

## **Condolences to the Victims, Family Members of Murdered Iraqi Taekwondo Athletes**

It is with great sadness and shock to learn that the remains of 13 Iraqi taekwondo athletes, who were kidnapped in May 2006, were found recently in Iraq.

On behalf of the global taekwondo family, I send my deepest condolences to the victims and their family members.

The World Taekwondo Federation strongly condemns kidnapping of athletes and any act of international terrorism as a threat to international peace and security, and also to the Olympic Movement and development of the sport of taekwondo.

Together with the global taekwondo family, I pray that the new Iraqi Taekwondo Federation will overcome adversity through the everlasting propagation of the Olympic Movement in Iraq.

The WTF will continue to combat all forms of violations against human rights and the Olympic Movement through the sport of taekwondo.

With Deepest Condolences

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Chungwon Choue". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chungwon" and the last name "Choue" clearly distinguishable.

Chungwon Choue  
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