



The Social Democratic Party of Kurdistan

Parti socialdemokrati Kurdistan (rojhelat)

To

The Public Opinion

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About two months ago the Social Democratic Party of Kurdistan, PSDKurdistan, decided in accordance with deliberations from two previous meetings to participate in the 1st May demonstration march along with the Swedish Social Democratic Party (SAP). We have registered three paroles with the Demonstrations Body. The first one being “Iranian army out of Kurdistan!” the second “Just work conditions for the people of Kurdistan” and the third “Just social insurance for people in Kurdistan”.

On Wednesday 2009-04-15 we received a call from a member of the Demonstrations Body who informs one of our party members that the Social Democratic Party of Kurdistan does not have the right to include the above mentioned paroles as part of the planned demonstration march. Moreover the first parole, “Iranian army out of Kurdistan” must be removed, while the use of the word of “Kurdistan” must be substituted with “Iranian Kurdistan”.

When we asked them to explain themselves further, we received two emails which state:

The decision of the Demonstrations Body is based on an answer which we had got during our question to our party’s International department in Stockholm. There are a lot of countries which are involved in “Kurdistan”; we just simply can not accept the parole “Iranian army out of Kurdistan”, even if we are aware that they [the army] treat the Kurds and other minorities in Iran bad. In addition our party still has not taken any decision to support a free [sovereign] Kurdistan. So until such a decision will be made, these paroles are refused/ [or must be] changed.

Kindly xxxx xxxx the Social Democratic Party of Sweden/Gutenberg

We wish to remind the Social Democratic Party of Sweden (SAP) about the history of colonialism. When the European colonialism brought up the banner of “the White Man’s Burden” under the guise of Christianity and Civilizations, this spelt the forceful occupation of many nations in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. The occupation had a bloody outcome where millions of people were butchered, forced into slavery and their properties annexed or confiscated by the colonialists. Colonialism went hand in hand with a brutal brand of racism where the colonized were discriminated and harassed systematically. But despite this harsh reality, bloody liberation movements arose and in time contributed to the demise of the authority and rule of colonial powers. As a result many of these nations established their sovereignty, a functioning bureaucracy, an educational and a healthcare system, and workable intact infrastructure, especially in the areas of railways and airports.

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Colonialism in Kurdistan compared to what may be considered to be the classical European colonialism is of a different character. It has spewed forth racist tendencies against the people of Kurdistan which are not based on racial differences, the “We and them”, but is rather based on the total denial of the existence of Kurds as a people. Racist policies implemented in occupied Kurdistan firstly worked to deny the existence of Kurds and secondly outlaw the use of the Kurdish language, culture and traditions. This racist policy was based on conscious and deliberate efforts aimed at the isolation of Kurdish people to the outside world. The aim being to deny Kurdistan the developments made in the fields of industry, work, healthcare and education. This policy is far from being latent and haphazard but is, on the contrary, well organized and planned.

This system of occupation is managed through and by hundreds of politicians, advisers, institutions, tens of thousands of policemen, paramilitaries, spies and hundreds of thousands soldiers. The military authorities have millions of dollars to spend annually, have modern jet fighters, modern tanks and artilleries and other sophisticated armaments.

The Iranian army guarantees a continuation of the occupation of Kurdistan.

Throughout history and especially during the previous century, this army killed and exterminated thousands of people in Kurdistan and has replaced hundreds of thousands of Kurdish people inside of Iran or forced Kurdish people to flee to the neighbouring countries.

Different Iranian regimes have thrown thousands of Kurds into prison, confiscated movable and unmovable properties and forced hundreds of thousands of Kurds to leave Kurdistan and Iran to distant countries. Iran takes Kurdish national wealth and steals everything it comes over in Kurdistan. Meanwhile the Kurdish people live in a state of hunger, unemployment, illiteracy, without a serious health or education system, denying the Kurdish people hopes of any foreseeable or tangible future.

The situation of the Kurdish people in Iran is simply horrendous in comparison to the traditional European colonies, something perhaps beyond the scope of understanding for the average European. In order to understand the Kurdish situation, the prerequisite of firstly respecting the Kurdish people’s rights to freedom has to be met and acknowledged.

The Kurds in Kurdistan in comparison to other people such as Arabs, Turks and Persians in countries such as Iraq, Turkey and Iran, are not a minority. The population of Kurds in Iran can only be surpassed by those of the Azeri’s and the Persians. There is therefore absolutely no reason as to why the Kurds should not be regarded as a nation of peoples.

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However it is the splitting factors and the reality of being occupied by four different states that makes the Kurds appear to be minorities, especially in comparison to other non homogeny people-blocks. Moreover, these countries have the tendency to refer to the Kurds as a “minority” and in doing so perpetuate this minority myth and maintain the veil of invisibility they have surrounded the Kurds with.

The PSDKurdistan is refusing such miscalculations!

The Social Democratic Party of Kurdistan uses other factors when it strives for and demands a sovereign democratic state for the Kurds. This political demand is stated quite clearly and explicitly in our political program. We believe that to ask less than the right to self determination is an offense against the Kurdish people and against all peoples striving to live in freedom and independence.

We expect that all those of a democratic mind and those who respect liberation movements, regardless of ideological persuasion, to give their support towards all and any individuals and nations, including Kurdish people, in their struggle to self determination and the right to determining their own destiny. This must naturally occur through fair and just elections supervised by the UN and European observers to make sure that the election results and implementation thereof will be respected by all.

The Kurdish people are more aware of their rights than any other time in history. They cannot be ignored or forced to respect their occupiers “national” boundaries as something that is absolute and unchangeable. These states are themselves are a product of the Western colonization and demarcations resulting from the First World War.

We believe that it is quite amazing that the SAP, a Party which has fought peacefully and still fights in order to make Sweden continue as a sovereign nation, for workers, peasants, students and government employees to have better work conditions, for a still better social insurance system, to improve human rights conditions and to maintain and at the same time develop different freedoms in the society, is not just denying the same rights to the Kurds, but also seeks to forbid the Kurds expressing these sentiments in their paroles whilst marching in a workers demonstration on the 1st of may!

We consider SAP: s demand to a sovereign Palestine state as hypocritical. Pressure from the twenty-two Arab states and fifty-six Muslim countries that support the Palestinians has surely been brought to bear as to force SAP to dance to the tune they are playing. In the case of Kurdistan it is quite the opposite. As SAP mentions it, there are many countries who are involved in Kurdistan and it is not an easy task to have a positive political stand in support of the Kurds. SAP has of course it is own party and national interests to consider!

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SAP wishes to relegate to the Kurds those few non official activities, whose value is undeniably of tactical nature, and thereby apportion these to undoubtedly cultivate amicably relations with some “approved” Kurds. There are always such overtures originating from different sources that attempt to dilute the seriousness of the Kurdish issue. The contention being that the Kurds cry for freedom and to have a state of our own has no merit. Thus SAP tries to assuage Kurdish pain and agony with a couple of ache pills.

We find these attitudes far from that of international solidarity and lacking in political seriousness and will in the long run not reflect positively in SAP: s favour.

PSDKurdistan conclusion:

- The Social Democratic Party of Kurdistan has decided not to participate or be party to SAP: s demonstration march on 1st may 2009.
 - The political stand the SAP has indicated towards the Kurds will definitely affect the Kurds political choice in Sweden.
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- Iranian army out of Kurdistan!
 - Long live the Kurdish people and its struggle for peace and freedom and for a sovereign democratic state of its own!

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