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## On the latest events in Syrian Kurdistan

The half a million Kurds living in the northern regions of Syria have been for a long time experiencing all kinds of discrimination and personal and national oppression at the hands of the various Syrian governments. The policy of the so-called "Arab Belt" and the "Census", the mass deportation and withdrawal of citizenships from the Kurds do not seem to suffice. Neither does it satisfy the Syrian authorities. Chauvinistic attitudes and policies toward the Kurds, Arrest, detention, deportation, insults, denial access to education, to health services, and to work, and even prohibition on reconstructing ruined huts and homes are daily happenings which the Kurds suffer from. To all this the Syrian government has added new measures; e.g. preventing the Kurds from ploughing and sowing their land and harvesting their produce, despite the fact that these Kurds and their ancestors have been living in these areas from times immemorial. But when petroleum shows its head, and it has recently done, history, facts and human factors and considerations seem to sink to the bottom.

Not only does the Syrian authorities oppress the Kurds living in Syria, but they also encourage and demand the others to do the same. The Syrian authorities have denounced the Iraqi government. because the latter seems to be trying to approach the Kurdish problem in Iraq from a different angle than the Syrian government wishes. In addition the Kurds in Syria have been banned from expressing their satisfaction because their brothers in Iraq have just recently been promised some human and national rights. The few Kurds who dared to express their real feelings about the event were arrested and detained. Tens of Kurdish students and other Kurds have been recently arrested in Damascus and other parts of Syria just because they peacefully demonstrated their sympathies with their fellow - Kurds in Iraq.

The Kurdish Students Society in Europe strongly protest and denounces the latest oppressive and anti human rights measures of the Syrian government and at the same time demands that this government respect the human and national rights of the Kurds living within the Syrian borders. K.S.S.E. meanwhile reminds the Syrian government to learn from the lessons of history and asks the international public opinion and all those who are concerned with human rights and dignity to voice their protest against these oppressive measures and to help the hopeless peaceful Kurds in Syria by demanding the Syrian government to lift these measures and respect the rights of the Kurds in Syria.

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