

Barzani Charity Foundation statement on 15th session of minority forum 2022

Iraq, often referred to as the “cradle of civilisations”, has been a country of great diversity and a unique and rich with various ethnic, religious, cultural and linguistic communities since ancient history.

However It saddens us to know that the diversity of Iraq is now under great threat and the ethnic minorities such as kurd targeted, marginalised and unprotected.

Barzani Charity Foundation believes that It's UN and international communities duty now to understand what lies behind these attacks and to identify what measures should be taken to ensure their protection and protect and guarantee stable and peaceful co-existence for all the people of Iraq, irrespective of their identity and faith.

It is clear that while the so-called ISIS has created immense suffering and has targeted certain communities, especially our Ezidy community more than any other group due to their faith, nevertheless the challenges facing Kurdish minorities started long before arrival of ISIS, and attacked against kurd has increased by various groups and countries since referendum for Kurdistan independent in 2017.

The constant violence against kurd by state and non-estate actors does constitute the barbaric and systematic policy of ethnic cleansing by some countries in region.

Kurdish people in Middle East seek solutions and the solutions must therefore be far-reaching and confront long-

standing issues of discrimination. Genocide and ethnic violence.

A clear commitment must be demonstrated to all of Iraq's diverse communities by the international community to reassure that everyone have a future in the region.

This message must be sent to all countries who are attacking Kurds through immediate protection efforts and international pressure must be applied to deter Military invasion by all states towards kurdish territories.

I thank you

- Awat Mustafa