

The Iraqi Turkmen Representation to the United Kingdom
has the pleasure to invite you to a roundtable on

The Human Rights Situation of the Iraqi Turkmen

Host

Lord Ahmed of Rotherham

Speakers

Professor Stefan Wolff , University of Birmingham
Minority rights in Iraq and the Prospects for the Iraqi Turkmen

Professor Mahir Nakip, Erciyes University Kayseri
Turkmen in Iraq and Kirkuk Identity

Thursday 18th October 2012 at 6:00 pm
(please allow 20 minutes through security)

Committee Room 4A
House of Lords, Westminster,
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The Iraqi Turkmen have been victims of decades of persecution and victimisation as a distinct community in Iraq. Hopes that the overthrow of Saddam Hussein would improve their situation and offer redress for past injustices suffered have yet to be fulfilled as they continue to be denied their status in Iraq and suffer from various forms of discrimination and assimilation and migration pressures. This event will highlight some of the most pressing issues currently facing Turkmen in Iraq and offer an opportunity to discuss ways forward to improve their situation.

Lord Ahmed of Rotherham Lord Ahmed was created a life peer in 1998, the first Muslim to be made one. He has been politically active for a long time and the Labour Party recommended him to be made a Lord as he is a prominent Muslim leader and it would add to the diversity of the House of Lords.

Stefan Wolff is Professor of International Security at the University of Birmingham. He specializes in conflict management and post-conflict state-building and has been involved in various phases of conflict settlement processes, including in Iraq.

Mahir Nakip is Professor of Marketing at Erciyes University Kayseri, Turkey. He was president of the Iraqi Turks Culture & Benevolence Associations in Turkey and served as a member of the constitution committee of the Iraqi Opposition in London.