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Welcome to our October 2023 Newsletter



KRG Envoy attends Marshall Legacy Gala

Representative, Ms. Treefa Aziz, and her team attended the Marshall Legacy Gala in Washington, DC. This event celebrated the achievements of Deputy Officer Sajed Majeed from the KRG's Ministry of Peshmerga (MoP) and dog Marschall.

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Representative Treefa Aziz attends first public event at American University

Representative Aziz participated in a significant discussion with Dr. Yerevan Saeed, the Mustafa Barzani Scholar of Global Kurdish Studies, at an event hosted by American University titled "Exploring Kurdish Culture and Politics."

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Welcome to another insightful episode of the "Kurdistan in America" podcast, our tenth episode of Season Four. We are privileged to have Dr. Michael Knights, a renowned Middle East expert from The Washington Institute, join us.

Dr. Knights is the Jill and Jay Bernstein Fellow at The Washington Institute, specializing in the military and security affairs of Iraq, Iran, and the Gulf states. He also co-founded the Militia Spotlight platform, offering in-depth analysis of the Iranian-backed militias in Iraq and Syria.

He earned his PhD from the Department of War Studies at King's College London.

In this episode, Dr. Knights discussed the challenges facing Iraq and the Kurdistan Region. He offered his take on the potential role Washington can play in addressing the disputes between Erbil and Baghdad. Additionally, he shared his personal perspectives on the Kurdish people and stressed the importance of Kurdish unity.

Join us on this enlightening journey as Dr. Michael Knights shares his comprehensive knowledge, guiding us through the ever-evolving geopolitical landscape of the Middle East.

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President Nechirvan Barzani emphasizes rights of Kurdistan Region's ethnic and religious communities

President Nechirvan Barzani held a meeting with Mr. Aydin Maruf, the Kurdistan Regional Government's Minister of the Region for Minority Affairs, to address the ethnic and religious communities' current situation and their rights in the Kurdistan Region.

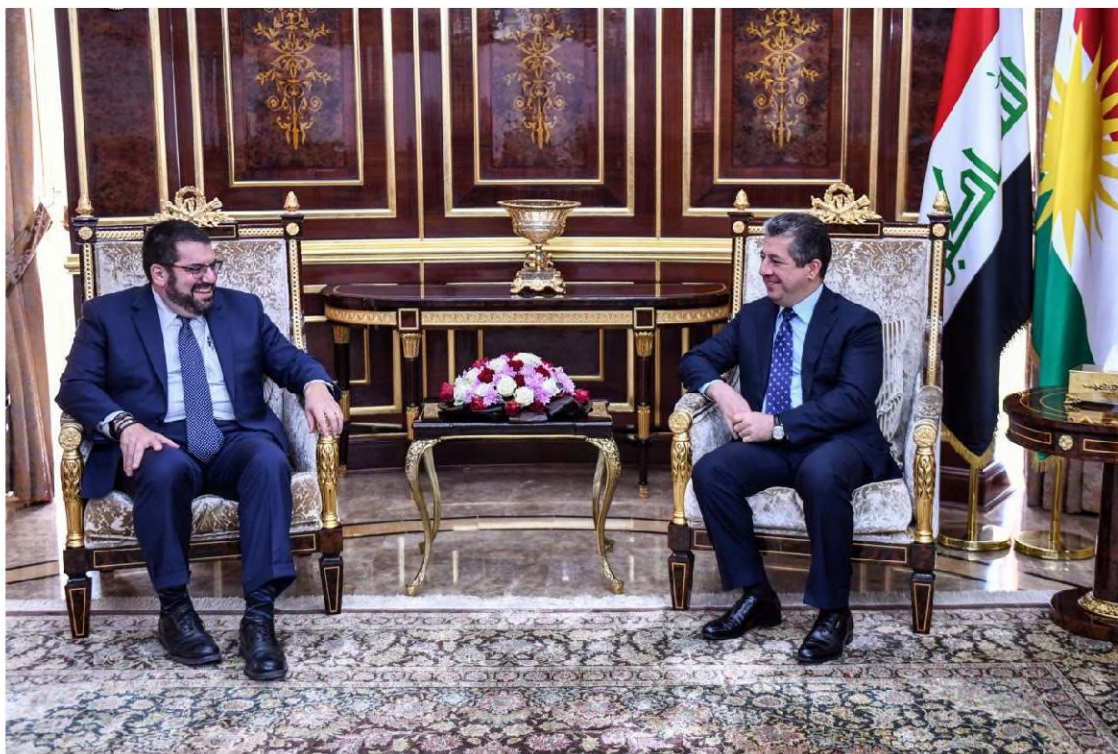
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President Nechirvan Barzani attends Türkiye's National Day celebrations

President Nechirvan Barzani attended Türkiye's National Day celebrations hosted by the Turkish Consulate General in Erbil this evening, to mark the centenary of the Turkish Republic.

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KRG Prime Minister Meets Deputy Chief of Mission from US Embassy

On Wednesday, October 4, 2023, Prime Minister Masrour Barzani of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) met with David Berger, the Deputy Chief of Mission at the US Embassy in Iraq. The two sides discussed recent developments in Iraq and emphasised the significance of safeguarding the constitutional rights and financial entitlements of the Kurdistan Region.

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KRG Prime Minister: Police Officers Must Set a Positive Example for the Government and Respect Human Rights

On Thursday, October 19, 2023, Prime Minister Masrour Barzani of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) attended the graduation ceremony of the Erbil Police Academy. In his address, the Prime Minister underscored the pivotal role of the police in maintaining security, fostering peace and stability, eradicating crime, and combatting criminals.

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KRG Prime Minister Prioritises Public Health System Enhancement

On Thursday, October 19, 2023, Prime Minister Masrour Barzani of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) attended the graduation ceremony of the Kurdistan Board of Medical Specialties (KBMS) in Erbil. Prime Minister Barzani underscored the profound significance of the medical profession, expressing his fervent hope that physicians would continue to uphold the sanctity and nobility of their responsibilities, maintaining the highest standards of professional ethics and adherence to their sacred oath.

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KRG Prime Minister: An Efficient Banking System Fosters Economic and Trade Growth

On Saturday, October 21, 2023, Prime Minister Masrour Barzani of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) addressed the annual Iraqi banking sector conference in the Kurdistan Region. The conference convened prominent figures, including Ali Mohsen Al-Alaq, the Governor of the Central Bank of Iraq, and bank executives from Iraq, the Kurdistan Region, and Arab nations.

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Prime Minister Barzani's speech at the Catholic University of Erbil graduation

First and foremost a very warm welcome to all of you who have gathered tonight to celebrate the commencement ceremony of the Class of 2023 of the Catholic University of Erbil. The ground we are standing on today is sacred in more ways than one.

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KRG Prime Minister: I Will Continue Supporting and

Championing the Legitimate Rights of Women

On Tuesday, October 31, 2023, Prime Minister Masrour Barzani of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) and Deputy Prime Minister Qubad Talabani attended a ceremony in Erbil to mark the anniversary of the adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security.

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KRG Prime Minister Launches Advanced Asphalt Recycling Factory in Erbil

On Tuesday, October 17, 2023, Prime Minister Masrour Barzani of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) inaugurated an advanced asphalt recycling factory in Erbil. The factory is constructed in line with modern environmental standards and represents a pioneering endeavour, the first of its kind in both Iraq and the Kurdistan Region.

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Kurdistan in the Media



Fashion Designer Lara Dizyee Appointed as Kurdistan's Cultural Ambassador

Kurdish fashion designer Lara Dizyee has been appointed as Kurdistan's Cultural Ambassador for her remarkable contributions to her field.

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PM Barzani briefs investors on KRG enhancing banking system, digitalization

Kurdistan Region Prime Minister Masrour Barzani on Tuesday briefed Kurdish investors on his government's efforts to strengthen the banking system...

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He highlighted the government's "intensified" cooperation in recent years with international organizations, particularly with the...

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A memorial commemorating the Yazidi people's genocide at the hands of the Islamic State (ISIS) was inaugurated in the community's heartland Shingal...

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Archeological team unearth 2,700-year-old Assyrian sculpture in Mosul

A French archeological team has unearthed a 2,700-year-old sculpture of the winged Assyrian Lamassu in the village of Khorbasad, known in Assyrian...

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Iraqi PM says foreign oil companies in Kurdistan to resume production

Iraq's Prime Minister Mohammed Shia Al-Sudani said on Tuesday that foreign oil companies operating in the Kurdish region informed his government that if...

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3,500 people take part in Erbil marathon

About 3,500 runners took part in the 10th Erbil International Marathon on Friday, including a large number of foreigners. The slogan for this year's race...

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Art exhibition on Mesopotamian culture held in Washington

Twelve artists from Iraq and the Kurdistan Region participated in an exhibition on Mesopotamian culture held in Washington last week, showcasing...

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Self-reliance for Syrian Refugees in Kurdistan

Over the years, the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) has worked with humanitarian partners to initiate concrete policies that allow for a degree of...

Kurdistan Region aims to be self-sufficient, says PM Barzani

The Kurdistan Region intends to be self-sufficient in producing what it needs domestically, Prime Minister Masrour Barzani said on Tuesday...

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The New York Kurdish Film Festival held its seventh edition on 20-26 October in the historic Angelika Theater in New York City in the United States...

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