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Kurdistan Regional Government Representation in the United States Washington D.C.

Welcome to our December 2023 Newsletter



KRG Representative Engagement with US Congress

The Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) Representative to the United States, Ms. Treefa Aziz, strengthened U.S.-Kurdistan relations during high-level Senate meetings in Washington, DC, on December 14, 2023.

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KRG Representative Visit to Kurdistan: Strengthening Ties and Collaborations in the Region

In her first official visit to the Kurdistan Region after assuming her post in Washington, Representative Aziz held a series of meetings with key KRG and US officials, religious leaders, and other stakeholders in Erbil.

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Interview with Ms. Bonnie Carroll
President and Founder of TAPS International
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Welcome to a new episode of the 'Kurdistan in America' podcast, marking our twelfth and final episode of Season Four. We are honored to feature Ms. Bonnie Carroll, the president and founder of the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), a non-governmental organization dedicated to supporting families affected by military losses.

We would like to take a moment to extend our warm wishes to our audience for a joyous holiday season and a New Year filled with hope and positivity.

Ms. Carroll, the surviving spouse of Brigadier General Tom Carroll, also served in the military, retiring as a Major in the US Air Force Reserve.

In her earlier civilian career, she served three Presidents in senior policy positions in Washington, D.C., lobbied on Defense and Aerospace issues, and was posted in Baghdad, Iraq from '03 to '04 during Operation Iraqi Freedom as an Advisor to the Ministry of Communications.

Her experiences in Iraq inspired a global network offering hope and healing to all those grieving a military loss. The connections she forged among widows and mothers of the Peshmerga and Iraqi Army laid the foundation for TAPS' research on supporting the enduring legacies of service and sacrifice—the families left behind.

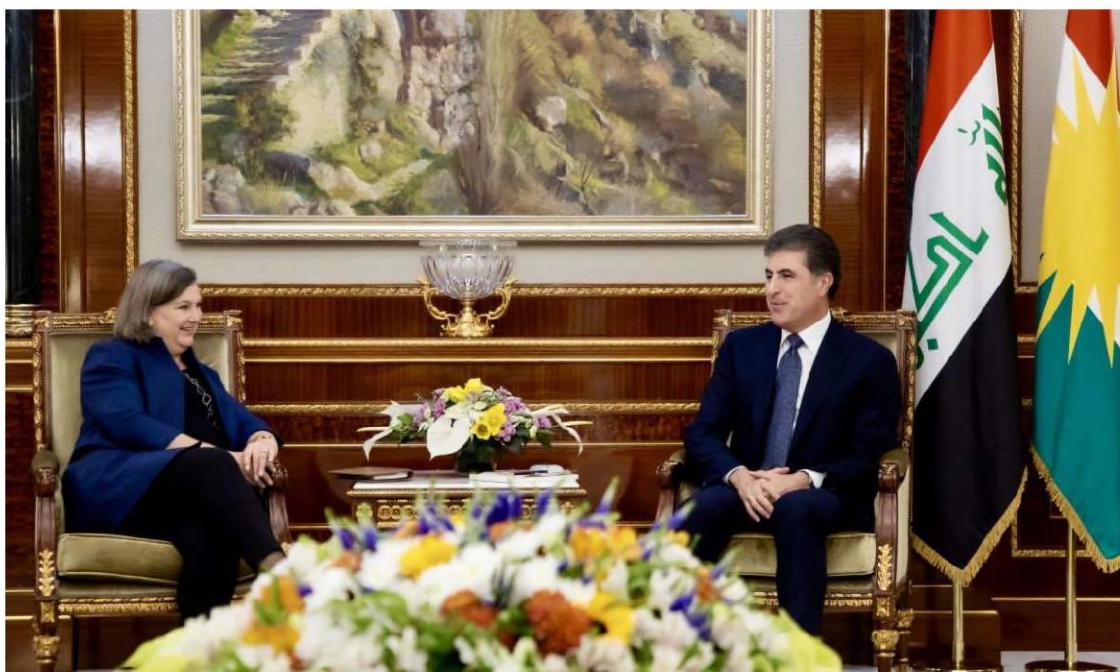
Ms. Carroll was honored with the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Obama, the highest civilian recognition in the United States, in 2015.

In this episode, Ms. Carroll shares her experiences in the U.S. military, her time in Iraq and the Kurdistan Region, the inspiration behind establishing TAPS International, and her perspectives on the Kurdish people.

Join us on this enlightening journey as she shares her remarkable life story.

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President Nechirvan Barzani meets with US Deputy Secretary of State

President Nechirvan Barzani had a meeting with the US Deputy Secretary of State, Ms. Victoria Nuland in Erbil on Wednesday. The meeting was attended by the US Ambassador to Iraq, US Consul General in Erbil and a number of diplomats...

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Presidency of the Kurdistan Region condemns drone terrorist attack on Peshmerga base

We condemn in the strongest terms the drone terrorist attack that targeted a Peshmerga base in Erbil last night. The assault on the Peshmerga, which is an official force and an integral component of Iraq's federal defense system, is a dangerous and unacceptable escalation that jeopardizes the peace and stability of Iraq.

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President Nechirvan Barzani appoints three judges to the Kurdistan Region Court of Cassation

President Nechirvan Barzani, during an official ceremony today in Erbil, appointed Judge Jassim Jaza Jaafar, Judge Jassim Mohammed Mustafa, and Judge Tahir Ali Hassan as members of the Kurdistan Region Court of Cassation...

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KRG Prime Minister Meets with US Deputy Secretary of State

Prime Minister Masrour Barzani of the Kurdistan Regional Government received the United States Deputy Secretary of State Victoria Nuland. Also in attendance was Alina Romanowski, the United States Ambassador to Iraq.

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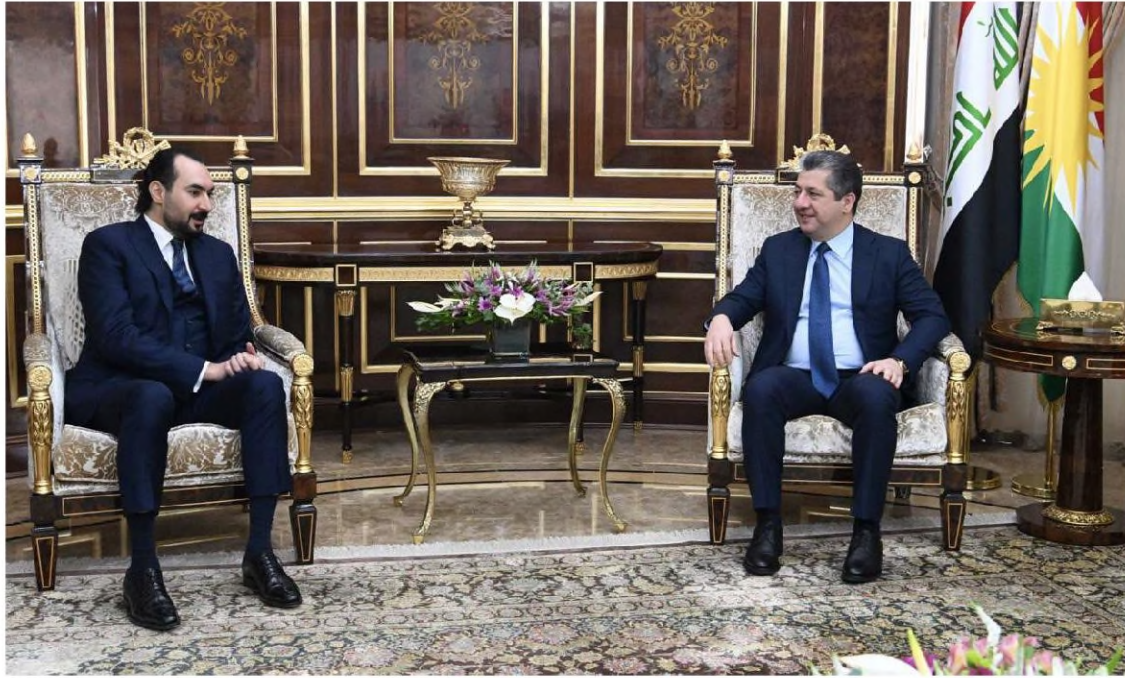


KRG Prime Minister Meets with UAE President and UN Secretary General

The Kurdistan Regional Government's Prime Minister Masrour Barzani attended the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28) inauguration in Dubai. He was

welcomed by Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the President of the United Arab Emirates, and António Guterres, the UN Secretary General.

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KRG Prime Minister Meets with IDB Chairman

Masrour Barzani, Prime Minister of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG), engaged in a productive discussion with Ziyad Khalaf, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the International Development Bank (IDB).

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KRG Prime Minister Engages in Key Talks with UNAMI Chief

Masrour Barzani, Prime Minister of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG), met with Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI).

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KRG Prime Minister Stands Firm on the Protection of Rights for Ethnic and Religious Components

Prime Minister Masrour Barzani of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) reiterated the government's commitment to upholding the rights of all ethnic and religious components in the Kurdistan Region.

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Message from KRG Prime Minister on Ezi Feast

Prime Minister Masrour Barzani of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) conveyed warm congratulations to the Yazidis in the Kurdistan Region and globally on the occasion of Ezi Feast Day (Rojiyên Êzî).

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Council of Ministers Discusses Electricity Improvement Strategies

The Council of Ministers of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG), led by Prime Minister Masrour Barzani and attended by Deputy Prime Minister Qubad Talabani,

convened to deliberate various issues. The session opened with a discussion on the tragic fire incident in Soran on December 8, 2023, which resulted in 14 fatalities and multiple injuries.

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KRG Council of Ministers Calls on Iraqi Government to Address Injustices by Ensuring Financial Entitlements for the Kurdistan Region

Prime Minister Masrour Barzani led a session of the Kurdistan Regional Government's (KRG) Council of Ministers, with Deputy Prime Minister Qubad Talabani in attendance. The Prime Minister began proceedings by sharing insights from his participation in the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 28) in Dubai.

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Kurdistan in the Media



Iraqi Kurdistan May Finally Acquire Air Defenses After Years Of Unprovoked Missile And Drone Attacks

The 2024 National Defense Authorization Act passed by Congress notably includes a provision for equipping Iraqi Kurdistan's Peshmerga forces with air defenses.

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Suicide drone attacks anti-ISIS coalition forces in Erbil, injuries reported

A one-way suicide drone on Monday attacked the global coalition against the Islamic State forces based at the Erbil International Airport, according...

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Kurdish Officials Attend COP28 Looking for Support

Top officials of the Kurdistan Regional Government of Iraq, who are dealing with a dire financial crisis at home, are attending this week's United Nations...

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KRG Enhancing Road Safety Through Traffic Engineering

In an interview with Kurdistan Chronicle, Delan Abdulla Omer, Director of the Traffic Engineering Directorate, shared insights into the transformative...

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Kingdom of Iraq and Sheikh Mahmud Barzanji's Kingdom of Kurdistan

During the First World War, the British government agreed to recognize Arab independence after the war in exchange for the Sharif of Mecca and his...

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'Insufficient funds' forces IDP camp in Iraqi Kurdistan to close down

The second biggest camp hosting Iraqi Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Iraqi Kurdistan's Sulaimaniyah province was closed due to...

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Yazidi teen reunites with family after nearly a decade of ISIS captivity

After having been taken captive by the Islamic State (ISIS) nearly a decade ago, a 19-year-old Yazidi youth reunited with his family members at a camp in Duhok...

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Kirkuk governorship is a Kurdish entitlement, says KDP official

The next Kirkuk governor should be a Kurd as the Kurdish population in the oil-rich province has secured most of the latest provincial election's...

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Actualizing Potential: An Outlook on Turkey-Kurdistan Trade

In a recent interview with Kurdistan Chronicle, Mehmet Kaya, Chairman of the Diyarbakir Chamber of Commerce and Industry, evaluated the current...

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'I anticipate US will be in Iraq for many years,' says former Coalition spox

Retired US Army Col. Myles B. Caggins III, a former spokesman for the US-led Coalition in Iraq, on Saturday discussed with Kurdistan24 the future of the US military presence in Iraq.

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Kurdish Woman Leaves US to Open Winery in Ancestral Homeland

Tanya Fuad is a Kurdish woman who moved to the heart of Kurdistan's Sulaymaniyah province after living in the United States for 50 years...

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Kurdistan Region had 'exemplary' year in investment, says KRG official

The Kurdistan Region experienced an "exemplary" year in investments, as it had granted the highest amount of investment licenses, according to a senior...

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