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A VERY HAPPY NEWROZ THE KURDISH NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU

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President Bush's Message on Nowruz

New Year Calendar I send greetings to those celebrating Nowruz

For the millions of people who trace their heritage to **Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Turkey, Pakistan, India, and Central Asia**, Nowruz is a time to celebrate the New Year with the arrival of spring. This cherished and ancient festival brings together family and friends to reflect on what has come before and celebrate a season of new beginnings.

Our country is proud to be a land where individuals from many different cultures can pass their traditions on to future generations. The diversity of America brings joy to our citizens and strengthens our Nation during Nowruz and throughout the year.

Laura and I send our best wishes to all those celebrating Nowruz, both here in the United States and abroad. May the year ahead be filled with peace and many blessings.

GEORGE W. BUSH

Unfortunately, President Bush in his message above about the Kurdish New Year, Nowruz is talking exactly as the occupiers of Kurdistan. He is not ignoring the Kurds and Kurdistan completely in his message and the Kurdish national rights only, but he is

ignoring their heritage, which Nowruz the major point in the Kurdish culture (even wrote Nowruz as Nowruz!!).

The Kurds and Kurdistan occupied by Iran, Iraq, Turkey, Syria and the former Soviet Union.

Just in this Nowruz on 20-3-2008 the Kurds in Western Kurdistan (which is occupied by Syria) during Nowruz celebration, the Syrian regime as every year shot the celebrated Kurds by live bullets and killed 3 Kurds during the Nowruz celebration and many others been injured and arrested by the Syrian regime forces, but Mr Bush ignored it, even no one Syrian or Turkish communities celebrate Nowruz because Nowruz is not their festivity, it is Kurdish festivity, but Mr Bush mentioned the the occupiers of Kurdistan and ignored the Kurds, the owners of Nowruz.

Below pictures of the 3 Kurds who gave their lives for Nowruz in Syria on 20-3-2008:



Western Kurdistan Association celebrate Newroz and opening the Kurdish Museum, Library and Archive on 19-3-2008

The Kurdish Museum, Library and Archive received letters of support from: Mr Ken Livingstone, The Mayor of London, and Councillor Antony Lillis, Cabinet Member for Community and Children's Services at Hammersmith and Fulham Council, Mrs Louise Ray from the National Archive, Mrs Catherine Knight, Visitor Development Officer at Regeneration, Mrs Clair Marmion BBC Outreach and many others.... and About 100 people attended the event from Kurdish community and from other communities as Mr Moataz Kamil Secretary of the Egyptian Embassy, Professor Khatchadur Pilikian (Armenian Musician), Mr Cohen Cohen (Orient' researcher), and representatives of organisations as: Mrs Thea Price, Capacity Building Officer at Hammersmith and Fulham Refugee Forum, Mrs Sarah Batsford from (Imperial War Museum), Mr. Ibrahim Teklemariam, Community Link Officer for BME, and John Abi from Refugee Voice, Mr Fazil Kawani From (British Refugee Council), Kurdistan TV and Alsharqiya TV were covered the event and many other media agencies as Rojava Radio and many journalists of the Kurdish websites; as well Mr Adnan Sashwar Manager of KANGA participated as partner with WKA in our new project of the Kurdish Writers in the UK.



Dr Jawad Mella addresses his speech



Professor Pilikian and Mr Cohen



Miss Sham reading the Mayor Message



Mrs Sarah, Mr Ibrahim and Mrs Thea



The left row of the participants



Dr Jawad Mella with WKA volunteers

Mr Ken Livingstone, Mayor of London invites the Kurdish community to his office at the City Hall to celebrate Newroz on 13-3-2008

MAYOR OF LONDON

Newroz

Ken Livingstone, Mayor of London invites you to the Newroz Reception on

**Thursday 13 March 2008
5.30-8.00pm**

Greater London Authority
City Hall
The Queen's Walk
More London
London SE1 2AA

**Registration 5.30pm.
Opening speeches 6pm.**

RSVP required.
Entrance by invitation only.

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how to get to City Hall



tube stations

London Bridge (Jubilee and Northern lines and mainline station); Tower Hill (Circle and District lines); Tower Gateway (Docklands Light Railway)

buses

42, 47, 381, RV1

river services

www.tfl.gov.uk/river

bicycles

bike racks are available at City Hall, on the South side of the building by Potters Fields Park

public enquiries 020 7983 4100

website www.london.gov.uk



Dr Jawad Mella during the Newroz event at City Hall invites Mr Ken Livingstone, Mayor of London to attend opening the Kurdish Museum, Library and Archive. Mr Ken Livingstone, Mayor of London, promised to send a message.

Mr Ken Livingstone Mayor of London' message for opening the Kurdish Museum, Library and Archive on 19-3-2008

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Message of support from Ken Livingstone for the Kurdish Museum, Library and Archive

I welcome the opening of the Kurdish Museum, Library and Archive in London, which add a new dimension to the great cultural wealth of London.

London has a long and established reputation for the richness, breadth and diversity of its cultural and creative resources that reflect London's diverse population. This museum will be an important addition to this, helping all Londoners to understand the unique history and cultural contribution of the Kurdish people.

Recognising and celebrating different cultures and their cultural activity provides a means for all Londoners to become aware of each other and to develop a wider understanding of each other.

London's international character and the diversity of its people are key to its success as one of the world's greatest cities. As Mayor I am proud that so many people of Kurdish background have made London their home. Your skills, energy and experience help to enrich the capital.

Happy New Roz!



Ken Livingstone
Mayor of London

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**Councillor Antony Lillis, Hammersmith and Fulham Cabinet Member'
message for opening the Kurdish Museum, Library and Archive
on 19-3-2008**

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13th March 2008

Dear Dr Mella,

RE: Western Kurdish Association New Year and opening of The Kurdish Museum, Library and Archive.

Please find below my message of congratulations:

"I am delighted to be able to send you a message of support for the opening of your Museum and Archive. This is an opportunity to celebrate the diversity of our multi-cultural community and I hope that many non-Kurdish residents will also take the opportunity of visiting you and share with you the cultural heritage that you are promoting.

I wish the Museum every success and thank you for the good work you continue to do for Hammersmith and Fulham residents.

May I also take this opportunity to wish you and the Kurdish community a very Happy Newroz"

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antony Lillis', is written over a horizontal dashed line.

**Councillor Antony Lillis
Cabinet Member for Community and Children's Services**



Press Release

The first Museum for the Kurdish Heritage, Library and Archive its collections are Kurdish handwork and some of them are up to 100 years old, will be open to the public from 19th March 2008

The first Museum for the Kurdish heritage in Europe is one of the main culture resources for the school-age children of Hammersmith and Fulham Borough and to the academics and researchers in the UK.

Let's make Hammersmith and Fulham Borough more colourful and tourist area for all nations and for the 3 million Kurds living in Europe for the coming London Olympics on 2012.

Dr Jawad Mella
Manager
Kurdish Museum, Library and Archive



20 years on the Halabja Chemical genocide, oil painting for Omar Khawar



Water Falls of Gomrok - Efrin Area – Western Kurdistan



Free English and computer courses for refugees at Western Kurdistan Association



Kurdistan Football Club established by Western Kurdistan Association since 2004

Kurdish Museum, Library and Archive

The first Museum for the Kurdish Heritage in the world, its collections are Kurdish handwork and some of them are up to 100 years old



Kurdish ladies dress



Kurdish Male costume



The Kurdish collections at the Kurdish Museum



The Kurdish Library and Archive

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<http://www.westernkurdistan.org.uk/documents/KurdishMuseumLibraryandArchive.pdf>