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## Canadian PM congratulates Kurds for capture of Saddam

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Hamilton, Canada (KurdishMedia.com), 23 December 2003: Speaking to a crowd of over a thousand Canadian Kurds, Honourable Jim Karygiannis, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport and a member of the Canadian Cabinet of Ministers, congratulated on Sunday the Kurds on behalf of Canadas prime minister, Mr. Paul Martin, for the down-fall and the capture of the Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, calling for democracy to thrive in Iraq, Turkey, Iran and Syria.

Making a parallel with his family's suffering to that of the Kurds, Mr. Karygiannis cited his great grandfathers ordeals at the hands of the Ottoman Empire that forced him to leave Turkey and seek refuge in Greece and then the eventual migration of his (Karygiannis) parents to Canada in 1966.

Mr. Karygiannis said, "I see a banner that reads Democracy and Federalism. This makes me say that you and your people in Kurdistan have suffered a great deal of pain at the hands of dictators [in the Middle East] for the sake of these two words. So, let democracy thrive in Iraq. Let democracy thrive in Turkey. Let democracy thrive in Iran. Let democracy thrive in Syria."

Mr. Karygiannis further added, "In our great federal country (of Canada), we take federalism for granted, yet, your people in Kurdistan are struggling for it. This it says a lot about your ambitions to have a civilized nation like ours here in Canada. Therefore, let me congratulate you on behalf of our prime minister, Mr. Paul Martin, for the down-fall and the capture of the Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein and wish you all the best in Canada and elsewhere," Mr. Karygiannis said.

Thereafter, members of the newly formed Hamilton Kurdish Association (HKA) and the cheering crowd thanked Mr. Karygiannis and continued their celebration with Kurdish music and dance led by the Koma Avesta for music and Koma Zilan for dance to the early hours of the next day.

Mr. Karygiannis was the honorary guest of the Kurdish Action Committee (KAC), invited to take part in the event.

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