



The Kurds and Kurdistan

Today the Kurds are more than 40 million. Their homeland is called **Kurdistan**, which means “**country of the Kurds**”. Kurdistan is not the name of a state, but rather a land, which in the 20th century was obligatorily divided among **five states (Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Syria and Red Kurdistan in the former Soviet Union)**.

The Kurds are today the largest **stateless** nation in the world.

Kurdistan extends from the Caucasus to the Mediterranean Sea and from there to the Gulf. A part of it lies in **Mesopotamia**, which is regarded as the “**cradle of humanity**”.

In this region, high cultures such as **Mithraism** or the **Sun Cult** already existed **thousands of years ago**. There was **Buddhism**; there was **Mazdaism**, the religion of the **Zoroastrians** which dedicated itself to the relation between **good and evil as a dualism** of the nature of life. There was also the religion of **Mani** or Manichaeus, i.e. **Manichaeism**, which symbolically transmitted the dualism of nature into the existence of **light** and **darkness** symbolising good and bad. There was (and still is today) **Judaism, Christianity**, and also **Islam** and **Bahaim** in Kurdistan, and last not least several truly syncretistic religions like the **Yazidis (Ezidis), Yarsan, Alawis, Shabbak, Haqqa**. Brought into the world by the Kurdish nation these syncretistic religions are an undeniable part of the Kurdish culture which is pluralistic, vibrant and varied.

**Daily
programmes on
Rojava Satellite
Radio for the
Kurds in the UK,
Europe and
Middle East**



Western Kurdistan Association is a voluntary and a charity organisation; helping Kurdish local communities in the UK since 1997. **ROJAVA KURDISTAN RADIO** is one of our unique and successful projects.

ROJAVA KURDISTAN RADIO is the First Kurdish Broadcasting Satellite radio; it is transmitted in both dialects of the Kurdish language (Sorani & Kurmanji), Arabic, Turkish, Farsi and English, for research and integration of the Kurdish refugees in the community, started on Friday 11th March 2005. In the world are more than 40,000,000 Kurds, among them more than 20,000,000 young people, the largest nation in the world still stateless, although it has a homeland of its own. In Europe there are more than 3,000,000 Kurds, and in the UK more than 300,000 Kurds.

Rojava Kurdistan covers Europe, Middle East and Kurdistan in all its parts which are occupied by Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Syria and the former Soviet Union, and we have millions of listeners, in Kurdistan and in other countries.

The Kurdish **women** and **children** are the most vulnerable, because the official policy and cultural attitudes in the Middle East **deny** them a number of essential human rights such as education or access to health and even the

Kurdish language. The radio project will involve Kurds here in the UK, Europe and Middle East. Through their participation in the Radio project they will be developing some personal skills for example **voicing** the problems faced by the majority of them. Even though **BBC** World Service has programmes in 29 languages worldwide they have no programme in Kurdish language. **Rojava Kurdistan** is first.

Our **children** and **young people** have missed education and have been cut from their culture and roots, as disadvantaged people in the zone of war, Kurdistan, they need to be given **confidence** and know-how to become as other children.

Rojava Kurdistan radio is a digital radio channel dedicated to the cause of **Kurdish** problems in general, with some special attention to **Western Kurdistan**. The channel can be found by switching your satellite television to radio and selecting **Rojava Kurdistan**.

Rojava Kurdistan Radio

Satellite Hotbird 13E

Transponder Number - 75

Frequency- 12207 H

Polarity- Horizontal

Symbol Rate- 27500

FEC- $\frac{3}{4}$

**Or you can listen to it on our
websites: www.rojavatv.org.uk**

www.western-kurdistan.com

**Your support, participation
and cooperation is needed**

Programmes of Rojava Kurdistan's Radio

We would like to have one hour daily broadcasting programme for each of following subjects:

1. The **Kurdish children and youths** and their lives, because the youths are the future, and to take care of them today will save us a lot in the future.
 2. **Research to provide real statistics** about the Kurds in Kurdistan and Europe.
 3. **Genocide, discrimination and human rights.**
 4. How to **stop terrorism** and to **support democracy and civilisation.**
 5. Prisoners **of conscience** and victims **of torture.**
 6. **Families and refugees problems;** health, poverty, housing and immigration issues.
 7. Increase media professionals' and government understanding of the role of the **media** in a democratic society.
 8. Encourage the development of a legal framework for a **free press.**
 9. **Peace, equal opportunities and justice** for all people.
 10. How to find a **job, training** courses and develop **skills**, resources to become a useful member of society and away from crimes.
 11. **English-Kurdish** language lessons.
 12. How to find **higher education** world wide.
 13. **Culture** programme (history, geography, music, song, drama, sport and heritage).
 14. **Social events**, which will be broadcast on air.
- To **understand the Kurds**, their background and their needs, is the best way to serve them properly, now and in the future, and as a result to have **useful members** and an **integrated community**. Do support our programme project.



Kurdistan Map

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Kurdistan Flag

**The Kurdish population in
Kurdistan numbers far more than
40 million:**

	at least
Kurds in the Northern Kurdistan	20 million
Kurds in the Eastern Kurdistan	10 million
Kurds in the Southern Kurdistan	6 million
Kurds in the Western Kurdistan	3 million
Kurds in Red Kurdistan	1 million

Forum of Kurdish Institutions and Organisations supporting Rojava Kurdistan projects:

1. Kurdistan National Congress-KNC
2. 'Referendum for Kurdistan' Commission
3. Friends of Kurdistan Committee
4. Kurdish Academy of Science and Arts
5. Western Kurdistan Government in Exile
6. Kurdish Human Rights Commission
7. Kurdish Students and Youths Union
8. Kurdish Women Union
9. Kurdish Writers and Intellectuals Union
10. Rojava Kurdistan Radio.