

## The Simele Resolution HR472 and the Kurdish Imprint

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A group of Assyrians, some representing themselves, others attending as members of a group while few others being the heads of Assyrian civic and cultural institutions, traveled to Washington DC early June, 2023 to support the **introduction** of the latest resolution HR472 in the 118<sup>th</sup> US House of Representatives.<sup>1</sup> Four months have passed since the resolution was **introduced** in the US House Committee on Foreign Affairs. As of today, there have been no roll call votes related to this resolution in that Committee.<sup>2</sup> Sometimes, proposed resolutions sit idle in the committee due to the volume of projects on its agenda or because it takes time for certain legislative members to convince other members to vote-trading in order to obtain passage of actions of interest to them. The said committee must approve HR472 before it gets to the House of Representatives Floor for a vote.

This Assyrian group met with Congresswomen Debbie Lesko and Jan Schakowsky in a room inside the US Congress building. In his welcoming speech, Sam Darmo stated that there were a couple of unsuccessful resolutions in the previous 116<sup>th</sup> and 117<sup>th</sup> Congresses. However, he enthusiastically stated that House Resolution 472 in the current 118<sup>th</sup> Congress, will, quote: ***“go all the way”***. End quote.<sup>3</sup>

Meetings between US constituents and their Congress members in a room somewhere inside the Congress building is common. This is not to take anything away from the efforts undertaken to set up such meeting with US elected members. The fact is that many people, including US born citizens, do not understand the differences between the terms Declaration, Resolution (Simple, Concurrent and Joint) or a Bill. We must understand how things work in the US Congress and understand that a simple resolution, which the Simele massacre resolution is, does not have any power to change policy if and when it passes. Additionally, such resolution does not require the signature of the US president.

I have written several articles about the various Simele resolutions that have been introduced on both the US state and federal levels. Many Assyrians questioned why the Kurds and Kurdish General Bekir Sidqi were not implicated or mentioned as perpetrators in those resolutions.

One June 5, one day before this meeting with the US Congresswomen, Mr. Darmo and a few selected individuals met with the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) Envoy in Washington Bayan Sami Abdul Rahman, a Kurdish official, a journalist and a diplomat. What agenda did Mr. Darmo carry in his meeting with Abdul Rahman? According to the KRG representative press release, “... *they discussed several key issues that impact all communities in Kurdistan and Iraq but especially the Assyrians and other ethnic and religious components...*”<sup>4</sup>

Mr. Darmo did speak about the travel to Washington to support the resolution; however, we wonder why he failed to talk about the details of his meeting with the KRG representative, since it took place one day earlier. And since Mr. Darmo was there discussing with Kurdish officials the situation of

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1 <https://www.facebook.com/AssyrianGlobalNetwork/videos/554390546680350> (Attrra TV)

2 <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-resolution/472/all-actions?s=1&r=83&overview=closed>

3 <https://www.facebook.com/AssyrianGlobalNetwork/videos/647139430654254> (fast forward to 11:45 th. minute)

4 <https://us.gov.krd/en/news-and-press-releases/kr-g-envoy-receives-representatives-of-assyrian-diaspora-organizations/>

Assyrians in Iraq and in the Kurdish region, what understanding or agreement did they reach? The Assyrian people are entitled to know.



KRG Envoy Bayan Abdul Rahman meets Assyrians in Washington  
courtesy of us.gov.krd

In his highly regarded article, Max J. Joseph, an Assyrian writer who has a bachelor's degree in philosophy and a master's degree in International Public Policy, exposed Abdul Rahman, her lies and what she stands for.<sup>5</sup> Abdul Rahman has no genuine interest in the Assyrians' future on their ancestral lands as the policies of the KRG against the indigenous Assyrians<sup>6</sup> prove it. We are not just Christians whose future will be secured by building new churches or a grand patriarchal compound.<sup>7</sup> Why do we keep presenting the Kurdish leaders with all the opportunities they need to bolster their claims of being democratic and receptive to Assyrian national matters when they are not? We gain nothing from these photo sessions, meanwhile the Kurds display them as a sign of how good they are to the Assyrians.

Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu said, "Sincere words are not fine; fine words are not sincere." I never had the intention to win people with "nice thoughts to impress" – Only the truth and my compassion for Assyria and Assyrians have guided my publications. We must know the truth and we must demand nothing but the truth, specially from the non-elected or non-qualified Assyrians who meet with foreign government officials and discuss policies and steps that impact all of us.

Further reading about the Simele Resolution:

<https://www.fredaprim.com/pdfs/2023/Arizona%20Genocide%20Resolution%20FINAL.pdf>

<https://www.fredaprim.com/pdfs/2023/Simele%20Resolution.pdf>

<https://www.fredaprim.com/pdfs/2023/Seyfo%20and%20Arizona%20final.pdf>

<https://www.fredaprim.com/pdfs/2023/Sam%20Darmo%20on%20Nohadra%20TV%2006252023.pdf>

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5 <https://www.atour.com/~aahgn/news/20230917a.html> (Originally published on 1001Iraqithoughts)

6 <https://modern diplomacy.eu/2022/08/10/iraq-must-recognize-assyrians-as-its-indigenous-people/>

7 <https://www.aei.org/op-eds/stop-giving-iraqi-kurds-a-free-pass-on-religious-freedom/>