



**Kurdish National Congress of North America  
21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference**

**The Future of Kurdistan: Thinking like a Nation**

March 27-28, 2009  
The Legacy Hotel and Meeting Centre  
Rockville, Maryland, USA

**Conference Proceedings – Panels and Speakers**

**Friday, March 27, 2009**

- 1:00 pm **Mrs. Muazaz Amin** Welcoming Remarks
- 1:30 pm Flag Raising Ceremony  
Singing Kurdish National Anthem: *Ay Raqib*
- 2:00 pm Kurdish Youth Organizations  
Moderator: **Ms. Sheinei Saleem** **Ms. Zeen Al-Missouri**, Kurdish American Youth Organization (KAYO)  
**Ms. Silov Barwari**, KAYO San Diego chapter president
- 3:00 pm **Dr. Goran Sabir** [Health: Factors in Measuring Good Governance of a New Nation](#)
- 3:30 pm General Assembly: KNC Affairs  
Moderator: **Mr. Tom Ver Ploeg** Proposed Constitutional Amendments  
The State of the KNC: **Dr. Kirmanj Gundi**  
Q & A: Open Floor for members

**Saturday, March 28, 2009**

- 8:30 am **Mr. Tom Ver Ploeg** Welcome and Opening Remarks  
Conference Chair:

- 8:40 am **Mr. Rebwar Salimi** Letter from Secretary General of KDPI
- 8:50 am **Mr. Aref Ahmadi** Independence Party of Kurdistan - Kurdish Struggle for Independence
- 8:55am Letters of Congratulation to KNC **Mr. Kamran Balnour, KDP (Iran)**  
**Mr. Zagros Yazdanpanah, PAK**  
**Mr. Gharani Ilkhanizadeh, Komala Party**
- 9:10 am **Mr. Samuel Jordan** Amnesty International Remarks
- 9:35 am Halabja/Anfal Panel Moderator: **Mr. Shwan Karim** **Mr. Ken McCallion:** Progress and Legal Proceedings  
**Mrs. Muazaz Amin**  
**Dr. Kirmanj Gundi**
- 10:00 am **Dr. Clyde Snow** Forensic Expert Bones of Contention: 1991/92 Forensic Anthropological Investigation of Kurdish Victims of the Anfal Campaign
- 10:25 am Kurdish-Canadian Panel Moderator: **Mr. Issa Mosa** **Dr. Fereydoon Rahmani:** Greater Toronto Kurdish House  
**Mr. Mark M. Persaud:** Canadian Int'l Peace Project, Oleron Global Group
- 10:50 am **Mr. Aram Hamparian** Armenian National Committee Kurdish-American Advocacy: Grassroots make the difference
- 11:00 am **Dr. Kirmanj Gundi** [KNC Presidential Address: The Future of Kurdistan: Thinking like a Nation](#)
- 11:20 am **Dr. Mahmud Osman** [Challenges before the Kurdish Nation and the Quest for Federalism in Iraq](#)
- 11:45 am History Panel Moderator: **Mr. Brusk Reshvan** **Dr. Rebwar Fattah:** History of Media & its Impact on Nation Bldg  
**Mr. Murat Kilinc:** Exile Kurdish Communities of Middle Anatolia  
**Mr. Tosine Reshid:** Ezidism and Ezidis in former Soviet Republics

- Mr. Mustefa Rechid:** Current Situation of Kurds in Kurdistan-Syria
- 1:15 pm **Mr. Luqman Barwari** Update, Letters of Congratulations from Kurdistan-Turkey
- 1:30 pm Language Panel Moderator: **Mr. Luqman Barwari** **Mr. Newzad Hirori:** The Status of Northern Dialect (Kurmanci Bakur) in Kurdistan-Iraq and the Current Trends to Standardize the Kurdish Language  
**Dr. Rebwar Fattah**  
**Mr. Murat Kilinc:** History of the Kurdish Language.
- 2:30 pm Current Situation in Kurdistan Moderator: **Dr. Azad Moradian** **Dr. Mahmud Osman,** Situation in Kurdistan-Iraq  
**Mr. Sherif Behrouz,** KDPI, Situation in Kurdistan-Iran  
[Mr. Mustafa Rechid, Situation in Kurdistan-Syria](#)
- 3:15 pm Letters of Congratulations  
[Mr. Kamaran Abdullah, CHAK](#)
- 3:20 pm Women and Leadership Panel Moderator: **Ms. Soraya Fallah** **Ms. Susan Shahab Nouri,** Member of Kurdistan Parliament: "The Role of Education Reform in Thinking as a Nation"  
**Ms. Kathryn Porter**  
[Dr. Sharon Linzey](#)
- 4:20 pm Former Presidents Panel Moderator: **Dr. Kirmanj Gundi** **Dr. Asad Khailani**  
**Dr. Najmaddin Karim**  
**Dr. Fouad Darwesh**  
[Dr. Hikmat Fikrat](#)
- 5:30 pm **Dr. Kamal Artin** Satire : **Mr. Sarbaxoe** goes to EU
- [Resolutions](#) [Resolutions of the 21st Annual Conference of the Kurdish National Congress of North America](#)