

Editorial

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Some tragic events took place in the district of Sheikhan on 14th and 15th of February such as riots, trespassing the authority of the law and the social customs, the symbols of Izidy people, and burning social and cultural establishments. Alas, the case was not only limited to the two or three families related directly to the event from both sides Muslim and Iziddy, but it got out of control. And thus some ex-

tremists exploited this situation and roamed the streets of the town of Ain Sifny (Sheikhan) with their weapons in their hands. They transgressed people's belongings and some of the religious and cultural symbols of Izidies such as burning the shrine of Sheikh Mand, Lalish cultural and social center, the Hall of martyr Hussein Baba Sheikh, some houses and commercial shops, and some cars in front of Izidy Prince house, Tahseen Bag. They roamed in the streets of the city, and proclaimed the appeals of Jihad (struggle) against unbelievers and fired randomly. In fact, it was such a hard shock for us and for our high trust in our governmental and political leadership which suggested quickly to interfere in the matter and send out a security force to treat the aggravated situation in the issue of Sheikhan in order to put an end to these random and highly important misbehaviors which are directed not only towards Izidies but also threaten the numerous and national security of Kurdistan on the authority of the region, disregarding the authority of the law, threatening the social security and cultivating the seeds of disturbance among the ingredients of the Kurdish nation which consists of different religions and sects which coexisted together for thousands of years, and which suffered too much for the sake of maintaining its nationalistic principles and the unity of its ranks, land and sacred soil which is the loving Kurdistan.

So we, in Lalish cultural and social center, would like to say that those days represented by murder, looting, genocide, and adverse creeds are gone and will not be back under the wise political leadership of Kurdistan which always confirms its high care of protecting the rights of all the religious and national ingredients of Kurdistan nation in the region. Therefore, we strongly condemn what happened, and we call upon Kurdistan political leadership to punish those who abused the security and the sovereignty of the law. We also appeal for all the good and patriotic Kurds to think deeply of not repeating these events in the future among the ingredients of Kurdish nation which is known and characterized by manhood, love, religious respect and tolerance and brotherly coexistence. So we believe that the first mission lies upon the shoulders of Kurdistan Region Government and the two main parties in Kurdistan to enlighten the mass media and the ranks of the peoples to put an end to any such attempt before it takes place, particularly in this current situation as we are about to vote to Article No. (140) of the constitution which consists of bringing back the Kurdish Arabized areas into the arms of the homeland (Kurdistan). Hence, we should realize that such congestions are dangerous. It is worth mentioning that Izidies had a prominent role in calming down these events by being silent and by not confronting. This indicates how high the

Kurdish national mind of Izidies is, for they behaved rationally in facing this problem, the aim of which was to open a prime among the ranks of our Kurdish nation where love, brotherly coexistence and religious tolerance were dominant since thousands of years among the ingredients of this city. Let the offensive know that the national feeling in Kurdistan reached a stage that these offensive ones cannot touch it and this feeling disappointed those who were fishing in troubled waters and wanted to replay what happened to Izidies hundred years ago from continuous decrees. Today, we, as Izidies, feel safe under the saying of Mr. Maso'ud Barzany, president of Kurdistan region when he said: "Any aggression against Izidies means an aggression against the national Kurdish security," so let this statement be a motivation for us to maintain the situation of coexistence among the ingredients of our Kurdish nation with our best regards.

