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further to the discussion, which started over the questions surrounding Iraqi women, please find below another article on the situation being faced by women in Mosul.

This can only help develop the discussion further and will help to contribute to the article which myself and Heather are going to be writing on the matter.

We welcome other people to still get involved with this project and have also been contacted by the Iraqi blogger Roads to Iraq and journalist Felicity Arbuthnot.

Involvement with this can either be online for those in other countries and cities, for more local contact this can be done in person and we will shortly be arranging a meeting to take this further.

We hope to hear from people soon and we welcome non Iraq Campaign members to join with us to work on this.

with warm regards,

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Attacks on women soar in Mosul

Nabeel Zirqi, Al-jazeera



A recent spike in attacks on women has forced many in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul to retreat into their homes or resort to armed escort by relatives and tribal guards.

In recent weeks, Mosul residents have witnessed an unprecedented rise in the number of female corpses found throughout the city. Alaa al-Badrani said her friend, a school principal, was kidnapped from her home in the Bakr district of the city by an armed gang.

Her body was found with her throat slit in a construction site in the same district. Neighbours, who asked not to be named, told Aljazeera that the school

principal had received threats on September 20 and was asked to pay "protection money".

One neighbour said: "But they didn't wait more than two hours before taking her." "She was an outstanding woman and very religious so we do not know why this happened to her."

Revenge killings

But as attacks on Iraqi police and security forces continue unabated throughout Iraq, the families of officers and senior security officials are also coming under attack.

On September 28, despite the advent of Ramadan, Zuheira, a young housewife, was found dead with a bullet to the head in the Gogaly suburb, north east of the city. Salim Zaho, a neighbour, said: "They couldn't kill her husband, a police officer, so they came for his wife instead ... very tragic.

"None of our women are safe, we have to have bodyguards from the family be with them all the time." A day later, a young woman, who police could not immediately identify, was found garrotted in the same sector of the city.

Earlier this week, a woman and her four-year-old daughter were kidnapped from their home in the eastern Saa district of the city. Her body was found a few hours later in an alley, her daughter alive and crying at her side.

'Sacriligious' clothing

The increase in attacks on women has also been accompanied by a proportional increase in threats against clothiers and boutique shop owners, security officials have said.

In the Sarj Khanah district in Mosul, where many western fashion boutiques are located, shop owners have found threatening flyers and messages left on their doors.

One such flyer condemned "sacrilegious" clothing which it claimed corrupted young women with revealing clothes baring their shoulders and knees and called on all mannequins to be covered with proper Islamic garb.

The flyers included verses from the Quran as well as hadith (oral traditions of the Prophet Muhammed) followed by threats and a promise of death.

Abu Faris, a father of four girls and one boy, said he would not take any chances and have his daughters don the head covering veil as soon as they hit 10 years of age.

He said: "Mays, my oldest, is 14 and she has been veiled since she was about 12." "Women who are not veiled risk attracting attention of some of the killers here."

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