



THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF IRANIAN KURDISTAN (PDKI)
A Foundation for a Democratic, Federal, and Stable Iran

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The Situation

Iran is weakened, but the Islamic Republic is responding with greater repression rather than political opening. Since the ceasefire, arrests, political executions, and security pressure have increased, particularly in Iranian Kurdistan. Kurdish activists, political prisoners, young people, and civil-society figures continue to face detention, intimidation, and prosecution.

At the same time, Tehran continues to export this repression across the border through missile and drone attacks against Iranian Kurdish political organizations and the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

The Political Question

As PDKI Secretary General Mustafa Hejri emphasized in Washington, Iran's crisis cannot be resolved simply by changing the leadership in Tehran while preserving the same centralized political structure. Iran is a multinational country, and that reality must be recognized from the beginning of any democratic transition—not postponed until afterward.

PDKI advocates national-territorial federalism: shared political authority, meaningful regional governance, constitutional protection of identity and language, and a fair distribution of political power and national resources.

Federalism is not partition. It is a democratic mechanism for keeping a diverse country together through consent rather than coercion.

The Kurdish movement brings more than eight decades of political organization, a strong societal base, established networks inside Iran, and growing coordination among Kurdish political parties.

Kurdistan should not be viewed as part of Iran's problem, but as an essential part of the solution.

What We Ask of the United States

- Engage us directly. We seek regular and structured contact between the U.S. Government, PDKI, and the Coalition of Political Forces of Iranian Kurdistan. Washington should understand Kurdish political objectives directly from Kurdish representatives—not through the narrative of the Islamic Republic, regional intermediaries, or other Iranian opposition factions.
 - Include Kurds and Iran's other Marginalized Nations from the outset in discussions regarding democratic transition. Representation must be substantive, not symbolic.
 - Recognize federalism, decentralization, and internal self-determination as legitimate democratic options, rather than viewing these concepts through Tehran's longstanding characterization of Kurdish political demands as separatism.
 - Make arrests, executions, and systematic repression in Iranian Kurdistan a standing element of U.S. Iran policy.
- Oppose Iranian attacks and coercion against the Kurdistan Region of Iraq and protect Iranian Kurdish political refugees from forced return, extradition, or unsafe relocation.
- Support the development of an inclusive democratic alternative rather than treating any single individual or political faction as the predetermined representative of Iran's future.

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