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Re: The Suppression of Ethnic Kurds in Turkey

Dear President Erdogan,

We are writing to express our grave concerns about curfews, escalating tensions and clashes in the Kurdish region of Eastern Turkey where according to news sources thousands of citizens have been displaced and forced to migrate due to the disruption of normal living conditions.

The Iran National Council urges your high office to call for an immediate halt to all violence, and the restoration of suitable peaceful conditions within the framework of international law and respect for Turkey's national sovereignty.

The Iran National Council is following recent political developments in Turkey with deep concerns, as it is through respect for the rights and dignity of all citizens that one can ensure sustainable regional security.

At this critical juncture, as various groups and factions instigate violence and undermine the values and principles of modernity, including human rights, to advance their medieval thoughts, it is incumbent upon the government and the people of Turkey to confront ideas and practices that promote the spread of violence and the rise of terrorist groups.

The Iran National Council looks forward to 2016 as a year of advancement of peace, humanity, and friendship throughout the world. Undoubtedly, Turkey with its strong secular tradition is well positioned to take a leading role in promoting respect for human rights, peace and security in the region.

Yours sincerely
Iran National Council for Free Elections

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