

## Kurdish Sarwa Abdul Wahid on iNews

On April 1, 2023 Sarwa Abdul Wahid appeared on the program al-Mashhad (The Scene) on iNews TV with Raji Naseer.

Abdul Wahid holds a Bachelor degree in Arabic Language from the University of Baghdad in 1993. She worked as a journalist in a number of local media institutions. She became a member of the Council of Representatives for the Arbil governorate and headed the Parliamentary Change Bloc. She is currently a leader within the political new generation group. She had announced her clear opposition to the referendum for the independence of the Kurdish region of Iraq.<sup>1</sup> During her parliamentary work, she participated in several seminars in the US, about the impact of the negative referendum on Kurdish social, economic and political reality.

Abul Wahid had stated that Arbil and Sulaimaniya were dangerous places for journalists.<sup>2</sup> She stressed that in the interview and said that if journalists want to live in peace in Arbil and Sulaimaniya, they must not criticize the two families of Barzani and Talabani. She gave examples of journalists who were killed in the Kurdish region for criticizing the two families. She said that we have activists that have been imprisoned because they made negative statements against the Barzani and Talabani on social media.



She said that while there is one parliament in the Kurdish region, however, there are two completely separate administrative regions; one in Arbil and the other in Sulaimaniya that govern. The directions of Barzani could not be executed in Sulaimaniya and the directions of Talabani could not be executed in Arbil. For example, there are two separate peshmerga groups, separate security personnel and border outlets are run separately by the two groups. Whenever there is a dispute between the two groups then it is because of the two families personal interest.

1 <https://english.alarabiya.net/features/2018/09/23/From-journalist-to-first-woman-candidate-to-run-for-the-presidency-of-Iraq>

2 <https://www.dinarupdates.com/showthread.php?50896-MP-Sarwa-Abdel-Wahid-Erbil-has-become-a-dangerous-place-for-journalists-and-civilian>



Abdul Wahid said that she supports the efforts to change the regime and administrative system in the Kurdish region



She concluded that the transcendence by the Barzani is only because of the tolerance and leniency of certain members of the central government in Baghdad who have their own interests.