coupon is the main source of the Iraqi daily Food"

Tammuz organization held dialogue session to discuss the importance of the ration coupon in "Baghdad, Erbil, Thi-Qar and Anbar" provinces.

The discussion session came to discuss the importance of this ration coupon for the poor categories of the Iraqi community. These session took place in the period December 15 through December 23 2010 it the offices of the organization in these provinces and in the General Federation for Writers and Literary Hall in Baghdad. It is mentioned that this session comes to discuss the role of the ration coupon in society and the time that It was activated in to reduce the effect of the economical siege on Iraq.



Therefore, the session had these axes:

- The importance of the ration coupon and the causes of mal-distribution of its components.
- The consequences of abolishing the ration coupon.
- The solutions to improve the ration coupon.



The discussion also included some stories from different parts of Iraq showed, for example, the size of truncation and the worseness of its components that resulted from the administrative corruption and the random importing of the products without caring for the quality and the manufacturer. The other reason for deteriorating the handing of the ration coupon is the disappearance of the legal context that warranty retrieving the Iraqi rights from the provision

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companies that violated the quality and quantity criteria in providing the ration coupon especially under the high rates of poverty in Iraq. It is mentioned that the poverty in Iraq is in high stake where 22.9% of the Iraqi people living under the poverty line according to document issued by the Central bureau for Statistics in the department of Planning in cooperation with the International bank in November 2009. The Cabinet passed these statistics later. The 22.9 5 was with the existence of the Ration Coupon, though, the ratio will increase to 45% in canceling the Ration Coupon under the current deterioration in services and rising of unemployment and deactivating many productive sectors such as the industrial, agricultural ones and the scarcity of investment opportunities.



The attendants of the session also discussed the possible solutions for the crises of financial replacement and claimed to improve its quality and activating the censorship in monitoring its project. The attendants also discussed the legal warranty of the Ration coupon that is represented in the Item one of the Category 30 in the Iraqi constitution and the Item number 25 of the World Declaration for Human Rights of the Year 1948.



Another attendant; Ms.Anfal Abdul Qader, the representative of the deputy minister of Trade mentioned that the ration coupon has enormous effect for the Iraqi citizens and the attempt to cancel it in inappropriate procedure in the current situation though it might be possible to cancel it when the situation improves.

Another participant discussed the legal problem. He mentioned that the ministry of trade is not committing to the quality of food of the providers and speakers mentioned that the ministry has corruption in some of its sectors and the ministry referred to the United Nation in this concern.

The discussion outcome was the following recommendations:

- The necessity to provide specialized and trained staff to manage the programs of the ration coupons and rendering good contracts, provisions and supervision.
- Increasing the categories of the ration coupon to include other food materials and improving their quality.
- Canceling the ration coupons from the high income people such as the governmental employees who their income exceeds the 1 and 1/2 million.

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- Involving the merchandise and industrial chambers in the process of choosing the food materials from foreign manufacturers.
- Enacting a deterrent laws against the violators and corrupt employees in the program of the Ration coupon.
- Assembling information office in each area to have the responsibility of providing information to the ministry of Trade.
- Making periodical survey on the people to check their opinions towards the ration coupons.

The discussion session had many attendants from various sectors such as NGO representatives, some representatives from the ministry of trade and regional council of Karada Quarter in Baghdad, and Some media representatives. The Representative of UNCR office in Anbar governorate and the representatives from Anbar and Faluja Provision centers attended the meeting as well. The discussion session was also attended by the representative of the French Consul in Anbar and native council representative of Thi-Qar.



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