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Welcome to our August 2023 Newsletter



**KRG Representative engages in diplomatic dialogue with U.S.
Department of State officials**

In August 2023, Ms. Treefa Aziz, the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) Representative to the United States, met with Victoria Taylor, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Iran and Iraq at the U.S. Department of State. The discussions revolved around enhancing bilateral cooperation, with both representatives emphasizing the significance of strengthening ties between the United States and the Kurdistan Region for regional stability and progress.

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KRG Mission in the US enhances partnerships with academic institutions and think tanks

In a series of productive meetings held in August 2023, the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) Representative to the United States, Treefa Aziz, and Delovan Barwari, Director of Public and Academic Affairs, bolstered partnerships with key U.S. academic institutions and think tanks, with a specific focus on collaborative initiatives.

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INTERVIEW WITH DR. NAHRO ZAGROS

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF KURDISTAN CHRONICLE

SEASON 4 EPISODE 8





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Welcome to the eighth episode of Season Four of the Kurdistan in America podcast. We are delighted to have Dr. Nahro Zagros, the Editor-in-Chief of Kurdistan Chronicle, as our distinguished guest.

Dr. Zagros, previously the Vice President of Soran University, currently serves as a Senior Fellow at the Gold Institute for International Strategy in Washington, D.C. Beyond his academic achievements, he shares his insights on politics and culture through various local and international media platforms.

In this episode, our central focus revolves around Kurdistan Chronicle, journalism, and the crucial topic of press freedom in the Kurdistan Region. Moreover, Dr. Zagros also delves into the historical context of the Kurdish question in Iraq and the present-day dynamics in the relationship between Erbil and Baghdad.

Join us for an enlightening and engaging conversation as we explore the realms of journalism, democracy, and Kurdish politics.

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President Nechirvan Barzani and Prime Minister Al-Sudani discuss the situation in Kirkuk

President Nechirvan Barzani and Prime Minister of Iraq, Mr. Mohammed Shia al-Sudani, discussed the latest developments in the security situation in Kirkuk.

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President Nechirvan Barzani receives the new Consul General of the US

President Nechirvan Barzani received today in Erbil the incoming US Consul General, Mr. Mark Straw. The President welcomed the new Consul General to the Kurdistan Region, wished him success, and expressed support for his mission. The President...

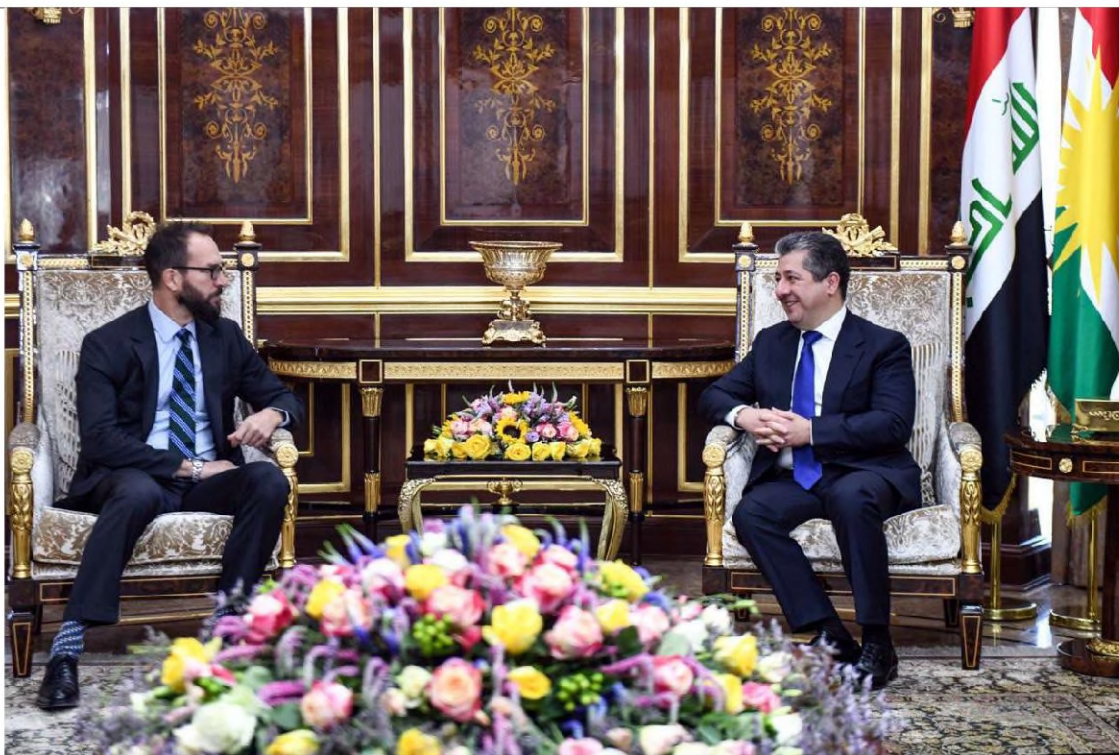
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President Nechirvan Barzani's statement on the anniversary of the genocidal Anfal campaigns in Badinan

As we commemorate the 35th anniversary of the Anfal operations in Badinan, we remember and honor the innocent people who fell victim to these genocidal campaigns. In 1988, 182,000 innocent people across Kurdistan, including children, women, old and young, were systematically targeted and killed by the former Iraqi regime.

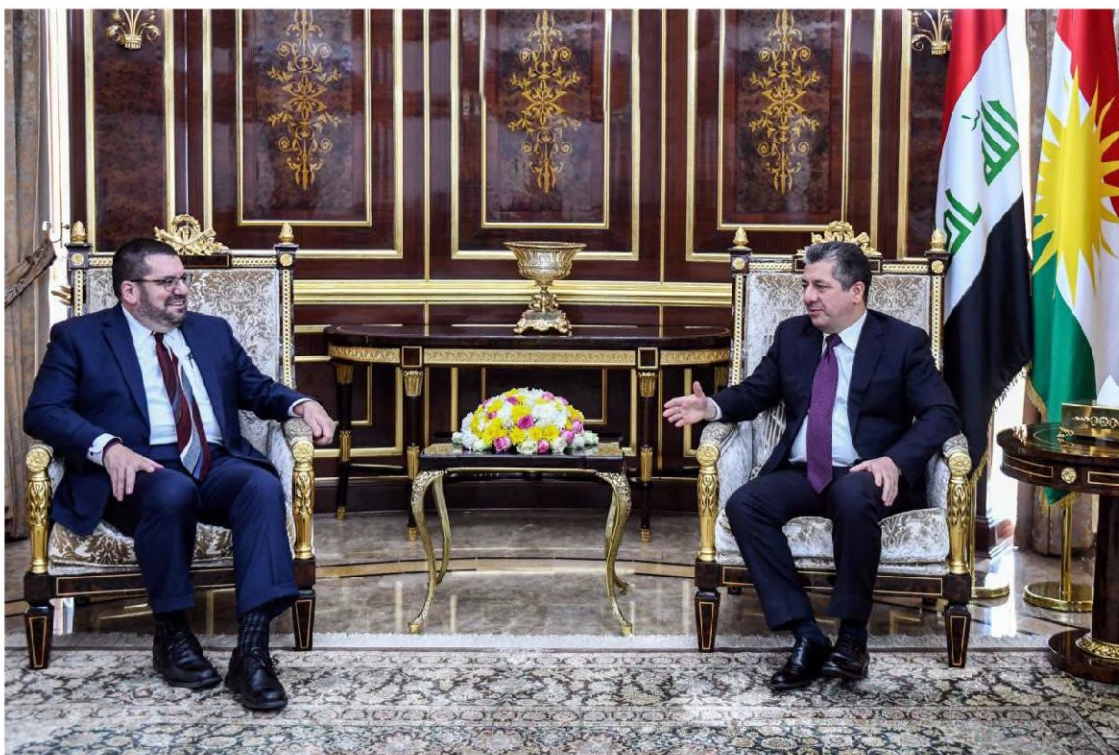
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KRG Prime Minister Meets New US Consul General in Erbil

On Thursday, August 24, 2023, the Kurdistan Regional Government's Prime Minister, Masrour Barzani, welcomed Mr. Mark Stroh, the recently appointed US Consul General to Erbil. In their meeting, Prime Minister Barzani congratulated Mr. Stroh on his new role and highlighted the Kurdistan Region's continued commitment to strengthening relations with the United States.

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KRG Prime Minister receives the Deputy Chief of Mission at the US Embassy

Skip to the content On Wednesday, August 9, 2023, Prime Minister Masrour Barzani of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) met with David Berger, the Deputy Chief of Mission at the United States Embassy in Iraq.

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PM Masrour Barzani welcomes Canadian Parliamentary Friends of the Kurds group

Erbil, Kurdistan Region (GOV.KRD) - Prime Minister Masrour Barzani received the Canadian Parliamentary Friends of the Kurds group led by MP Tom Kmiec in Erbil today. The delegation presented a brief about their work and activities with the aim to support the Kurdish cause and develop relations between Canada and the Kurdistan Region.

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KRG Prime Minister Briefs Coalition Forces' Commanders on Peshmerga Reforms and ISIS Threats

Skip to the content On August 13, 2023, Prime Minister Masrour Barzani of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) welcomed a delegation spearheaded by the departing commander of the Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve, Major General Mathew McFarlane, and his successor, Major General Joel B. Vowell.

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KRG Prime Minister Condemns Kirkuk Violence

"I strongly denounce the riots which challenged democratic principles and coexistence in Kirkuk today. The targeted violence against Kurdish civilians by chauvinist factions is

deeply condemnable. "I urge Iraq's federal Prime Minister to intervene promptly, safeguarding the lives, rights, and properties of its citizens, including peaceful demonstrators.

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KRG Prime Minister welcomes Cardinal Sako of the Chaldean Catholic Church

On Sunday, August 6, 2023, Prime Minister Masrour Barzani of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) warmly welcomed Cardinal Louis Raphaël Sako, the Patriarch of the Chaldean Catholic Church in Iraq and Worldwide. During their discussion, Cardinal Sako conveyed his appreciation for the unwavering support he and the Chaldean Catholic Church have received from Prime Minister Barzani and the KRG.

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PM Masrour Barzani's statement marks 9th anniversary of Shingal Genocide

On Thursday, August 3, 2023, Prime Minister Masrour Barzani issued a statement commemorating the ninth anniversary of the attack on Shingal by ISIS: Nine years ago, the so-called Islamic State (ISIS) terrorists executed a heinous attack on Shingal (Sinjar) and its surroundings.

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KRG Prime Minister Masrour Barzani Advocates for Equal Public Services in the Kurdistan Region

On Monday, August 14, 2023, during a visit to the city of Duhok, Prime Minister Masrour Barzani of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) emphasised the importance of non-discriminatory access to public services across all neighbourhoods and regions.

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KRG Prime Minister Inaugurates Dalal Corniche, Affirming Commitment to Constitutional Rights

On Monday, August 14, 2023, Masrour Barzani, the Prime Minister of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG), unveiled the Dalal Corniche tourism project in Zakho. Praising the region's progress, the Prime Minister emphasised that Dalal Corniche is not an isolated achievement for the Zakho Autonomous Administration, standing among 170 other successful projects spanning various sectors.

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KRG Council of Ministers Advocates for Constitutional Alignment of the Upcoming Federal Oil and Gas Law

On Wednesday, August 9, 2023, Prime Minister Masrour Barzani presided over a session of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) Council of Ministers. Deputy Prime Minister Qubad Talabani was also present. The key focus of the meeting was the outcome of recent discussions between the KRG and the Iraqi Federal Government in Baghdad.

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The Council of Ministers calls for unity in demanding Kurdistan

Region's constitutional rights

On Wednesday, August 2, 2023, the Kurdistan Region's Council of Ministers convened its weekly meeting, presided over by Prime Minister Masrour Barzani and attended by Deputy Prime Minister Qubad Talabani. At the start of the meeting, Prime Minister Barzani commemorated the anniversary of the martyrs and victims of the Sinjar massacres and the Yazidi genocide perpetrated by the so called Islamic State (ISIS) terrorists.

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