

Political

July 27, 2014

KRG rejects reports asking Turkey to train Peshmerga

KRG Peshmerga Minister rejected reports that Turkey is training Peshmerga forces. "These reports are baseless and KRG has not asked Turkey to train our Peshmerga forces," said Peshmerga Ministry spokesman Jabar Yawar. (Basnews.com)

Kurds in US opened petition on independent Kurdistan in White House

US-based Kurds have opened a petition on the White House website calling on the Obama administration to recognize Kurdistan independence. As a rule of the petition, they have to collect 100,000 signatures for it to be discussed by the government and congress in Washington. (Ekurd.net)

July 28, 2014

Barzani visits Peshmerga forces on the frontline in Kirkuk

On the first day of the Ramadan feast, KR President Masoud Barzani visited Peshmerga forces on the frontline in Kirkuk. He told the forces that they had made history and shown great courage in fighting the Islamic State of Iraq and Sham (ISIS) in Iraq and the disputed territories. (Shafaq.com)

July 29, 2014

France welcomes Christian refugees fleeing Mosul

French government said that they are ready to welcome displaced Christians who fled Mosul after being threatened by the Islamic State of Iraq and Sham (ISIS). French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said his government is willing to take in refugees from Mosul. (Ekurd.com)

July 30, 2014

KRG responds to Kurdish oil tanker seizure in US

On Tuesday morning, a US court ordered the seizure of Kurdish oil tanker at the request of Baghdad government. The tanker carrying \$100 million worth of oil, anchored off the coast of Texas, has created a stir with the Iraqi government, who claims the oil was taken illegally from the country's Kurdish region. (peyamner.com)

July 31, 2014

Barzani tells Peshmerga to protect Syrian Kurds

Hashim Setayie, the General Commander of the Peshmerga Forces in Rabia told BasNews that Barzani has asked them to help Syrian Kurds and protect them as well. He focused on Syrian Kurds in particular due to its strategic location. peyamner.com

August 2, 2014

Kurdish official: 516 killed in Mosul last month

Sa'ad Mamuzini, the spokesman of KDP Mosul branch told BasNews that so far in the first seven months of 2014, about 1,690 people have been killed in Mosul, which has seen fierce

fighting in recent months. (Basnews.com)

70 Thousand Shiite refugees transferred to Baghdad via Erbil Airport

About 70,000 Shiite refugees from Tel Afar district, south west of Mosul, have been transferred to Baghdad and other Shiite majority cities in southern Iraq through Erbil airport. (Ivinpress.com)

August 4, 2014

ISIS kills 70 Kurdish Yazidis after refusing convert to Islam

Mosul: ISIS blew up shrines belong to the Yazidi sect and killed 70 Yazidi Kurds after refusing convert to Islam, witnesses say. (Ekurd.net)

9,540 displaced Iraqi families registered in Slaimaniya, Kurdistan region. (Aswat al-Iraq)

August 5, 2014

Kurdistan parliament unaware of heavy weapons into the region: official

Erbil: An official in Kurdistan Parliament said the legislative body is unaware whether heavy weapons have been transferred into the autonomous Kurdistan region which is in war with jihadists of the Islamic State. (Kurdpress.ir)

US to give Peshmerga forces air support

Erbil: Rudaw has learned from a high-level US official that the US has offered KRG air support in their fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS). (rudaw.net)

August 6, 2014

Yawar: Peshmerga fighting ISIS jihadists alone and welcome any outside help

Erbil: Secretary General of the Ministry of Peshmerga of KRG Jabbar Yawar said in a statement today that the Peshmerga forces, locked alone in the war against ISIS terrorists without help from the state. He stressed that they welcome any support or outside help. (Ninanews.com)

August 7, 2014

KRG asks for NATO and US intervention

Erbil: KRG Foreign Relation Chief Falah Mustafa asked US and NATO to arm Peshmerga forces and help them by bombing the bases of the militants of the Islamic State of Iraq and Sham (ISIS). (Kurdpress.ir)

August 8, 2014

UK Foreign Office advises not to travel to Iraqi Kurdistan

London: In view of the deteriorating security situation in Northern Iraq, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) advises British Nationals not to travel to the areas affected by recent fighting, including those in the Kurdistan Region. (Ekurd.net)

190,000 refugees cross into Iraq's Kurdistan region in one week. (cihan.com.tr)

August 9, 2014

Kurds thank US for their support

Erbil: Chief of Staff to KR President, Dr. Fuad Hussein on Friday thanked the U.S. on the

assistance provided against the Islamic State in Iraq and Sham (ISIS) militants, KRG website reported. (KRG.org)

Helicopter carrying aid reaches mount Sinjar

Shinjar: Kurdish soldiers are loading much-needed food and water onto this helicopter destined for mount Sinjar where thousands of Kurdish Yezidi civilians are stranded. (rudaw.net)

Italy commends Iraq's Kurdistan fight against ISIS terror

Erbil: Italian Foreign Minister Federica Mogherini said Saturday that Italy lauded the efforts of the Iraqi Kurdistan authority against the Islamic State of Iraq and Sham (ISIS). (Ekurd.net)

August 10, 2014

Mount Sinjar and surrounding villages under Kurdish control. (Ekurd.net)

French FM arrives in Kurdistan

Erbil: French Foreign Minister, Roland Fabius arrived on Sunday, to Erbil from Baghdad on a private visit to discuss with officials of KRG threats of militants of the Islamic State of Iraq and Sham (ISIS) and distribution of emergency humanitarian aid for displaced people from Nineveh Plain, Sinjar and Zumar areas. (Ekurd.net)

Economy

July 31, 2014

US Official: No US ban on transfer or sale of oil from any part of Iraq

A senior US official said that his government has no ban on exporting and selling oil from any part of Iraq. (basnews.com)

August 8, 2014

Chevron pulling staff from Iraqi Kurdistan as ISIS advances. (Reuters)

Exxon evacuates Iraqi Kurdistan as Islamic State advances. (Reuters)

August 9, 2014

Abu Dhabi National Energy Co (TAQA) suspended activity at the Atrush Block in Kurdistan. (Reuters)