

**Ensuring the rights of individuals of minorities in nationality by facilitating the registration of their birth date, naturalization and giving them the right of citizenship.**

Thank you Mr. president.

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Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of 1962 extraordinary census of the Kurds in Syria.

120 thousand people were stripped of the Syrian nationality as a result of that census.

According to a study by " Syrians for Truth and Justice" organization quoted from official Syrian sources, that until 2011 the number reached to more than a half million people. Divided into foreigner category (holding red cards) and Maktoum category (holding white cards).

In April 2011 and after the breakout of the protests in Syria, The Syrian government issued a legislative decree NO. (49), which stipulated the Syrian Arab nationality to the Kurds who were stripped of the Syrian nationality.

Only numbers of stripped Kurds(holding red cards) were given the Syrian ID, but thousands of them didn't have that right.

Whereas the Maktoums , they were not included in the legislative decree( The answer of the government was that there were problems in entering the names into the computers to transfer them from Maktoum to Foreigner category to be granted the Syrian nationality.

The stripped Kurds had suffered from depriving of their simplest civil rights, as the right to work, education , higher education and employment.

They are stripped again today, where children are born every day without being given the Syrian nationality.

So I would like to make recommendations:

- The Syrian government implements the legislative decree and grants Kurds the Syrian nationality.
- To not impose the Arab description on those who weren't given IDs from foreigner category , includes those who live inside or outside Syria.
- The Syrian government grants the Syrian IDs to Maktoum category without imposing the Arab description on them , including those who live inside or outside Syria.
- The United Nation should take the responsibility to care and follow up the Kurds stripped of nationality, as it has negative results and effects on the future of children.

Link of " The Syrians for Truth and Justice" Organization report: