



## The Social Democratic Party of Kurdistan

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### Participants to the 1<sup>st</sup> May Demonstration

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Nowadays it is considerably easier to talk about the Kurdish people and Kurdistan. It was not long ago the outside world always heard of us Kurds through those states that oppress us.

As a matter of fact, the oppressors spoke, and still try to speak, on our behalf, about us and represent us, much the same way a patriarch man does towards a woman. Today, it has become much more difficult for the oppressing countries to continue on the same path.

But even if we have come a long way, much of our struggle still remains to be done. The Kurdish people in Iran are brutally oppressed. The Kurds in Iran have no national or democratic rights. Iran imposes its occupation of the Kurdish people through the presence of an army that surpasses 200 000 soldiers equipped with armoured vehicles, artillery and other means such as the paramilitary and the so-called Pasdaran, which are the Islamic state guards.

The Kurdish language is not officially recognized and for that reason it can only be used at home and in private circumstances. In practice the Kurdish language is totally forbidden!

Iran treats the Kurdish people recklessly and reacts to the least resistance with disproportionate military violence. Many thousands of Kurds have been murdered, villages have been destroyed and people are jailed almost daily. Even officially recognized and legitimize journalists are put in jail and condemned to death, without judicial negotiations or defence lawyers. The Iranian regime has a high record of arresting cultural and human rights activists, bloggers and students on alleged security charges.

How the Kurdish workers feel under these political, social and economic circumstances? We can, of course, ask ourselves.



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There is an enormous deficit of industries in Kurdistan and unemployment is high. The Kurdish workers are forced to leave their home countryside to travel to distant regions within Iran in order to get jobs. Sometimes they walk a thousand kilometre or more. Often the jobs they get are so poorly remunerated that there will not be any money left to spare after paying all the debts.

Yes, it is not an exaggeration to assert that the Kurdish workers in Iran live in slave-like circumstances.

It sounds like an exaggeration for those who live in a democracy and can enjoy work and economic rights. But it is a reality for the Kurdish workers.

For these reasons the Social Democratic Party of Kurdistan pledges to the outside world to help, both the Kurdish workers and also the peasants, but above all the Kurdish people to regain their national and democratic rights, for it is impossible to speak about any rights for the Kurdish workers, peasants and students as long as their Nation is imprisoned in their own country.

Please support the Kurdish people in their struggle for peace and freedom,

Please support the Kurdish workers, but also the Kurdish peasants and students in their struggle for better living and working conditions.

Long live 1<sup>st</sup> May and the international solidarity!

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