

## Nenif Matran Hariri – The Kurdish Patron

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In 2007, I wrote an article about Nenif Matran Hariri in Zinda Magazine (posted on my website as well)<sup>1</sup>. He was appointed by the Barzani and the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) as the Christian Advisor to the Politburo of the KDP. Did the Assyrian people elect Hariri? No! What qualifications does Hariri has to be selected to such position?

Hariri's job was to ensure that the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) received a positive image in the Western media, because the West has been supporting and protecting the KRG. After the establishment of the KRG, Barzani understood that he needed few Assyrian personalities (just as he needed few Turkomans, Yezidis) to be the friendly front face to speak on behalf of the non-Kurds before the International media, show that the non-Kurds were treated well, that they were free and that their rights were protected within that region. By doing so, Barzani and the KRG have been able to silence any criticism from the diaspora activists.

In the past few years, Hariri's support for the Barzani's regime and KRG institutions took on social media as many activists intensified their criticism of the KRG. Lately, Hariri has mentioned this author in his posts. He writes: "*All his books and articles are lies & fabrications of historical truths. But I suppose he needs the money!*" It is strange to hear a Kurdish patron questioning the authenticity of the substance of my books when renowned professors such as Simo Parpola, Eden Naby, Arianne Ishaya, Efrem Yildiz, Aryo Makko and others have praised and substantiated those books.

It is also strange when Hariri targets the motives for publishing my books as being monetary. It is funny coming from a Kurdish patron explaining why other people do what they do. He assumes that our people are not aware of who is being paid by the KRG and/or KDP and for what purpose. I do not need to justify myself to Hariri, but I will clarify something for the sake of the readers. In self-publishing, my publisher, as it is the case with other publishers, does not proceed with the publishing process unless they are paid in advance. Depending on the package, services provided, publisher selected, one could pay \$4,000 to \$10,000 in advance to publish a book. Hariri does not understand that there is no money in this endeavor. He does not know that the publisher or Amazon pay an author a mere \$2 to \$3 for every book they sell. Meaning, there is a monetary loss in this important undertaking, not considering the years invested in research and writing. I wished I was a famous person like Oprah Winfrey, the Clintons or the Obamas who get a million dollars upfront regardless of the sale of their books/biographies.

I say to Hariri, if you choose to become an insect, be ready to be crushed by people's shoes.

1 <https://www.fredaprim.com/pdfs/2007/Nenif%20Matran%20Hariri%20and%20His%20Never%20Ending%20Kurdish%20Propaganda.pdf>


Hariri might mislead a few people, but he cannot fool all people. People are known from their writings and actions. The content of my writings, articles (over 120 on my website)<sup>2</sup> and three books and one booklet is clear.

Let's examine few of the latest thoughts and posts on line by Hariri:

1. October 21, 2018, Nenif congratulates the KDP for receiving the highest ever votes in history. He does not stop there, but insinuates that the Assyrian Christians votes made that possible. (See below)



2. January 18, 2019, Nenif attacked Ninos Ternian and ANB Sat and said that since Ternian was born in Iran, then he has no right to defend the Assyrians in Iraq. I guess Hariri is fighting for the rights of the Assyrians in Iraq. (See below)

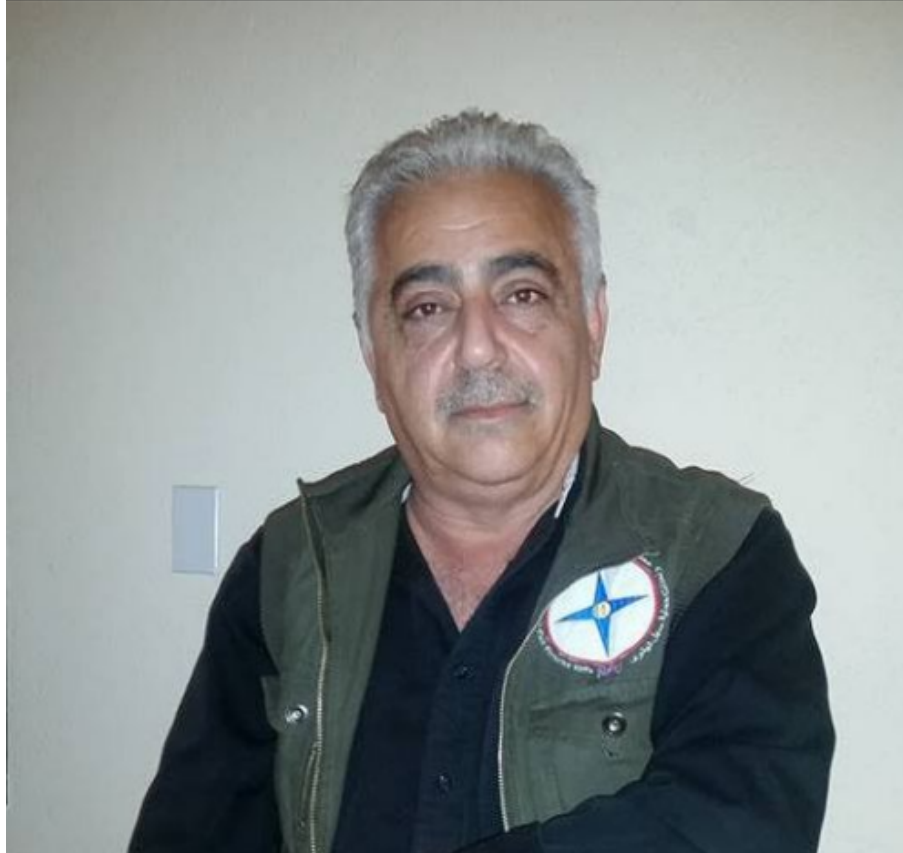
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As a permanent Iraqi resident and citizen, I do not appreciate Iranian politicians meddling in our internal political affairs. Nenos Ternian is Iranian and has no right to dictate Iraqi politics by remote control, from AMERICA!

His attention should be focused on the dire situation, his fellow Assyrians find themselves in Urmia and not how we chose to live, in our country.

Furthermore, blasphemy is a punishable crime in Iraq, this is NOT America! He will pay for his foul language, in an Iraqi courtroom.

As part of the campaign to rid Iraq of Iranian political interference, a formal complaint will be lodged against him, he will be denied entry. Be warned... ANB staff here in Iraq, they will face similar consequences!



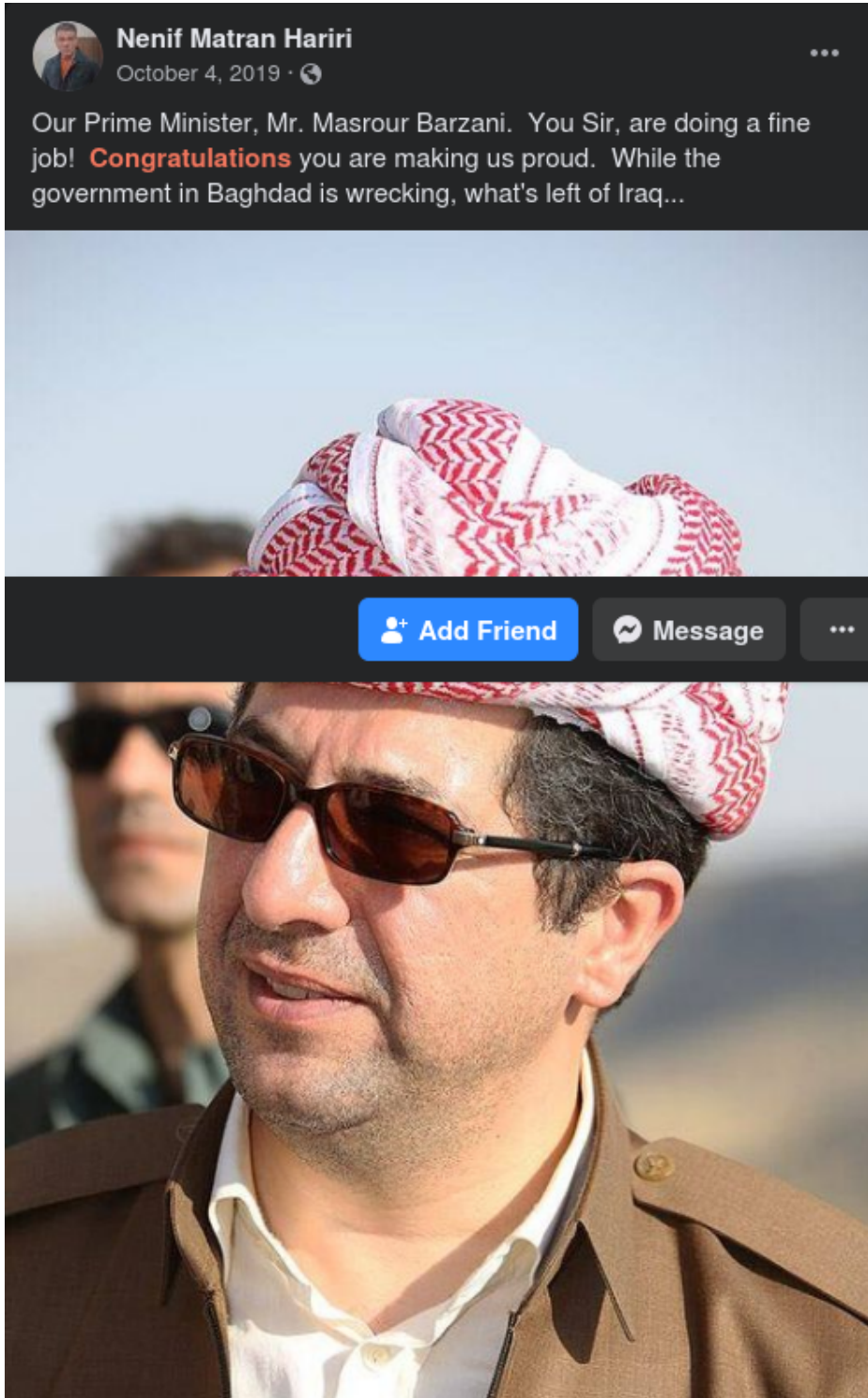
3. On July 15, 2019, Nenif congratulated fellow tribal politician Fawzi Hariri for being selected as chief of staff to the Kurdistan Region Presidency. (See below)



By the way, about 10 years earlier, who selected Fawzi Hariri to the position of Minister of Industry? Did the Assyrian people or independent political parties elect or select Fawzi Hariri as minister? Again, it is a no! It was the Barzani and the KDP.



4. On October 4, 2019, Nenif congratulated KRG Prime Minister Masrour Barzani for doing a fine job. He addressed Barzani as, “you are making us proud”. (See below)



5. December 27, 2019, Nenif wrote on his Facebook account, “I love Kurdistan – Truly the best place in the world”. (See below)



It is written, “You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn-bushes or figs from thistles?” Matthew 7:16.

Hariri has described himself through his own writings. My question to Nenif Hariri: Besides being a defender of Kurdistan, KRG, KDP and the Barzani clan, what have you and your fellow tribal friends of Fawzi Hariri, Romeo Hakari, Sarkis Aghajan, etc. have accomplished for the Assyrian people other than undermining the Assyrian cause, securing government positions and lofty salaries.

Assyrians must not allow Kurdish patrons to write our history nor dictate our future.