The Kurdish National Congress of North America

P.O. Box 1663, Lake Forest, CA 92630 USA Tel/Fax: 949-583-1417 1975 St. Laurent Blvd Ottawa, ON K1G3S7, CANADA Tel 613-216-1427 www.kncna.org P.O. Box 545 Millersville, MD 21108 USA Tel: 408-834-5557

PRESS RELEASE

Champion of Kurdish democratic movement Soraya Serajeddini passed away

It is with deep sorrow to announce that KNC-NA, in particular, and the Kurdish democratic movement, in general, have lost one of their most significant pillars, Soraya Serajeddini. Soraya was a champion in Kurdish democratic movement, a human rights activist, an advocate of gender equality, the vice president of Kurdish National Congress of North America, and the director of Kurdish American Committee for Democracy in Iran.

She passed away on early Morning of July 24th 2006 possibly due to complications of an asthma attack. Soraya is survived by her husband Tom Ver Ploeg, and her two sons, Aveen and Daryan. Location and details for her honoring ceremony will be announced later.

Kurdish National Congress of North America