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## Assyrian Universal Alliance

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For Immediate Release,

On December 10th 2009, an undisclosed source has posted false and vicious allegations against the Assyrian Universal Alliance (AUA), on Bet-Nahrain Inc. Forum ([www.betnahrain.org](http://www.betnahrain.org)), using out of context emails correspondence among the AUA Board members, in support of a defamation campaign against the AUA, AUA Board Members and the Assyrian nation.

In the posting AUA and the AUA Board Members are accused of having received financial bribes from the Islamic Republic of Iran; and also it is accused of being unduly partial in favor of the Assyrians of Iran and to the detriment of the Assyrians of Iraq. The allegations are categorically false.

For the record, this is to acknowledge that in 2008 and 2009, the AUA Homeland Regional Secretariat was successful in securing US \$225,000.00 in humanitarian assistance for the Assyrians in Iraq; particularly those many Assyrian families that were forced to abandon their homes in Mosul area and were in sub-human living conditions in the Nineveh plains. The humanitarian assistance was secured as a result of persistent campaign of AUA from the Iranian Red Crescent (equivalent to International Red Cross. The aid shipments were distributed to the needy Assyrians by the AUA activists in homeland, however, in close partnership with the CAPNI, Chaldean Syriac Assyrian Counsel, Assyrian Aid Society of Iraq and the Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East.

In reference to the allegation of financial bribe, AUA and its Board Members deny having received financial support from either the Iranian government or any other foreign and non-Assyrian source. The AUA, however, is well aware that there are Assyrian political parties in receipt of foreign financial assistance. The baseless accusations against the AUA are orchestrated and timed only to damage the AUA credibility, instigated by certain persons that are acutely engaged in mercantilist activities in the homeland, some of which serves against the Assyrian national interests.

The activism of so many Assyrians in the AUA Chapters, irrespective of birthplace, origin or current residence, is the best answer to refute the allegation of AUA being partial toward any group of Assyrians. The allegation evidences, however, the intent of the parties responsible for the posting, aiming to cause division, and resurrection of the special and private commercial interests disguised in the Assyrian National Cause. In reiteration, the AUA struggle for the Assyrian Cause in the homeland is on behalf of "all Assyrians" irrespective of the place of birth, origin or current residence.

The subject allegations, as posted on the Bet-Nahrain Inc. Forum, are concurrent with the representation of AUA delegates in the selection of candidates in the forthcoming elections in north of Iraq; that followed a prior visit by the AUA Secretary General and the AUA Homeland Region Secretariat. The AUA in the recent past has materially intensified its engagements and activism in the homeland. The AUA activists have held extensive meetings with select Assyrian political parties, organizations, as well as key officials in the north of Iraq and Baghdad. The AUA

has unwavering commitment to the Assyrian Cause and this will not be affected by the special and commercial interest groups.

The timing of this posting on the Bet-Nahrain Inc. Forum is also concurrent with the AUA Australia Regional Secretariat having a well-publicized campaign to install a monument for the remembrance of the Assyrian Genocide victims as a result of atrocities committed by the Ottoman Turks. The opposition to this AUA project by special and private commercial interests has been overwhelming.

At this juncture of the struggle for the Assyrian Cause, any false allegation against AUA is an attack against the Assyrian nation. In a time of the AUA choosing, the parties responsible for the false allegations and the subject posting will be fully disclosed to the Assyrian nation and measureable actions will be taken.

Executive Board

Assyrian Universal Alliance