## **Open letter from Kurdish journalists and civilian activists.**

# To: President-Elect Joseph Biden and Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris,

Dear President-Elect Biden and Vice President-Elect Harris,

We extend our warmest congratulations to you for winning the presidency and wishing you a successful journey in the coming years. We the people of the Kurdistan region of Iraq were eager to see this essential win of all the Americans and to restore the values of democracy which has also affected the Kurds.

Your excellencies,

It is true that the Kurdistan region of Iraq was not fully able to prosper its domestic democracy, but since 1991, the region has been a safe beacon for freedom seekers and a refugee for those being persecuted in the rest of the country and the region. Furthermore, the Kurdistan region has been an important entity and a significant geopolitical area that served the national security of the United States in the Middle East, especially when the US faced challenges in the region. Therefore, allow us kindly to once again address your presidency the wishes and appeals of the people of Kurdistan, including minorities such as Christians. We are confident that your efforts will help the persecuted people of Kurdistan.

Under President Donald Trump, not only the Kurds faced unfair treatment but they also were betrayed by the US. As a result, thousands of Kurds were killed, hundreds of thousands of Syrian Kurds and Christians were displaced, and a large swath of the Kurdish land was occupied by Turkey. In Iraq, after the physical defeat of the ISIS "Caliphate" by the Kurds and with the help of the US-led coalition, Kurds should've been rewarded not punished. Unfortunately, due to the attacks by the Iraqi government with help of Iran and their sponsored militias, the Kurdistan region lost control of 50% of the Kurdish areas known as "disputed territories" in October of 2017. Therefore, we ask the United States, under your leadership, to rebuild trust with the Kurds. Further, we ask the United States not only to protect but also to strengthen the deep friendship with the Kurds. Finally, we appeal to normalize the situation of Kirkuk province and the rest of the disputed territories from the traces of the October 16, 2017 events.

Once again, congratulations to you, Americans, and the world.

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### On behalf of 142 journalists and activists

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2	Ali Mahmud Muhammed	Civil activist	Erbil
3	Fazil Abas	Civil activist	Erbil
4	Emad Jabary	Journalist	Kirkuk
5	Shorsh Amin	Civil activist	Sulaimaniyah
6	D.Abas Mustafa Abas	Professor	Sulaimaniyah
7	Halmat Hoshyar	Media personality	Chamchamal
8	Yadgar Jalal	Mam org, Media	Kirkuk

9	Ashna Aswad Essa	Human Development Coach	Ranya
10	Jwan Zanganah	Former member of the Kirkuk Provincial Council	Kirkuk
11	Brwa Majeed Ali	Worker	Kirkuk
12	Jabar Jalal Tofeq	Kurdish Party former	Kirkuk
13	Hardy Haji	Law Graduated	Kirkuk
14	Nehro Allahy	Civil activist	Erbil
15	Rawan Talib	Journalist	kirkuk
16	Moomtaz Haidary	Writer	Erbil
17	Hady kolkny	Journalist	Halabja
18	Bakhtyar Muhammed	Employee	Kirkuk
19	Dastan Kako	Journalist	Kirkuk
20	Hassan Hussen	Civil activist	Kirkuk
21	Omed Mahmud	Journalist	Kirkuk
22	Hassan Amin	Professor	Kirkuk
23	Ahmed Hassan	Journalist	Kirkuk
24	Nabaz Rustem	Teacher & journalist	Kirkuk
25	Yousef Tayb	Employee	Kirkuk
26	Muhammed Zirng	Civil activist	Kirkuk
27	Shkufa Muhammed	Climate protector	kirkuk
28	Hemin Abubakir	Civil activist	Kirkuk
29	Zhian Hammed	Women's Union	kirkuk
30	Xalil Rahem	Employee	kirkuk
31	Xairullah Ahmed	Journalist	kirkuk
32	Rebwar Abdullah	Journalist	kirkuk
33	Goran luqman	Law student	kirkuk
34	Abdulkhaliq sdeq	Employee	kirkuk

35	D. Ramiar Ahmed	Professor	kirkuk
36	Jabar Abdullah	Retired teacher	kirkuk
37	Kameran khder	Journalist	Erbil
38	Fakher Hamed	Journalist	kirkuk
39	Mahmud RIzgar Said	Journalist	Kirkuk
40	Fawzia Abas	Employee	Erbil
41	Helo Qadir	Engineer	Kirkuk
42	Hiwa Hassan	Journalist	Kirkuk
43	Murad Sabah	Student	Kirkuk
44	Haval Reza	Civil activist	Kirkuk
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45	Muhammed Abdullah	Political prisoner	Kirkuk
46	Diar Talib	Journalist	Kirkuk
47	Rejab Assi kakay	Civil activist	Kirkuk
48	Adel Chawshen	Theatrical	Kirkuk
49	Wria Muhammed	Athlete	Kirkuk
50	Hardi Adel	Journalist	Kirkuk
51	Kawan Shawan	Lawyer and Master's Student	kirkuk
52	Araz Mamrash	Employee	Kirkuk
53	Soran Abdulkarim	Journalist	kirkuk
54	Saman Salah	Teacher & journalist	kirkuk
55	Omer Awara	Journalist	kirkuk
56	Sirwan Said	Journalist	Kirkuk
57	Muhammed Wahab	Journalist	Kirkuk
58	Aso Hussain	Director	kirkuk
59	Raper Arif	Peshmerga Kurdish military	Kirkuk
60	Hemin Qasim	Teacher	Kirkuk

61	Saad Mulah Ali	Journalist	kirkuk
62	Akam Waziry	Peshmerga Kurdish military	kirkuk
63	Azad Shkur	Journalist	Kirkuk
64	Ramazan Jabary	Political prisoner	Kirkuk
65	Hozan Jasim	Journalist & civil activist	Kirkuk
66	Sherko Ahmed	Peshmerga	Kirkuk
67	Ferhad Osman	Political prisoner	Erbil
68	Zardasht Kawa	Civil activist	Erbil
69	Ardalan Latef	Civil activist	Erbil
70	Kawa Nadir	Civil activist	Erbil
71	Osman Younes	Peshmerga	Erbil
72	Hawez Abdullah	Employee	Erbil
73	DIsoz Zangana	Former Dabin org	Erbil
74	Rebaz Hashim	Civil activist	Erbil
75	Newzad Muhammed	Civil activist	Erbil
76	Hemin Daloo	Journalist	Kirkuk
77	Shahab Ahmed	Journalist	Erbil
78	Zhelwan Fareq	Lawyer	Chamchamal
79	D.Faiza Khatab	Doctor Professor	Netherland
80	Nuralden Muhedden	Journalist	kirkuk
81	Salim Haddad	Worker	Kirkuk
82	Sherwan Abubaker	Employee	Chamchamal
83	Karwan Habeb	Journalist	Kifri
84	Nassren Ahmed	Teacher & civil activist	kirkuk
85	Zana Nabaz	Journalist	Kirkuk
86	Hashim Jabary	Journalist	Kirkuk
87	Sarkawt Fattah	Engineer	Netherland

88	Sanger Kako	Journalist	Kirkuk
89	Sabria omer	Civil activist	kirkuk
90	Rebaz sabah	Photographer	kirkuk
91	Muhammed Mustafa	Teacher	Ranya
92	Soma Khaled	Journalist	Sulaimaniyah
93	Abulrazaq baiz	Writer	Ranya
94	Afrasiaw Aziz	Political activist	Netherland
95	Ibraheem Sofy	Political activist	Halabja
96	Hoshang baba Ali	Peshmerga	Erbil
97	Qasim Abdullah	Political activist	Colonia
98	Dashty Barzwary	Writer	Erbil
99	Hama Abdullah	Political Prisoner	Usa
100	Dana Muhammed	Political activist	Chamchamal
101	Assad Jabary	Writer	Sulaimaniyah
102	Luqman Zangana	Teacher	Kirkuk
103	Husain Ali	Police man	Kirkuk
104	Kawa Nadir	Civil activist	Erbil
105	Osman Younes	Peshmerga	Sulaimaniah
106	Gully Salim	Civil activist	Erbil
107	Ibrahim Zangana	Civil activist	Kirkuk
108	Shamil Qadir	Poetry	kirkuk
109	Yassin Karim	Employee	Sulaimaniah
110	Yousef Muhammed	Retired employee	Kirkuk
111	Adil Muhammed	Lawyer	Kalar
112	Kadhim Ali	Teacher & Journalist	Kirkuk
113	Karzan Sabeer	Worker	Kirkuk
114	Ismail yassin	Teacher	Erbil

115	Dlsoz Shafeq	Civil activist	Erbil
116	Galawezh Jabary	Former member of the Kurdish parliament	Kirkuk
117	Ranjdar Sherzad	Lawyer	Kirkuk
118	Rangeen Habib	Employee	Sulaimaniyah
119	Neshan Khalil	Teacher	kirkuk
120	Shwan Muhammed	Journalist	kirkuk
121	Samira kareemat	Civil activist	kirkuk
122	Luqman saber	Student	Kirkuk
123	Rahoof Sadullah	Employee	Kirkuk
124	Irfan wahid	Employee	Kirkuk
125	Senger kako	journalist	Kirkuk
126	Rozhyar muhammed	Teacher	Kirkuk
127	Shakhawan Ibrahim	Employee	Kirkuk
128	Omer jihad	Police man	Kirkuk
129	Balen habib	Lawyer	Kirkuk
130	Halmat sabir	Civil activist	Kirkuk
131	Hama Said	Writer	kirkuk
132	Fuad Osman	Journalist	Kirkuk
133	Friad hirany	Journalist	Erbil
134	Sabah Ahmed	Soldier	Sulaimaniyah
135	Dlawer Abdullah	Director	Kirkuk
136	Deman muhammed	Employee	Sulaimaniyah
137	Balen habeb	Lawyer	Krkuk
138	Faiza fuad	Religion Zardashtiyan	Kirkuk

139	Abdullmajeed reza	Teacher	Kirkuk
140	Renas fuad	Teacher	Kirkuk
141	Ferman Mama Hama	Peshmarga	Kirkuk
142	Sami Sati	Lawyer	Kirkuk
143	Mohammed Abdulkhalq	Journalist & Civil activist	Kirkuk