

The Assyrian Genocide Monument in Qamishli, Syria Vandalized Fred Aprim

On Feb 20, 2023, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan met at the Turkish earthquake hit city of Hatay with Syriac Orthodox Church Patriarch Mar Ignatius Ephrem II Karim and his delegation that included Patriarchal Deputy Yusuf Cetin, Metropolitan Joseph Bali, Rev. Haitham Bahhu and Ghassan Al-Chami.



On Feb 25, 2023, the Assyrian genocide monument in Qamishli (Beth Zalin), Syria that was erected by Patriarch Mar Ephrem in June 2016 was reported vandalized.¹



2016 Monument Inauguration



2023 Monument vandalized

Fingers point to the Kurdish militias in Qamishli for this vandalism which is interpreted as a retaliation by the Kurdish militias against the meeting of the patriarch with the Turkish president.

¹ <https://syriacpress.com/blog/2023/02/25/syria-sayfo-genocide-memorial-in-beth-zalin-vandalized/>