



Iraqi Turkmen Human Rights Organizations Assembly - Europe

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Report

On 4th July.2005, thousands of Turkmen participated in a protest meeting in the festival stadium of Kerkuk city under the following topic slogans:

The United States of America celebrates **today** the anniversary of its national sovereignty and liberation day, but violates the simplest rights of the Iraqi people and particularly the rights of the Turkmen.

- Turkmen want a free, united and democratic Iraq
- Stop violation of Turkmen Human Rights
- Stop marginalization of Turkmen
- Justice and compensation for forcedly displaced Turkmen under former regime

Illegal arrests by the Kurdish militants (Pashmarga)

- No to illegal and abusive arrests and deportation of Turkmen by Kurds
- Release the Turkmen prisoners in the Kurdish jails.
- The head of police should resign
- Release all Turkmen detainees from Kurdish prisons

Interference of United Nations

- United Nations should interfere and open a bureau in Kerkuk
- Turkmen request peace keeping forces in Kerkuk
- UN were have you been?
- United Nations wake up!!!
- United Nations: Hear our voice!
- Turkmen demand urgent UN implication in Kerkuk to ensure respect of their rights

Kurdification

- Kerkuk can never be handed to the Kurds
- Stop Kurdification of Turkmen regions
- Kerkuk is the Turkmen's capital city and must remain so
- We will fight against the Kurdification of Turkmen regions.
- Kerkuk is a Turkmen city - all Pashmarga out
- Kerkuk belongs to Turkmeneli, land of our ancestors
- No to US-backed Kurdish hegemony in Kerkuk city
- We will never give up Kerkuk, capital of Turkmeneli
- Stop ethnic cleansing of Turkmen in Kerkuk & north of Iraq!

- No to abusive demographic changes in Turkmen region by US-supported Kurds
- No to unlimited U.S support for Kurds,
- Yes for Iraqi Kerkuk - No to Kurdification
- No to Kurdish hegemony in Kerkuk, capital of Turkmeneli
- No to Kurdish hegemony in Turkmeneli

Election

- The Election was a conspiracy
- Kerkuk council is illegal
- By manipulation in the election they handed Kerkuk to the Kurds
- Preceding election serves the occupation authorities and the Kurdish parties
- The Kurdish administration should be prevented from interfering in the election and census processes in the north of Irak
- Security should no longer be exclusively in the hands of the Kurds and Americans
- Upcoming election or census should be done by the United Nations

Constitution

- In the new constitution, the 13% of the Iraqi Turkmen should have the same rights as the 17% of the Iraqi Kurds.
- No democracy without equality in the constitution
- Turkmeneli must be under Turkmen administration
- Full rights for the Turkmen in the new Iraqi constitution
- Turkmen have the same rights in Iraq as Arabs and Kurds
- Turkmen must be the third official language in Iraq