



Kurdish National Congress of North America

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The new board of director of KNC-NA was elected on June 6, 2010. The new board is reaching out to every democratic organization and individual who is interested in promoting the Kurdish cause in North America. In order for all of us to make a difference together, we need your involvement via active participation, financial contribution, and feedbacks. We will update you via our website www.kncna.org or newsletter such as this. Following is a summary of our activities since June 6, 2010.

October 13, 2010, Board meeting

October 06, 2010, Statement on 48th Anniversary of Extraordinary discrimination against Syrian Kurds:
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. The secretary of the Kurdish National Congress of North America (KNC-NA), Mr. Nyma Ardan, asked the audience about the concert. Everyone he spoke too was impressed with Delil's command of his art. Although the event was organized independently, the chair of the public relations committee of KNC-NA, Mr. Luqman Berwari, was the main force behind it. Luqman exceptional dedication to the Kurdish cause is of great value to our community.

August 3, 2010, Board meeting

July 31, 2010, KNC-NA delegate meets Professor Fertig, the president of Humanitarian Law Project:
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



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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 Daine'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. Saeedpur 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 public relations 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 Meeting with the Iranian Prince Mr. Reza Pahlavi:

[20100722-NewsMeetingWithMrPahlavi.pdf](#)

July 18, 2010, Board meeting

July 13, 2010, KNC-NA letter to President Obama: (Copies to Vice President and Secretary of State)

[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 Centre 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](#)

June 28, 2010, Board meeting

June 25, 2010, Press Release on Human Rights violations in Syria:

[20100625-PRHumanRightsViolationInSyria.pdf](#)

June 19, 2010, KNC-NA letter to Mr. Ignatief, the leader of the Canadian Liberal Party:

[20100619-LetterToMrIgnatief.pdf](#)

June 18, 2010, Board meeting

June 15, 2010 Letter form EUTCC to KNC-NA:

[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/20100604-22ndAnnualConfernceaAenda.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-NewsKNCelctionrusults.pdf>