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FREEDOM FOR KURDISTAN

Kurds are an Indo-European people who lived in the region known today as Kurdistan as far back as 2000 B.C. The Kurdish people were promised a state of their own by the treaty of Sevres following World War I. Instead, the 25 million Kurds, together with their homeland, were divided amongst Turkey, Iran, Iraq, and Syria. Even though they are politically divided, they are geographically united and share all the means of a nation.

In Turkey all Kurdish political parties have been banned, and Kurds are expressly denied any cultural expression of their heritage as simple as: wearing traditional Kurdish clothes, or speaking the Kurdish language. The current regime has made it a crime to say that one is a Kurd.

In Iraq, more than 3.5 million Kurdish live under the so called "autonomy law" which in effect has been emptied from it's progressive essence insofar as Kurdish cultural expression and national rights are concerned. In fact, the current reactionary regime of Saddam Hussien is using this "irk on paper" law as propaganda to cover up it's racist practices.

Today, 10-12 million Kurds in Kurdistan of Turkey, live under martial law which has become a way of life and as a result of the current invasion, this has spread into Kurdistan of Iraq with the consent of the Baath regime. Both, the Turkish and the Iraqi regimes, are systematically attempting to crush the Kurdish population, in both economic and cultural terms.

We call upon all conscientious and peace-loving people to protest and condemn the military invasion of Iraqi-Kurdistan by Ankara's junta. We count on your support for peace in Kurdistan.

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Embassy of Turkey 1606 23rd Str. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20008
Dear Mr. Ambassador,
I (we) protest the military operations of your government in Kurdistan of Iraq and urge you to put forth your best efforts for PEACE by immediately withdrawing from all occupied areas. Name: Address (optional): Signature:

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