

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **IHRDC Announces Appointment of Executive Director**

The Board of Directors of the Iran Human Rights Documentation Center (IHRDC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Tom Parker to succeed Mora Johnson as the new Executive Director of the Center. The IHRDC is an independent and non-partisan scholarly undertaking to establish an historical record of the human rights situation in Iran since the 1979 revolution.

Tom Parker is the former CEO of the Halo Partnership consulting firm which has designed and executed transitional justice projects for the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Darfur Peace and Development Organization (DPDO).

Tom served for six months in 2003-2004 as the United Kingdom's Special Adviser on Transitional Justice to the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) in Baghdad, Iraq and as Head of the CPA's Crimes against Humanity Investigation Unit. He was a member of the team of experts dispatched to Chad by the US State Department in August 2004 to investigate reported atrocities in Darfur and spent four years as war crimes investigator with the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) working in the field in Bosnia, Kosovo and Macedonia.

His appointment takes effect on October 1st, 2006.