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**US AND IRAQI FORCES LANCH NEW ATTACK ON RAMADI: DOCTORS FOR IRAQ CALLS FOR SAFE PASSAGE FOR CIVILIANS AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL**

US and Iraqi forces have launched a new attack against the city of Ramadi in the West of Iraq home to an estimated 750,000 people.

US helicopters have been firing missiles into densely populated civilian areas and snipers have been set up across the city along with checkpoints to restrict the movement of people inside and outside Ramadi.

Residents inside Ramadi have told Doctors For Iraq that three civilians and one cameraman has been killed in the attack on the city. Residents report that the city has been divided into two sections and snipers have taken position at a number of checkpoints that have been created to monitor the movement of people inside and outside the city.

Medical personnel in the area have told Doctors For Iraq that their movements are being restricted, ambulances, doctors and patients are being stopped at checkpoints and delayed from entering Ramadi..

Doctors report a shortage of basic medicines inside Ramadi including IV fluid and are growing increasingly concerned about the impact of this latest military attack on civilians inside Ramadi.

Doctors For Iraq is calling on US/Iraqi forces to respect the Geneva Convention and allow all medical personal, patients and ambulances a safe passage in and around Ramadi. Civilians must be given a safe passage to leave the city as the military attack continues

Doctors For Iraq is calling on the US and Iraqi military to end the use of disproportionate force in this densely populated civilian area and to immediately remove all obstacles to medical care.

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