

## KNC-NA Activity Report from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference

---

Dear conference participants,

KNC-NA board of directors welcomes you to our 23<sup>rd</sup> annual conference. We are here to give you an update about what we have done and what needs to be done. We have done whatever we could. In order to do be more effective, we need your active participation and support. Together we can make a difference. Please check our website [www.kncna.org](http://www.kncna.org) or [www.kncna.net](http://www.kncna.net). Please give us your feedback and tell us how you could be part of our team of volunteers to promote our just cause. Following is the list of our activities since the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference.

**April 29-30, 2011: 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference**, Calgary Canada. Theme: Future of Kurdistan One vs. Multiple States.

**April 24, 2011: Board meeting**

**April 17, 2011: Board meeting**

**April 14, 2011: Board meeting**

**April 7, 2010:** KNC-NA president had a presentation for a group of health care professionals in Paris, France titled: Holy Peace, Longing of a Traumatized Society. He discussed how culture, ideology, and governing style could lead to unholy wars and traumas. He suggested only peace and not war should be considered holy, if one believes in serving people and humanity.

**April 4, 2011: Board meeting**

**March 29, 2011:** KNC-NA board of directors congratulates Dr. Najmadin Karim, a former president of our organization, for being elected as the Governor of Kirkuk. We hope that he unites the political parties and minorities in Kirkuk, materializes Article 140, and makes Kirkuk the fourth governorship of KRG.

**March 23, 2011: Board meeting**

**March 19, 2011:** With the support of Kurdish Community Center, KNC-NA and KAYO held a fundraising Newroz celebration in San Diego, CA.



**March 16, 2011:** Invited by Kurdish Community Center to a seminar on Halabja at San Diego State University, KNC-NA president gave a talk on this national Remembrance Day.



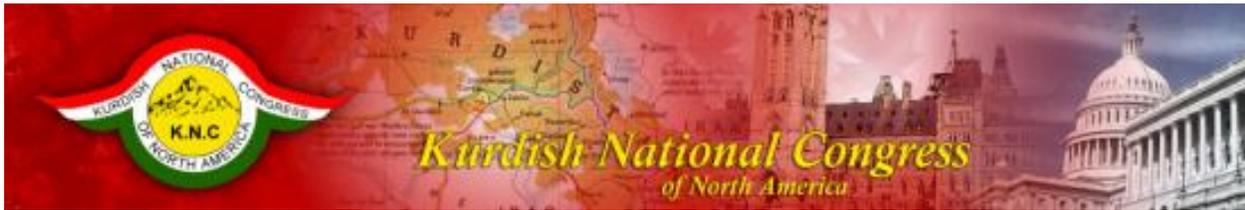
**March 9, 2011: Board meeting**

**March 1, 2011:** Invitation letter to 23<sup>rd</sup> KNC-NA conference: [20110301-kncna-23rd-conference-invite-ltr.pdf](http://20110301-kncna-23rd-conference-invite-ltr.pdf)

**February 27, 2011: Board meeting**

**February 22, 2011:** Jani Dyaln interviews KNC-NA president on recent demonstration in S-Kurdistan: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jcCDYpq5E1I>

**February 21-22, 2011:** KNC-NA president met with the leaders of few organizations from different part of Kurdistan in Washington DC and discussed the importance of collaboration in promoting Kurdish cause. Following day on February 22, 2011 he also had a phone conversation with an Iranian opposition leader about coordinating efforts against dictatorships in the Middle East in general and Iran in particular.



## KNC-NA Activity Report from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference

---

**February 16, 2011: Board meeting**

**February 6, 2011: Board meeting**

**January 30, 2011: Board meeting**

**January 18, 2011: Board meeting**

**January 18, 2011, Interview with Sbeiy:** KNC-NA president had an interview with Sbeiy about the role and the goal of the organization:

[http://sbeiy.com/ku/Inter\\_Report\\_Detail.aspx?id=532&cat=2](http://sbeiy.com/ku/Inter_Report_Detail.aspx?id=532&cat=2)

**January 7-9, 2011, Participation at KAYO's festival in Dallas:** Kurdish American Youth Organization held its 2nd Annual Festival in Dallas, TX. The festival covered various areas ranging from human rights and politics, to art, fashion, poetry, and film. KNC-NA has always supported the efforts of the youth. This year the president of KNC-NA attended the festival and gave a talk on factors that have affected Kurdistan to be where it is and what needs to be done to move further steps forward.



**December 26, 2010:** Volunteering KNC-NA members hosted an End of the year party for the community in Southern California.



**December 18-20: KNC-NA President visited S-Kurdistan** and met with academic and community leaders in Slemany. He also had a meeting with the leaders of some of the organizations of E-Kurdistan and discussed the importance of strengthening the Kurdish unity for fighting injustice in Iran with peaceful means.



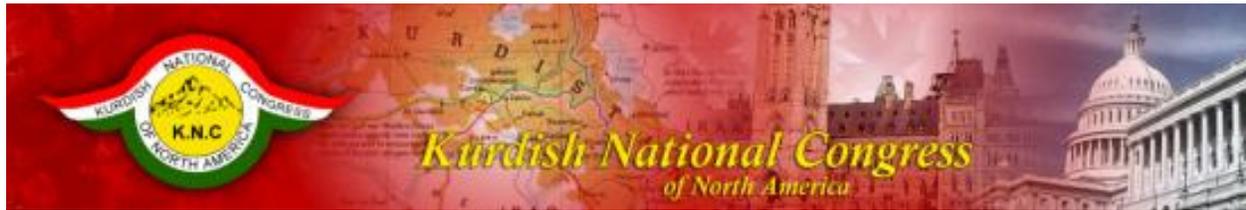
**Dec 14-16, 2010: PR committee chair of KNC-NA visited S-Kurdistan** and attended a conference on revitalizing research in Hawler.



**December 9, 2010, Board meeting**

**November 15, 2010, Letter to 7th EUTCC annual conference:** [20101115-LtrToEUTCC.doc](#)

**November 13-14, 2010:** KNC-NA members in Calgary participated in an event held by the Kurdish and Iraqi Christian Community in Calgary and



## KNC-NA Activity Report from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference

---

remembered the victims of terrorist bombing in Baghdad and denounced the terror attack.

### November 9, 2010 Board meeting

**November 5, 2010: KNC-NA chair of PR committee and other members attended a KAES conference on language.** The first North American conference on Kurdish language was organized by Kurdish American Education Society (KAES) at the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA) on November 5th, 2010. Over 20 scholars from around the world were among the speakers. The role of the PR chair of KNC-NA's was instrumental in helping the KAES leadership and making the conference a success.

**October 25, 2010: KNC-NA volunteers and a group of American citizens send a letter to the Turkish Embassy.** The letter requests the opportunity to meet with the Kurdish leaders and ask them to unilaterally declare peace. Other volunteers are welcome to join us by sending their name, affiliation, and email to: [info@kncna.org](mailto:info@kncna.org). The letter can be found at: [20101025-LtrToMrTan.pdf](http://20101025-LtrToMrTan.pdf)

### October 13, 2010, Board meeting

**October 06, 2010, Statement on 48th Anniversary of Extraordinary discrimination against Syrian Kurds:** [20101006-PRAnniversarySyrianKurds.pdf](http://20101006-PRAnniversarySyrianKurds.pdf)

### September 20, 2010, Board meeting

**September 12, 2010, Invitation to KPD's anniversary in San Diego:** KNC-NA was invited to the 64th anniversary of KDP in San Diego on September 12, 2010. Members of the board of directors participated in the event and congratulated the organizers. <http://kncna.net/20100912-LetterToKDP.pdf>

**September 11, 2010, Interview with Voice of America related to the tragedy of 911**

<http://www.voanews.com/kurdish/news/kamal-102697464.html>

**September 3, 2010, Letter to President Carter about EUTCC:**

<http://kncna.net/20100903LetterToPresidentCarter.pdf>

**August 28, 2009, meeting the Kurdish community in Dallas:** KNC-NA president met with the members of the Kurdish community in Dallas and exchanged ideas about further cooperation among various organizations and personalities for promoting our common cause.

**August 27, 2010, Mark Levine interviews KNC-NA:**

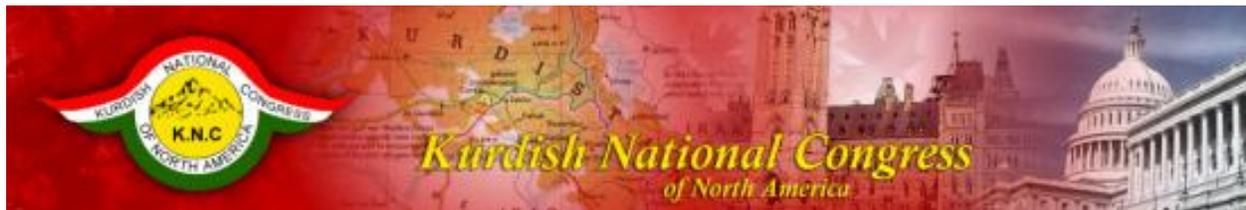
<http://radioinsidescoop.com/?p=6818>

**August 26, 2010 participation at DFW International Alliance:** DFW International Alliance Community held an event in which 21 mayors' from the Greater Dallas area participated. Different nations from around the world carried their flag in a parade. Kurdistan was represented by the local Kurdish community. The president of KNC-NA joined the community for the event and informed the organizers about the challenges the mayors in Kurdistan face to serve their constituents. KNC-NA Letter to the mayors can be found at: <http://kncna.net/20100826-LetterToGDMayors.pdf>

### August 24, 2010, board meeting

**August 14, 2010, Delil's Concert:** On August 14th, 2010, Delil Dilanar, a rising star of the Kurdish classical music, had a concert in Los Angeles. According to Dr. Amir Shrif, a linguist in Southern California, Delil's musical style transcends contemporary Kurdish musical traditions with his quest for and revival of stylistic variations of Dengbeji ballads ranging from, epic (lawiks), melancholic (heyrans), joyful (dilok/ narink), to religious (lawje) ballads. Few local musicians in Southern Californian such as Murat, Afshin, Jack, Sheyda, Nidar, and Majid accompanied Delil. KNC-NA secretary, asked the audience about the concert. Everyone he spoke too was impressed with Delir's command of his art. Although the event was organized independently, the chair of the PR committee of KNC-NA, assisted with organizing the event.

**August 3, 2010, Board meeting**



## KNC-NA Activity Report from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference

---

**July 31, 2010, KNC-NA delegate meets Professor Fertig, the president of Humanitarian Law Project:** [20100731-PRKNC-NAandHLPMeeting.pdf](http://20100731-PRKNC-NAandHLPMeeting.pdf)

**July 31, 2010, Diane Edgecomb Performance:** Diane Edgecomb, an award winning writer and storyteller, had a remarkable performance in Los Angeles on July 31, 2010. Diane began collecting Kurdish stories in 1990 to prevent a treasure from disappearing. She first visited Kurdish refugees in Diaspora and later traveled to North Kurdistan to complete "The Kurdish Story Collection Project". She finished the first part of her work and published it in her book "A fire in My Heart", a treasure and a valuable reference for educators, storytellers, and folklorists interested in Kurdish culture. The president and secretary of KNC-NA attended the performance and expressed much appreciation for Diane's contribution to preserving the Kurdish culture. The delegate also answered questions of a very interested American Audience about the status of the Kurds and the violation of human rights by the states that control different parts of Kurdistan.

**July 25, 2010, KAES memorial ceremony for Dr. Vera Saeedpour:** Dr. Vera Saeedpour, the founder and director of the Kurdish library passed on May 30th 2010. Dr. Saeedpour was married to late Homayoun Saeedpour, a scholar from Eastern Kurdistan. After the passing of Homayoun, Vera dedicated her life to preserving Kurdish culture. Kurdish American Education Society (KAES) held a memorial ceremony for Dr. Vera Saeedpour on July 25, 2010. The KNC-NA president and the chair of PR committee attended the ceremony and pointed out what cultural similarities had brought Vera and Homayoun together. They appreciated the valuable and unique contribution of Dr. Saeedpour, and also expressed condolences to the family members of the deceased as well as the organizers of the ceremony.

**July 22, 2010, KNC-NA members meet with the Iranian Prince Mr. Reza Pahlavi and discussed human right violations in Iran:** [20100722-NewsMeetingWithMrPahlavi.pdf](http://20100722-NewsMeetingWithMrPahlavi.pdf)

**July 18, 2010, Board meeting**

**July 13, 2010, KNC-NA letter to President Obama:** [20100713-LettertoMrObama.pdf](http://20100713-LettertoMrObama.pdf)

**July 12, 2010 KNC-NA meets Alberta Premier Mr. Ed Stelmach:** The KNC-NA vice president met with Alberta Premier Mr. Ed Stelmach during the premier annual stampede breakfast MacDougal Center in Calgary on July 12, 2010. He presented our organization's goals and thanked the Premier on behalf of the KNC-NA board of directors for any potential support of the Kurdish cause.

**July 06, 2010, Press Release on the Aggression of Iranian Regime:** [20100706-PRAppealToStopIransAggression.pdf](http://20100706-PRAppealToStopIransAggression.pdf)

**June 28, 2010, Board meeting**

**June 25, 2010, Press Release on Human Rights violations in Syria:** [20100625-PRHumanRightsViolationInSyria.pdf](http://20100625-PRHumanRightsViolationInSyria.pdf)

**June 19, 2010, KNC-NA letter to Mr. Ignatief, the leader of the Canadian Liberal Party:** [20100619-LetterToMrIgnatief.pdf](http://20100619-LetterToMrIgnatief.pdf)

**June 18, 2010, Board meeting**

**June 15, 2010, Letter from EUTCC to KNC-NA:** [20100615-LetterByEUTCCtoKArtin.pdf](http://20100615-LetterByEUTCCtoKArtin.pdf)

**June 4-6, 2010, 22nd KNC-NA Annual Conference:** On June 4-6 KNC-NA held its 22nd Annual Conference at San Diego State University, San Diego, CA. The agenda and list of the speakers of the conference can be found at: <http://www.kncna.net/20100604-22ndAnnualConferenceAenda.pdf>. The conference ended on June 6, 2010 and released its resolutions that can be found at: <http://www.kncna.net/20100607-ResolutionsofKNC22ndConference.pdf>. At the end of the conference the new directors of the board were elected: <http://www.kncna.net/20100607-NewsKNCelctionresults.pdf>