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**Kurdish student arrested at the Iraqi-Syrian border**

On August, 10th 2009 the student Sivan Abdul Allatif was kidnapped by Syrian security forces in Syria after his visit in Iraq and brought to an unknown place.

Sivan Abdul Allatif was a student at the Philosophic Faculty at the University of Damascus. During the occurrences of March, 12th 2004 he was held for using the internet and was exmatriculated. In order to continue his studies he traveled to Kurdistan-Iraq after his release. Sivan Abdul Allatif is completely cut off from the outside world. His fate is unknown until today.

**Another Kurdish conscript of the Syrian army dead**

The dead body of the Kurdish recruit Arif Ahmad Omar- born in the village Mamala in the district

Rajo in 1988- was delivered to his family in Jul 2009. The recruit did his military service at the 116 the brigade of the Syrian army. The superiors of the young dead recruit told his family that he died in consequence of an electric shock. After the delivery of the dead body the relatives discovered marks of torture on the body, for instance deep injuries on the head, which were bonded in order to cover up marks of violence.

As is known 28 Kurdish recruits have died under mysterious circumstances in the Syrian army since March 2004.

### **Arrest because of the possession of a Kurdish party's flyer**

On Friday, September 11th 2009 the Kurd Mahmud Zuber Mahmud was arrested by a patrol of the Syrian security forces in Qamishli (in the north-east of Syria) in the district AL-Hilaliya. He was accused of being in possession of an flyer of the Democratic Kurdish Party ( Al Party). After his arrestment a patrol of the syrian security forces ransacked his father's house, found and confiscated CDs and other materials with contents of Kurdish folklore and culture. After the searching the father and Abdul Wahaab Schekhmous Al Fares were arrested, too. Until today the fate of these three arrested men is unknown.

### **Forced displacement of a family in Rumylan**

On August, 31st 2009 the management of the "Syrian Petroleum Company", which manages the oilfield of Rumylan, proceeded, supported by the police, against Muhammad Saed Omer's family. Muhammad Saed Omer and his family were forced to leave their house and were expelled form their residence.

Muhammad Sayed Omer is an employee of the Mineral Oil Company and leading member of the kurdish Azadi Party. He lived with his family in a flat, which was made available for the company's employees. Mister Omer wasn't able to go to work after his arrestment by the Syrian security forces. Despite the management knowing these circumstances they arranged the eviction of the flat by the police. Since August, 26th 2009 Muhammad Sayed Omer has been in custody by the security forces.

### **Lawyer not allowed leaving the country**

The Kurdish centre of Legal Studies and Consultations YASA e.V. learned through reliable sources \* that the lawyer Abdull Salam Shaker was forbidden to continue his planned visit to Turkey by the Syrian security authorities in the border town of Qamishlo-Nassybin. He was requested to audition in front of the security forces' division No. 5/235 known as Palestine Department of military security in Damascus.

\*For safety reasons and to protect the reporters on the spot, the sources were not identified by name.

### **The fate of a Kurd deported from Germany remains unknown**

The Kurdish-Syrian citizen Khaled Kenjo was transferred from a security services prison in the city Qamishlo to an unknown place in the capital Damascus. Since then the relatives of the imprisoned Kurdish have been trying in vain to find out the new place of conveyance of their son from the security forces. It was always communicated to the relatives that their son had been transferred to Damascus. The name of the security department in the capital, where Khaled Kenjo is held on, was not communicated to the relatives.

It should be noted that on September, 1st 2009 Khaled Kenjo was deported by the German authorities to Syria based on the repatriation agreement signed between the Federal Republic of Germany and Syria from 2008.

### **Kurdish activists handed over to military court**

The military prosecution in Aleppo handed out Felek Khalil, Afrat Mohammad und Mohammad Khalil to the Military court in Qamishilo. The three persons were arrested in the “Zugra-district” in Damascus. They were accused of being member of a forbidden organization pursuant to article 288 of the Syrian penal code. Rojin Remo was also handed out to the military court. As we reported before, Rojin Remo was arrest by the Syrien security forces on July, 29<sup>th</sup> 2009. Also she is accused of having violated article 288 of the Syrian penal code.

### **Long prison sentences for Kurdish activists**

The Supreme Security Court has opened a trial against several persons. The affected persons are:

- Shukri Khaled Omer, born 1988, arrested since December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006
- Safqan Rashid Khlo, born 1990, arrested since February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006
- Rashid Rashid Khlo, born 1958, arrest since February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006
- Jeger Shekho born 1989
- Ferhad Mohammad Mohammad

The defendants will be sentenced according to the articles 267, 288 and 308 of the Syrian penal code.

Three other persons were sentenced to prison on the same trial. Two of them are accused of being members of the forbidden Kurdish party “The Kurdish-Arab Brotherhood”. They said that the party’s goal is to separate one part of the Syrian land and to incorporate it a foreign nation. The two persons were sentenced to 8 years prison and forced labour. The basis of the sentence is article 267 of the Syrian penal code. In addition to that, Mustafa Rashid Silfo was sentenced to 6 years prison.

### **Death of a Kurdish imprisoned**

Authorities informed the parents of the Kurdish Khoshnav Sulyman about the death of their son who was in the “Saydnaya” prison. The military prosecution acknowledged the death of Koshnav Sulyman through an official death certificate on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. However, the Syrian authorities remain silent about the exact cause of death. The burial place is also unknown.

Khoshnav Sulyman had been arrested by the Syrian security forces after he came back to Syria after graduation of his pharmacy studies in Moscow. He was accused of being a member of the Kurdish labour party before starting his studies in Moscow.

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