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25 May 2004 -- The release of a United Nations report on the human rights situation in Iraq has been delayed in order to allow time for coalition governments to provide input, a UN spokesman confirmed today.

Speaking to reporters in Geneva, José Luis Díaz noted that the document, slated for publication on 31 May, would be put out several days later to accommodate the request of the coalition States. He voiced hope that the report would be out by the end of next week.

Covering the past year of occupation by the United States-led coalition forces, the document will address the treatment of detainees, the military-security situation, including acts of terrorism, protection of civilians, displacement, the situation of women and children, freedom of religion or belief, other core rights, oversight and accountability, and human rights institutions.

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