

The Assyrian Cause is not Served by the Appointments of Personalities to High Positions

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Are Assyrians in the right position to fight the Kurdish onslaught against their existence as indigenous people in northern Iraq? Is the Kurd-i-stan Regional Government (KRG) genuine in its dealings with, and treatment of, the indigenous Assyrians? Is the KRG Constitution fair ethnically to the Assyrians as indigenous people of northern Iraq? Is the KRG legally just when dealing with lands and property rights of the Assyrians? Does the KRG allow fair elections? The answer to all the above questions is a strong no.

The earlier appointment of Mr. Shimun Shlemon as deputy governor of Dohuk and the recent appointment of Dr. Muna Yaku as the President of the so-called Independent Human Rights Committee in the KRG region do not serve the Assyrian national cause in northern Iraq. These appointments are simply the KRG's attempts to hypnotize the Assyrian Diaspora and soften the International voices of criticism of the KRG.

The best expression to describe these appointments by the KRG is "the evil's handouts". Assyrian individuals must reject these appointments. It is one thing to win positions via elections with our own people's votes, but it is another to accept handouts from our oppressor through these symbolic positions to please the West or the critics. We know that appointed Assyrians in high positions are watched closely and they are not free to do anything that would benefit the Assyrian people. Thus, we are silencing the KRG's voices of critic from one side and benefiting nothing from the other side.