

**28/1/2026**

## **Urgent Human Rights Joint Appeal**

### **To Halt The Grave Violations Against Syrian Kurds That Amount to Crimes against Humanity**

**The undersigned organizations have received**, with profound condemnation, news of the terrorist attacks and the inhumane siege imposed on Kobani and the areas of al-Hasakah under the control of the Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria. Recent facts indicate a repeated and systematic targeting of the existence of the Kurdish people, within a conflict that goes beyond the military dimension and fundamentally targets the dignity of Kurdish citizens, men and women alike, through the cutting off of electricity, water, flour, and medicine.

Since the attack began on the Sheikh Maqsoud and Ashrafiyah neighborhoods in Aleppo, the contours of international arrangements have become clear, handing over northern Syria to Turkish decision-making in exchange for Israel assuming control over the fate of the Golan Heights, under the humiliating agreement signed by al-Shibani, on behalf of the de facto government in Damascus, with Israeli officials in Paris. What the residents of the two neighborhoods encountered was the first indication for a policy targeting the Kurds with forced displacement and grave violations. Subsequently, the military operation began in al-Tabqa, Raqqa, and Deir ez-Zor, extending to al-Shaddadi, in a manner that targeted not only Kurdish citizens but also Syrians from various social components who had been part of the Autonomous Administration, alongside the release of large numbers of ISIS detainees and their families from several prisons and detention camps.

Grave violations and flagrant breaches of international human rights law and international humanitarian law have been committed, including killing, arbitrary detention, siege, starvation, forced displacement, demographic change, and the deprivation of many essential food and supply items. These violations were perpetrated by forces of the Interim Government, Syrian armed factions, and Arab tribes forces and under the supervision and collusion of the occupying Turkish forces; with the aim of terrorizing

Kurdish civilians, forcibly displacing them from their original areas, and altering the demographic composition of all historically Kurdish Syrian regions across the ages.

**The undersigned organizations call on all Syrian parties to work toward** removing all obstacles to a culture of tolerance, peace, dialogue, and the right to difference and diversity. They also appeal to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the permanent members of the Security Council, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and all relevant international bodies and institutions concerned with the defense of human rights, in order to:

1. Put an end to violations against Syrian Kurdish civilians, the large-scale displacement they are subjected to, and the serious humanitarian risks they face, and to all forms of siege and starvation imposed on Kurdish areas.
2. Cease the targeting of civilians, places of worship, and public and private property; halt the looting of agricultural crops; and stop the pillage and theft of shops and homes.
3. Return to the negotiation table in order to reach an inclusive national settlement that protects the rights of all components and preserves civil peace and social harmony.
4. Immediately halt all forms of detention, abduction, and enforced disappearance, regardless of the justifications invoked, material or otherwise, and release all abducted and detained persons unconditionally.
5. Cease the pursuit, abduction, detention, and disappearance of Syrian citizens without any trace, or for the purpose of bargaining or negotiation over them.
6. Work to immediately disclose the fate of the missing and announce who remains alive and who has been killed or extrajudicially executed for political or non-political reasons.
7. Ensure the return of displaced civilians and those who have fled from Aleppo, the north, and the northeast, remove all obstacles to their return to their villages and homes, and guarantee the security of those routes.
8. Defend the values of citizenship and human rights in Syria and develop safe means and sound approaches that contribute to the dissemination and consolidation of the values of peace, citizenship, and tolerance among Syrians of all affiliations and backgrounds.



9. Gradually transition the country, through transitional justice, from a state of sectarian, ethnic, and national fragmentation to a state based on citizenship, equality in rights, and peaceful coexistence.
10. Ensure the neutrality of military, security, and judicial institutions in the new Syria, adopt professional and legal standards in their construction, and prevent their politicization.
11. Call upon regional and international states to respect Syria's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and to halt all forms of military, security, or economic intervention.
12. Abolish all discriminatory policies against societal components, remove their effects and consequences, and guarantee their equal political participation.
13. Work toward finding a just and democratic solution to the Kurdish people's issue in Syria, in accordance with relevant international human rights covenants and treaties, including the right to self-determination, exercised freely by their own will.

### **Signatories:**

1. Coordination for Maghreb Human Rights Organizations (include 26 HR organizations from Morocco, Mauretania, Algeria, Tunisia and Libya)
2. The Jordan Federation of the independent Trade Unions
3. Global Coalition for Solidarity and Defense of Palestinian Prisoners
4. The Arab Coalition against the Death Penalty
5. Bahrain Transparency Society
6. Arab Association for Political Science
7. Moroccan Association for Human Rights
8. Nashaz-Al-Tanafraat Association - Tunisia
9. International Movement for Human and Peoples' Rights (21 organizations from 17 countries)
10. Association of Women Heads of Families from Mauritania



11. The Jordanian Network for Human and people's Rights (includes 11 human rights organizations)
12. Syrian Federation of Human Rights Bodies and Organizations
13. Committees for the Defense of Democratic Freedoms and Human Rights in Syria (LDH)
14. Sudanese Women's Union
15. Arab World Observatory for Democracy and Elections
16. French Observatory for Human Rights
17. National Observatory for the Defense of a Civil State/Tunisia
18. Human Rights & Democracy Media Center "SHAMS"/Palestine
19. Khiam Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture-Lebanon
20. Damascus Center for Theoretical and Civil Studies
21. Amman Center for Human Rights Studies (ACHRS)
22. Institut scandinave des droits de l'homme/Fondation Haitham Manna
23. International Institute for Peace, Justice and Human Rights
24. Forum Hauran pour la citoyenneté/Syrie
25. The Arab Organization for Human Rights in Syria
26. Arab Organization for Human Rights in Libya
27. Insan Organization for Rights and Freedoms - Yemen
28. Desert Youth Organization for Development and Human Rights / Libya
29. Yemeni Organization for Defense Rights and Democratic Freedoms/Yemen
30. Nawrouz Cultural and Social Association/Lebanon
31. Jane Women's Association/Lebanon
32. Popular Aid Organization



33. Iraqi Human Rights Monitoring Association
34. Tunisian Association for the Defense of Individual Freedoms
35. Arab Coalition Against the Death Penalty
36. Center for Democracy and Workers' Rights in Palestine
37. Libyan Academic Organization
38. The Syrian Women's Defense Network (comprising 65 women's organizations and 70 independent Syrian women figures)
39. The Syrian Platform for Non-Governmental Organizations (SPNGO)
40. The Syrian Women's Coalition for the Implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 in Syria (led by 29 women and comprising 87 human rights and women's rights organizations)
41. The Syrian Youth Coalition for the Implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 2250 in Syria (led by 40 young men and women and comprising representatives from 70 human rights organizations)
42. The Syrian National Network for Civil Peace and Community Security
43. The Syrian Coalition Against the Death Penalty (SCODP)
44. The Kurdish Committee for Human Rights in Syria (Al-Rased)
45. The Kurdish Organization for Human Rights in Syria (DAD)
46. The Adl Center for Human Rights
47. The Center for Research and Protection of Women's Rights in Syria
48. Human Rights Organization in Syria – MAF
49. National Organization for Human Rights in Syria
50. Syrian Women Against Discrimination and Violence
51. Women's Freedom League in Syria
52. Women's Gathering for Peace and Democracy in Syria



53. Light Organization
54. Naranj Development Association
55. Syrian Foundation for Democratic and Civic Development
56. Organization for the Defense of Prisoners of Conscience in Syria –  
Rawanka
57. Kurdish Network for Human Rights in Syria
58. Kaskai Organization for Environmental Protection
59. Syrian Center for Election Monitoring
60. Syrians Hand in Hand
61. The League of Kurdish Civil Society Forces
62. Narina Association for Childhood and Youth/Syria
63. National Committee to Support Human Rights Defenders in Syria
64. Syrian Center for Human Rights
65. Syrians for Democracy
66. Syrian Center for Democracy and Human Rights
67. Syrian Center for Human Rights Education
68. Syrian Kurdish Documentation Center
69. Journalists Without Borders
70. Al-Jumhuriya Center for Studies and Human Rights
71. The Syrian Committee for Transitional Justice and Redress for Victims
72. The Syrian Center for Research and Studies on Migration and Asylum  
Issues (SCRSI)
73. The Ebla Center for Transitional Justice and Democracy Studies in Syria
74. The Syrian Center for Transitional Justice and Democratic Empowerment
75. The National Coordination for the Defense of the Missing in Syria



- 76.The Ahmed Bounjak Center for Supporting Freedoms and Human Rights
- 77.The Syrian Foundation for the Care of Widows and Orphans
- 78.The Austrian Kurdish Women's Association for Art and Culture/Austria
- 79.The Rojava Council of Kurdistan in France - Paris/France
- 80.The Kurdistan Bar Association/Iraq
- 81.Qaladzeh Environmental Awareness Organization - Sulaymaniyah/Iraq
- 82.Women's Empowerment Organization/Iraq
- 83.Human Rights Trainers Association/Iraq
- 84.Justice Network for Prisoners (comprising 34 organizations)/Iraq
- 85.Network of Victims of Statelessness in Hasakah/Syria
- 86.Ambition for Development and Empowerment Organization/Iraq
- 87.Raba Development Organization - Kurdistan Region/Iraq
- 88.Al-Munqidh Organization for Human Rights/Iraq
- 89.Action for Afrin Organization/Europe
- 90.Halabja Organizations Network/Iraq
- 91.Zoroastrian Development and Advancement Organization/Iraq
- 92.Nawroz Cultural Foundation/Iraq
- 93.Human Rights Organization in Syria (MAV)/Switzerland
- 94.Iraqi Minorities Alliance Network - Erbil/Iraq
- 95.Arab-European Center for Human Rights and International Law/Norway
- 96.Fayli Kurds for Human Rights/Iraq
- 97.Global Justice and Peace Organization for Human Rights and International  
Law/Norway
- 98.Free Association of Fayli Kurds in Iraq/Iraq
- 99.Center for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights/Iraq



100. Humanitarian Charity Organization/Iraq
101. Iraq Child Rights Network (comprising 54 organizations)/Iraq
102. Iraqi Women's Network (comprising 140 organizations)/Iraq
103. Human Network for Health Promotion and Humanitarian Action (comprising 7 organizations)/Iraq
104. Ozone Network for Environmental Protection (comprising 24 organizations)/Iraq
105. Sun Network for Election Monitoring (comprising 161 organizations)/Iraq
106. Iraq Network for Humanitarian Action and Settlement (comprising more than 79 NGOs)/Iraq
107. Generations for Peace Network (comprising 30 NGOs)/Iraq
108. Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty in Iraq
109. Al-Mada Foundation for Human Rights/Iraq
110. Coalition of Kurdish Civil Society Forces in Syria
111. Geostrategic Organization for Kurdish Civil Society/Syria
112. Syrian Kurdish Gathering/Germany

International Movement  
for Human and Peoples' Rights



الحركة الدولية لحقوق الإنسان  
الشعوب