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Deterioration of the Kurdish activist and blogger's health, Kamal Sheikho

The health of the Syrian activist and blogger Kamal Sheikho who was detained in Damascus Central Prison – Addra, has deteriorated after his hunger strike since 16/2/2011 and thirst strike since 26/02/2011 which prompted the prison authorities to transfer him to the government hospital Ibn Al-Nafees to watch his condition.

The activist Kamal Sheikho, born in 1978, has been arrested on 23/06/2010 on the Syrian-Lebanese borders while he was attempting to leave the country, and trailed by the Second Criminal Court in Damascus on charges of "spreading false news that weaken the morale of the nation".

Deterioration of three Kurdish detainees health and transferring them to a military hospital in Damascus

On Friday evening of 18/02/2011, three Kurdish detainees have been transferred to a military hospital in Damascus, because of deterioration of their health, and they are: Jegar Abdul Karim, Daleel Mohammed Amin and Walid Jamil.

Also on Tuesday of 22/02/2011, two Kurdish detainees Badr Al-Din Omar and Daleel Badr Al-Din Omar have been transferred. And on the next day the detainee Raman Mohammad Sharif has been transferred to a military hospital too.

Campaign of mass arrests of Kurdish activists in Aleppo

The security authorities in Aleppo province launched a campaign of mass arrests among supporters of the Democratic Union Party PYD included school students from different ages, women and men, in the period between January 21 and February 12 of 2011, and they are: Sheikhmos bin Mohammed Daoud , Ahmed Mohammed bin Hamid, Ibrahim Ali Fares , Mohammed Saleh Mirzo, Imad Abdo, Bakr Ahmed bin Khalil, Damhat Hussein, Abdul Rahman Dermosh , Khalil Dermosh bin Abdul Rahman, Mohammed Ibrahim Sheikho, Hasan Ibo, Mahmuod Abu Saleh, Mohammed bin Mahmoud, Ibrahim Rasho bin Mohammed, Hemza rasho bin Mohammad, Kawa bin Hussein, Hussein Rashid Sheikho, Zeheeda Hussein Sheikho, Zozan Hussein Sheikho, Omar Samir, Givara Fareed , Mohammad Jemmo bin Mohammad , Fatehi kor khello bin Mustafa, Shaaban Jaafar bin Jamil , Mohammed Ali Hassan bin Hussein, Ghareeb Hesso bin Hussein, Qazeqeli Suleiman Bin Mohammed and Mariam Sabri Habash the activist in the organization of the Women's Federation "Star".

There is a number of the detainees, the source didn't mention their full names, and they are residents of Sheikh Maqsood neighborhood in Aleppo, and they are: Fawzi, Omar, Alan, Rizan, Adel, Mohammed (college student), Walid, Nazmi and his wife Nazli and finally Mustafa.

A campaign of arrests of Kurdish citizens included women in the capital Damascus

The security authorities in Damascus in the period between 10 to 15 Feb.2011 arrested Kurdish citizens, there were women included them, and they are:

Halima Khalil Jawish, Aisha Haji Kalesh, Masood Ahmed Hassan, Faisal Abu Newroz, Behzad Naif Ali, Hamdi Salah Hussein, Basna Said Saadoun, Daleel Khalil Osman, Selman Mohammed Khalil Abdi, Anwar Turkeman, Saud Osman, Azad Mohammed Sharif Ramadan.

Prison sentences on Kurdish asylum seekers who were deported from Cyprus

The individual military Judge in Aleppo on 02/02/2011 sentenced eleven Kurdish citizen of asylum seekers who were deported from Cyprus on 15/12/2010.

Ten of them have been sentenced to six months in prison, and they are: Mohammed Suleiman, Kaniwar Mohammed, Serbaz Hassan, Mohammed Hussein, Alan Tammo, Mohammad Ekkash, Abdul Rahman Masalikh, Yasser Issa, Fattah Taqqi Al-Din, Farhad Qersheh. While Anwar Hassan Daqqori has been sentenced to one year in prison.

It is noteworthy that the Cypriot authorities have deported many asylum seekers to Syria in waves since mid-June 2010 where many of them have been arrested on the background of applying asylum requests in Cyprus.

Three Kurdish citizens have been sentenced in prison because of organizing a poetry festival The individual military Judge in Qameshli city on Thursday of 17/02/2011 sentenced to four months three Syrian Kurdish citizens because of organizing a poetry festival on the occasion of Kurdish poetry Day in a village of Malikia's - Hassaka province, and they are the two Poets Omar Abed Ismail and Abdul Samad Hassan Mahmoud, and the citizen Ahmed Fattah Ismail and he is the owner of the house where the festival has been organized. They have been sentenced on the charges of actions that intend to or incite racism and strife among different elements of the nation.

Arrest of a Kurdish recruit when he was in a internet café

A patrol of military security in Homs on 05/02/2011 arrested the recruit Faraz Akram Mahmoud because of his presence in a internet café in Homs City, when he was spending his vacations to apply his final exams in the Faculty of Land Reclamation at University. It is probable that he has been transferred to the branch of military intelligence - the Palestine Branch in Damascus.