



Kurdish National Congress of North America

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Meeting with Mr. Pahlavi

On July 22nd 2010 a delegation of Kurdish National Congress of North America under the leadership of Dr. Kamal Artin, met with Mr. Reza Pahlavi, the prince of Iran, and his secretary, Mr. Ahmad Owaisi in Los Angeles. The meeting had been coordinated by Dr. Mehdi Kordistani, who was a deputy and member of the board of the parliament while the father of the prince was in power in Iran. Beside Dr. Kordistani, other members from different parts of Kurdistan were present including Mrs. Nazi Ardalán, Mr. Nyma Ardalán, Mr. Luqman Barwari, and Mr. Steven Soylemez.

The meeting was a friendly exchange of ideas about what could bring peaceful people together. Mr. Pahlavi came across as a very candid, straight forward and humble person. After a short review of the differences, the participants decided not to dwell on the past, the blames, and the disagreements, but on agreeable points.

The participants agreed that adhering to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is the starting point, that people should have the option to elect their representative freely and decide what system of governance they prefer, whether it is a federal government, a monarchy, a republic, or any other form of a democratic government that does not mix state and religion.

Everyone present agreed on the need for an end to the crimes and violations of Human Rights by the Islamic Republic of Iran, and if IRI allowed to continue its current behavior it will further deteriorate civil society structure not just in Iran but surroundings as well. The participants came to the conclusion that the current regime is not recoverable and change is needed by peaceful means or a "campaign of non-violent civil disobedience".

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