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**Kurdistan Regional Government
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Welcome to our January 2024 Newsletter



Unifying Efforts: Highlights from the 3rd Conference of KRG Representations in Erbil

The Department of Foreign Relations (DFR), under the leadership of Minister Safeen Dizayee, hosted the third conference of "Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) Representations Abroad" in Erbil from January 28 through February 1...

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KRG Representative Speaks at Congressional Roundtable on Kurdistan's Geopolitical Challenges

On January 22, 2024, the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) Representation in the United States hosted a roundtable discussion with professional staff members of the

House Foreign Affairs committee on the geopolitical challenges facing the KRG, Iraq and wider region.

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KRG Representative Engages with U.S. Congressional Leaders on Security Concerns

In response to increased security concerns in the Kurdistan Region and Iraq, the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) Representative to the United States, Ms. Treefa Aziz, held several meetings with prominent members of both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives....

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KRG Delegation Attends 2024 International Religious Freedom Summit and National Prayer Breakfast in Washington D.C.

On behalf of the KRG Representation in the United States, Dasko Shirwani, Director of Religious Affairs, accompanied a distinguished delegation from the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) to the 2024 International Religious Freedom Summit and National Prayer Breakfast from January 30 to February 2...

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The graphic is a promotional banner for a podcast. At the top left is the 'KURDISTAN IN AMERICA' logo, which includes a circular emblem with a bird and the text 'PODCAST'. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'Interview with Dr. Yerevan Saeed', 'Mustafa Barzani Scholar in Residence', and 'Season 5 Episode 1'. A yellow speaker icon is in the top right corner. The central part of the graphic features a portrait of Dr. Yerevan Saeed, a man in a dark suit and tie, with a yellow audio waveform at the bottom. To the left of the portrait is the 'AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON, DC' logo. To the right is a QR code with an arrow pointing to it and the text 'Scan to Play'. At the bottom left, there is a link: 'Listen to Previous Episodes: pod.link/KurdistaninAmerica'.

Welcome to 'The Kurdistan in America' podcast, the official podcast of the KRG Representation in Washington DC, hosted by Delovan Barwari. In the Season Five kickoff episode, we are honored to welcome Dr. Yerevan Saeed, the Mustafa Barzani Scholar in Residence at American University and a Non-Resident Fellow at the Arab Gulf States Institute.

In this episode, Dr. Saeed shares his academic journey, including his impressive accomplishment of earning a PhD in Peace and Conflict Resolution from George Mason University. We'll also explore his role as the Mustafa Barzani Scholar in Residence.

We delve into Dr. Saeed's recent thought-provoking article in The Hill, titled 'America must stop treating the Kurds like temporary allies.' Our conversation goes deep into topics such as Iran's ballistic attack on Erbil, the U.S. response to these attacks, and the broader implications of America's approach to Kurdish relations, all of which are highlighted in his article. Dr. Saeed also reflects on his hometown and his experience as a four-time refugee.

Join us for this enlightening discussion on Kurdish-American relations and the pressing geopolitical challenges of our time. Tune in now!

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President Nechirvan Barzani meets with US Ambassador to Iraq Ms. Alina Romanowski

President Nechirvan Barzani held a meeting with US Ambassador to Iraq, Ms. Alina Romanowski, this evening. During their discussion, they focused on the political situation in Iraq and the Kurdistan Region, as well as the recent security developments...

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A statement from President Nechirvan Barzani

We welcome the agreement reached between the Iraqi Federal Government and the US Government to start the work of the US-Iraq Higher Military Commission (HMC), the progress made in the discussions on the bilateral relationship...

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Joint Statement on the Inaugural Peshmerga Executive Steering Committee Meeting Between the Department of Defense and Kurdistan Regional Government Ministry of Peshmerga Affairs

Senior officials from the U.S. Government and the Kurdistan Region of Iraq conducted the inaugural Peshmerga Executive Steering Committee at the Kurdistan Region Presidency in Erbil...

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Statement by Prime Minister Masrour Barzani on Iran's attack on Erbil

Earlier this evening, Erbil was once again attacked by Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps. Sadly, during tonight's unjustifiable attack, several civilians have been martyred and wounded. My thoughts are with the families of the martyrs and I wish the injured a quick recovery.

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KRG Prime Minister Engages with US National Security Advisor in Davos

Prime Minister Masrour Barzani met with Jake Sullivan, the US National Security Advisor, at the World Economic Forum in Davos.

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KRG Prime Minister Meets with U.S. Secretary of State

Prime Minister Masrour Barzani engaged in pivotal talks with Antony Blinken, the United States Secretary of State, at the World Economic Forum in Davos.

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KRG Prime Minister Meets with Maj. Gen. Joel B. Vowell

Prime Minister Masrour Barzani of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) met with Maj. Gen. Joel B. Vowell, Commander of the Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve in Syria and Iraq.

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KRG Prime Minister and French President Convene at Davos Summit

Prime Minister Masrour Barzani held a meeting with Emmanuel Macron, President of France, at the World Economic Forum in Davos. Their discussions focussed primarily on the recent attack on Erbil by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps, which occurred on January 15.

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KRG Prime Minister and UN Secretary-General Meet in Davos

Prime Minister Masrour Barzani and António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations, convened at the World Economic Forum in Davos. Their meeting focused on the recent attack on Erbil by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps on January 15.

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KRG Prime Minister Highlights Kurdistan Region's Role in Peace and International Relations

Prime Minister Masrour Barzani attended a conference in Erbil for KRG representatives abroad, with Deputy Prime Minister Qubad Talabani also in attendance.

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Kurdistan in the Media



Pope condemns missile strikes on Iraqi Kurdistan

Pope Francis condemns Iran's rocket attacks on Erbil in Iraqi Kurdistan, saying that "good relations between neighbors are not built with such actions..."

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UNAMI chief warns against Iraq being drawn 'further into conflict'

The top United Nations official in Iraq warned on Saturday against the country being drawn into more conflict and called for exercising "maximum restraint,"...

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Condemning the Attacks Damaging Civilian Infrastructure in the KRI

The United States condemns yesterday's attack by Iran-aligned militia groups in the Iraqi Kurdistan Region (IKR), which damaged civilian...

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Church Donation Helps Build Nursing and Midwifery Center in Kurdistan

What started as a hope to establish a training room in a local Kurdistan hospital in the city of Erbil has developed, with the help of a donation from...

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Protests condemn Iranian missile attack on Erbil

Hundreds of people staged a protest in front of the United Nations headquarters in Erbil on Tuesday, condemning the Iranian bombardments which...

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US Consulate, Yazidi organization launch \$150,000 educational project

The US Consulate in Erbil in collaboration with a Yazidi organization launched a new educational project targeting high school...

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US, Iraq initiate talks over future of coalition troops in Iraq

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Kurdish House in Davos: Showcasing Kurdistan's Diverse Potential

At this year's World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, the Kurdistan Region introduced the 'Kurdish House,' a dynamic platform poised to...

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Nearly 190,000 civil servants registered to MyAccount: KRG

The first phase of the MyAccount initiative in Erbil province has reached its final phase, and approximately 190,000 civil servants in Erbil province have...

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The KRG's Water Reserve Enhancements: Spotlight on Duhok

In a rare alignment, global crises have forged unity among nations to combat a common threat. The specter of climate change, born from a convergence...

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Remains of 41 Yezidi victims of ISIS-led genocide return home

The remains of 41 more Yezidi victims of the 2014 ISIS-led genocide against the religious minority were returned to their families to be laid to rest in Sinjar...

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Oil Firms Urge U.S. to Pressure Iraq to Restart Kurdistan's Exports

The international oil companies operating in Kurdistan are calling on U.S. Congress for immediate action to help resolve halted crude oil exports...

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