

A call to establish Assyrian local administration in Syria

Joint declaration

For over four years, civil war has raged in Syria. The resulting absence of stable governmental institutions and security has exposed the Assyrian, Christian nation in Syria to non-stop acts of murder, displacement, abduction, and rape and the illegal confiscation and seizure of property and means of livelihood.

In addition to these atrocities, the Assyrian nation has endured multiple attempts of subjugation by various political and religious factions, who, taking advantage of the chaos in Syria, are seeking to impose illegitimate and undemocratic rule over the Assyrian people.

As a result we, the undersigned organizations, hereby issue a call for the establishment of a locally administered region by the Assyrian people in the Hassaka Province, located in northeast Syria.

The purpose of this region of local administration is to first enable the Assyrian people, from all church denominations, to govern themselves without the interference and domination of other groups, until such time as law and order returns to Syria.

At such a future point, the Assyrian nation will respect and adhere to the decisions of the people of Syria in case of any changes in governance that are made in accordance with the principles of democracy, justice and equality for all, regardless of ethnicity, gender or religious affiliation.

We do not undertake these actions lightly. We have carefully deliberated the matter with numerous, international Diaspora-based Assyrian Organizations, notably those with members who, having been driven from Syria and the Middle East, have had to endure the loss of their homes, land and property.

We, the undersigned, are calling on all peoples and factions in Syria to recognize this region of local administration and co-operate with the Assyrian nation in its implementation.

Stand with Assyrians in Syria Committee

Assyrian Federation of Sweden Assyria Patriotic Movement American Mesopotamian Organization

