Mr. Speaker, having just returned from Iraq with

other Members to see our military, we further met with Prime Minister

Maliki. We discussed the killing of the 35 freedom-seeking Iranian

dissidents at Camp Ashraf by Iraqi authorities. The United States has

turned over the protection of these people who oppose Iranian dictator

Ahmadinejad to Iraq. The Prime Minister's candid position was that the

dissidents were responsible for their own deaths and the Iraqi

Government was not to be blamed for their recent demise.

Upon requesting that we wished to visit the camp to hear from the

people who actually saw what happened, you would have thought a

political IED had gone off. The Prime Minister curtly rejected that

request. In an effort to fairly get at the truth, the statements from

the ones actually present at the homicides was important. It is

disturbing that the Prime Minister refused us access to the Iranian

dissidents he promised the United States he would protect.

What does the Iraqi Government have to hide? Maybe the truth.

Meanwhile, 35 innocent people are dead and hundreds of others are

wounded by this new ``free'' democracy in Iraq.

And that's just the way it is.