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Dear Colleagues,

violations of rights in Kurdistan has been increasing dramatically over the recent years. Lawyers from all four parts of Kurdistan engage individually and in an organized way through legal organizations against these violations.

From our point of view, coming together of kurdisch lawyers living in Europe with the objective of supporting our colleagues in Kurdistan, who are being engaged in defense of rights as well as discussing and finding solutions for the legal problems of the Kurdish population in Europe is becoming more vital than ever. Therefore we, MAF-DAD e.V. and KURD-AKAD e.V., invite you, as our colleagues in Europe, to attend our below mentioned conference where we would like to discuss together legal issues and possible solutions.

There will be a simultaneous translation in the languages Kurdish, Turkish, English and German. Please note that we do not cover travel and accommodation costs. However we are happy to help you find a place to stay.

Please let us know by 15 May 2018 at the latest via e-mail (info@mafdad.org), if you have received this invitation and would like to attend the conference.

Date: 9th June 2018
Start: 9.30 a.m.
End: 7:00 p.m.
Venue: Alte Feuerwache
Melchiorstraße 3 - 50670 Köln (Cologne)

Room: Saal im Neubau

Schedule*:

First Session:

Fundamental Legal Issues of Kurdistan

1. The Genocide on the Ezidi People
2. The Right to Self-Determination and the Referendum in South-Kurdistan
3. War Crimes, Crimes against Humanity and State of Emergency in North-Kurdistan
4. The Situation of the Kurds in East-Kurdistan in the Stranglehold of Death Penalty, Killings and Discrimination
5. The Legal Status of Rojava (West-Kurdistan) and the Occupation of Afrin
6. The Stand of the EU on Kurds and the Criminalization of Kurds in the EU

Second Session:

Legal Activities and Experiences of Jurists in Kurdistan and Europe

Third Session:

Opportunities and Perspectives of Cooperation for Kurdish Jurists in Europe

*We will send you a detailed schedule at a later date.

Kind regards,

MAF-DAD e.V.

Besra GÜLER and Mahmut ŞAKAR

Directions:

Alte Feuerwache
Melchiorstraße 3 - 50670 Köln

There are, unfortunately, no parking opportunities in the area around Alte Feuerwache.
Thus, we recommend you to use public transport:

Tram lines: 12, 15, 16, 18 (station: Ebertplatz, five minutes' walk)

Bus line: 127 (station: Ebertplatz, five minutes' walk)

S-Bahn (local train): S6, S11, S12, S13 (station: Hansaring, five minutes' walk)

Regional train: RB 25 (station: Hansaring, five minutes' walk)

If you travel by car left of the Rhine (North/South/West):
take the highway A 57 to Innere Kanalstraße in the direction of Zoobrücke - turn to the
right into Krefelder Straße at the first cross-roads - turn to the left at the third street (at the

church) into the low-traffic-zone - drive approx. 150m straight-ahead on the Balthasarstraße - turn to the right into the Kasparstraße at the first cross-roads - you will find the entrance of the Feuerwache

If you travel by car right of the Rhine (North/South/West):

Autobahnkreuz Köln-Ost in the direction of Zoobrücke/Zentrum - past the Zoobrücke stay on the left - turn to the left at the first traffic light - follow that street - turn to the left into the Neusser Straße - turn to the right at the second traffic light into the Balthasarstraße - after approx. 100m turn to the left into the Melchiorstraße = you will be at the Feuerwache.