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Kurdish secret police abduct, slay prominent Yezidi activist Jamil Sulaiman

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Jamil Sulaiman had long served the cause of justice for Yezidis. Until he was abducted from his home by Kurdish security forces and found murdered three days later on 30 June. He is survived by his grieving wife and three children.



Jamil Sulaiman, a Yazidi activist, was assassinated near Dohala in northern Shingal District on Thursday, June 30, 2022.

Shingal – Yazidi activist Jamil Sulaiman was assassinated near Dohala in northern Shingal on Thursday under unclear circumstances.

According to people who knew him, Jamil was at home with his wife and three children when he was abducted by a party of Kurdish secret police. Three days later he was found shot to death. His phone and laptop were never recovered.

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—Murad ismael

“No group claimed responsibility for the killing. He was a member of the Yazidi house, and Independent Youth Group,” the Voice of Yazidis [tweeted](#).

According to [Murad Ismael](#), the President and co-founder of the Sinjar Academy, Sulaiman was one of the leading organizers of recent protests in Sinjar. Those protests called for the demilitarization of Sinjar after clashes between the Iraqi Army and the Sinjar Resistance Units (YBS) displaced hundreds of Yazidis in May.

The protests called for removing all armed units from residential areas, except for local internal security forces, and an end to armed clashes in civilian areas.

“We are deeply concerned about these ongoing crimes whether they are politically motivated or not,” Ismail told Kurdistan 24. “Jamil was an activist and played a key role in organising the latest demonstrations in Sinjar.”

“We are still waiting for details of this murder and call on authorities to investigate and disclose details to the public.”

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