



Kurdish National Congress of North America

Resolutions of KNC 21st Conference

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The delegates of the KNC 21st conference have adopted the following resolutions. The delegates:

1. Express our full support to our people who are under occupation in all parts of Kurdistan.
2. Reaffirm that a just solution to the plight of the oppressed people of Kurdistan, whose population exceeds 40 million, is united free Kurdistan.
3. Reaffirm our belief that the Kurdish nation can achieve its national and democratic goals through peaceful civil disobedience.
4. Congratulate President Obama on becoming the 44th President of the United State of America - the land of freedom and democracy.
5. Remind President Obama, and the US Congress that the people of Kurdistan are among the most trusted allies of the United States of America in the Middle East.
6. Reaffirm our strong support for the KRG, and the Iraqi people who support a just solution to the Kirkuk status and other areas in Iraq. Further, we believe that Article 140 of the Iraqi Constitution is a roadmap for resolution to the conflict and should be implemented.
7. Any postponement in finding a fair solution to the disputed areas is an act of betrayal against the people of Kurdistan-Iraq.
8. Express our concerns about recent behavior of the Iraqi central government including reestablishing the central power in the Kurdish areas, particularly in Kirkuk and Khanaqin; and dismissing Kurdish officers and civil servants in the disputed areas.

9. Ask President Obama to use his good influence and encourage the Turkish government to cease interference in Iraqi Kurdistan, and hostilities against the people of Kurdistan-Turkey; and issue an unconditional immunity to the PKK. Turkey should start negotiating with the DTP to find a just solution to the Kurdish problem in North of Kurdistan.
10. Express our full support to the peaceful struggle of our Kurdish nation in Kurdistan-Syria. We ask President Obama, and the US Congress to encourage the Syrian regime to recognize the Kurdish national, human, and democratic rights. In 2006, Amnesty International referred to our people in Syria as a "Buried alive nation." We ask the UN, and the international community to save our Kurdish people in Syria.
11. Ask the political parties in Kurdistan-Syria to establish a united front for their peaceful struggle to obtain Kurdish democratic and national rights.
12. Express our full support to the peaceful struggle of our people in Kurdistan-Iran. We encourage all the Kurdish parties to adapt a culture of tolerance and work together toward achieving the national and democratic rights.
13. Support the KRG-IRAQ in its endeavor to serve our people. We recognize the difficult challenges facing the Kurdistan leadership in Iraq. Further, we fully support the KRG, KDP, PUK, and other political parties and encourage them to fight corruption and nepotism. We also urge the KRG to provide an opportunity to all citizens of Kurdistan to have equal access to quality education, and business opportunities. An adequate health service should be provided to all.
14. Reaffirm our conviction that only through unity can we protect what has been achieved and regain what has been sequestered.
15. We strongly denounce the continuous Turkish and Iranian shelling and bombardment of Kurdish villages inside Iraqi Kurdistan. We believe their action is a clear violation of international laws. Therefore, we urge them to stop their aggression and engage in dialog and negotiation with the KRG and Iraqi governments to find a viable solution to the existing problems.
16. Encourage the KRG to take a more drastic measure to stop the "Honor killing," and all other forms of discrimination against Kurdish women. The KRG should continue to provide equal opportunity and quality services to promote women's social, political and academic status.