



MARTYRS OF BETHNAHRIN NATIONAL STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM IS LEADING OUR WAY

Believing in liberation, we salute all our martyrs, their families and our patriot nation on this day of October 10, which is the day of commemoration of our martyrs who sacrificed their lives in the Bethnahrin National Council's struggle for freedom. The caravan of droves of martyrs, which set out with the Abgars on October 10, 1999, continues to illuminate our path and bring the sacred goals of our people closer to reality in the present day.

Dozens of our brothers were martyred in our war against the dark forces, the enemies of humanity. Their sacrifices defending the values and identity of our people for an honorable life has given us a great legacy. Every martyr during our struggle is a proud inheritance and an honorable philosophy of life which we must learn and cherish. Through their acts they taught us courage, loyalty to national unity, and the attitude of resistance to be taken against the enemy. As the Bethnahrin National Council, it is our basic duty to keep their memories alive and continue the aspirations of our martyrs who sacrificed their lives for a democratic and free life for our Syriac-Assyrian-Chaldean-Aramaic people against the colonial powers and enemy of humanity ISIS terrorist organization. (In homeland and diaspora, surely our people will gain power and prestige as much as they own their martyrs who shed their blood and gave their lives for the future of our people.) Thus, we will benefit greatly when all segments of our people prioritize and see it as a duty to take care of our martyrs by mobilizing all material and spiritual resources available.

Our friends and enemies should know that our struggle is the struggle of an oppressed people who are being destroyed and wiped out of history. Our struggle in the fields of politic, social organization, military etc., is a revolt against destruction, denial and injustice. Because hundreds of thousands of our people were subjected to genocide without any guilt or sin. All sort of ethnic values of our people have been plundered and their existence denied. When we set out to seek our rights and demanded justice against this denialism and inhumane practices, we were attacked by racist, religious and genocidal forces. The fact that it is not possible to advance even one foot without daring to become a martyr on this road became more clear in every step, especially when many of our people were martyred by bomb attacks and assassinations against churches. It was inevitable to pay a heavy price for organizing a resistance in order to defend our identity, culture and dignity against a mentality that constantly targets our people. Through this struggle, dozens of our martyrs and veterans are at the top of the national values created by the sacrifices they made and the price we pay.

We bear the responsibility to commemorate our martyrs and keep them alive as a symbol and measure of truth among people in our everyday actions and events. On October 10, we call on the entire Bethnahrin National Council and our patriotic people, wherever they live, to commemorate our martyrs of freedom by organizing activities for this purpose. While we remember our martyrs and veterans with respect once again, we invite everyone to claim this honorable cause and join forces and get organized under the leadership of the Bethnahrin National Council. May our martyrs enlighten our path and strengthen our struggle.

**Long live national freedom and the struggle for liberation led by our martyrs.
Long live the National unity of our people.**

**Bethnahrin National Council
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