

Assyrian Institutions in Contact with the Kurdistan Regional Government Liaison Office in Washington

Mr. Edward Orahá had a program to address the issue of some previously unknown communications between Assyrian groups (some even strictly in the homeland) with the Kurdistan Regional Government Liaison Office in Washington, USA. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hXLN0Fh18Z8>

Mr. Orahá retrieved documents of contacts between the period from January to June, 2022. The KRG office in Washington has been in contact with the following Assyrian groups to address what it calls as Kurdish issues in the US and in northern Iraq:

1. Bet Nahrain Democratic Party (BNDP) of Romeo Hakkari (in northern Iraq). The BNDP had contacted the KRG office in Washington 8 times from Jan 17 to June 8, 2022.
2. The Chaldean Syriac Assyrian People's Council in Chicago had contacted the KRG office 21 times from Jan 3 to June 14, 2022. The Council representative in Chicago, Dr. Odisho Khoshaba, is presented as the leader of Assyrian community in Chicago and he was mentioned by name a couple of times as contacting the KRG office.
3. Assyrian Church of the East (ACOE) leadership in Chicago had calls with the KRG office in Washington 22 times from Jan 6 to June 24, 2022. Mr. Orahá asked, the ACOE is in continuous contact with the Kurdish leadership in northern Iraq which is known. Why is the Chicago diocese contacting the KRG office in Washington 22 times?
4. Assyrian Universal Alliance (AUA) had 108 contacts with the KRG office in Washington from Jan 4 to June 26, 2022 had 108 contacts (106 via phones and 2 times in meetings in Michigan).
5. Nineveh Council (established 2013 in Chicago headed by Gilyana Yonan of the BNDP) had 27 contacts with the KRG office in Washington by phone from Jan 5 to June 25, 2022.

Mr. Orahá asks, the important question is, what is the purpose of these communications? The groups mentioned above that are in the Homeland do cooperate and communicate with the Kurds publicly in northern Iraq. Why are they hiding these communications from the public in the Diaspora? Why are they trying to silence the Assyrian voices in the Diaspora?

