



KurdDAO Launches Fundraising Campaign in Support of Kurdish Human Rights

Jan. 2 2023 — Supporters of Kurdish international solidarity have come together to release [KurdDAO](#), a non-profit fundraising DAO in coordination with the Kurdish Centre for Human Rights, initially backing projects to strengthen Kurdish women's rights as well as raising awareness and support for Kurdish political prisoners and the spread of democratic modernity in the Middle East.

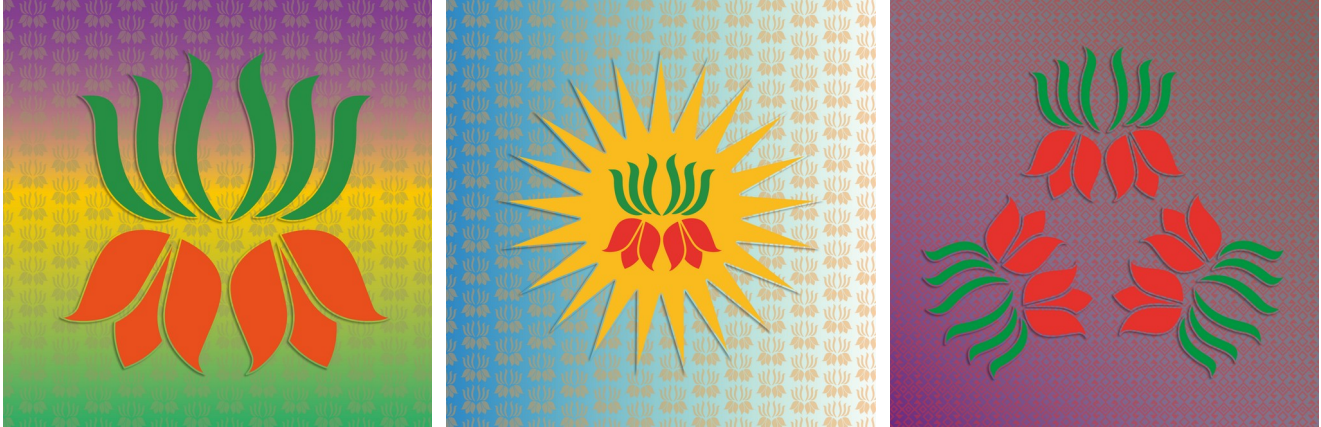
WHY A DAO?

Since the end of World War I, the Kurds have maintained solidarity despite continual displacement and subjugation to hegemonic powers, genocides, and aggressions across Turkey, Syria, Iraq, and Iran. The same radical beliefs the Kurds support that make them targets of Middle Eastern aggression towards free societies are those that stand in support of a decentralized and autonomous life for all, locally and globally: equality, community councils, and ecological solidarity.

JIN JIYAN AZADI FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

KurdDAO is initially raising awareness and funds through a campaign structured where donors can mint unique Freedom Flower NFTs with cultural significance to Kurdish liberation. The symbolism included in the NFT art is the Guldexwîn, or reverse tulip, a flower whose

gene center originates in Kurdistan and is also known as the “[freedom flower of the mountains](#)”. 10,001 NFTs will be offered to represent the over 10,000 political prisoners currently detained in Turkey. 0.1 ETH is the minimum contribution required to mint a Freedom Flower. Freedom Flower NFTs serve as commemorative tokens of appreciation, and also function as access tokens to a future discussion forum for strategic collaboration with the KurdDAO Democratic Council.



INITIAL CAMPAIGN PROJECTS

This campaign will support three projects themed around "Jin, Jîyan, Azadî" or "Woman, Life, Freedom":

- **Women’s Liberation Initiative** will provide funding for Kurdish cultural centers and work spaces around the world, where women can gather for female-led social and project development.
- **Discourse Kurdistan** is a series of panels and events providing open discussion on the developing, complex situation in Kurdistan.
- **Kurdish Legal Advocacy** will focus on providing substantial legal defense to the more than 10,000 political prisoners currently detained in Turkey, including activists, politicians, leaders, and journalists.

The Kurdish Centre For Human Rights (KCHR) is the beneficiary of the initial funding campaign, responsible for ultimately implementing the projects.

STAND FOR KURDISH FREEDOM

The autocratic regimes have used censorship, violence and paramilitary mercenaries to crush the voice of Kurdish women's liberation and social freedom. Tens of thousands of people have been killed, imprisoned and tortured. Millions of people are being displaced, not only in Turkey, but also in Iran where women are now leading the struggle for freedom. Additionally, the democratic project in Northeast Syria, formed after the ISIS defeat, is under constant threat. Despite this pressure, the Kurdish developments and resistance impacts many other parts of the Middle East. The launch of KurdDAO creates resources to transform the Kurdish struggle and give voice to Kurdish women, spreading the message of *Woman, Life, Freedom* to supporters around the world.

We ask that you join us today and **STAND FOR KURDISH FREEDOM.**



<https://kurddao.org/>

About The Kurdish Center for Human Rights

The Kurdish Centre for Human Rights is a non-profit established in Geneva in 2000 as a direct response to the genocide, war crimes, and human rights violations occurring across the Kurdish regions of Turkey, Iraq, Iran, Syria. The Kurdish Centre for Human Rights aims to inform European citizens and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on violations against the Kurds via seminars and other dialogue platforms. Additionally, the organization presently publishes dossiers, research, reports, news, and a variety of resources about Kurdish human rights, women, children, prisoners, and environmental affairs as a means of spreading relevant information on current events.

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