

On the occasion of Nowruz and Mother's Day

Congratulations, love, and peace

Syrian National Day for all Syrian citizens

We, the organizations and bodies defending Syrian women's rights, signed below, extend our sincere greetings and congratulations to all Syrian citizens in general and to the Syrian Kurds on the occasion of Nowruz and the Kurdish New Year, with all the sincere wishes of happiness and with the great hope for peace and security, wishing the spread of the values and culture of human rights and tolerance, and the consolidation of the values of citizenship, so that the Syrian society in all its components enjoy the rights provided for in the International Bill of Human Rights and all international conventions, protocols, and instruments on human rights and freedoms.

Many safe and peaceful returns to all components of the Syrian homeland

We wish to represent all the values of Nowruz with freedom, dignity, and peace, and the inspiration for all great human ideas, and freedoms, for all those who aspire to a secure human future, and that it would be a national occasion for all of us and a genuine breakthrough towards achieving peace and security. We look forward to the celebration of Nowruz as a beacon that will illuminate to all Syrians all the great hopes filled with the features of Nowruz and its glorious attributes that point to the eternal struggle for freedom from all restrictions in the face of all forms of violence, oppression, and terrorism. As this occasion come to Syria of 2017, Syrians are looking forward to those hopes of peace and security that are looming in the horizon with the declared international interest for the sovereignty of peace on Syrian soil, which is associated with the negotiations in Geneva, that it can expand to include all the parties involved in the conflict in order to reach the decisions and results binding on the final peaceful political solution to the Syrian crisis. And that the features of our beloved Syrian nation, which was covered by destruction and is full with the smell of blood and rotting human bodies, would change and to the bright colors of Noruz and wipe the sorrows and blacks

and open a better future to the values and ethics of Norouz of love, tolerance, peace, and freedom.

Since this great feast coincides with the Mother's Day, we should all stand in honor to all the mothers of the whole world and to the Syrian mothers as we greet them all and extend our heartfelt condolences to every mother who lost her son and to greet every mother waiting for her son to leave the detention or return from enforced disappearance or forced asylum.

On the occasion of the glorious day of Nowruz, we hope that it will be a real breakthrough towards achieving the values of peace, security, freedom, democracy, and human rights for all without exception. We call for **the gathering and mobilization of all Syrian national efforts and sincere hopes, so that Nowruz would stay a national Syrian day under the banner of peace in Syria.**

We condemn all acts of violence, killing, destruction, vandalism, terrorist bombings, assassinations, and enforced disappearances regardless of their sources and justifications, as well as all the violations that have been committed. We call upon all concerned regional and international parties to shoulder their responsibilities towards the people of Syria and the future of the region as a whole and ask them to continue to work hard and speed up its steps in order to reach a peaceful and lasting political solution to the Syrian crisis, but we affirm that the peace process will continue and reach the desired results only in cooperation with the people involved with real interest in peace and security of the community, in the forefront of which are the women bodied and activists, to whom this congratulations are firstly extended. We are located inside Syria and we are active throughout the Syrian territory, as the real civil society institutions composed of the real forces of society, because we are guided by our reality and our agenda is driven by our traditions, hopes, and aspirations for the future, which necessitated that our partners be our local Syrians. Our voices are truly Syrian, and our status is taken from our acceptability in our streets and between our people, and our daily and relentless interaction to expand our role by gaining our local Syrian credibility by not forgetting the views and concepts of our Syrian women from all walks of life. We first grew up in response to the women of our country on the ground, not for any non-local Syrian trends or incentives,

or any other ceremonial forms, and we do not want the globalization of our organizations under the umbrella of women's issues. We will work with all Syrian women to support and strengthen all peacekeeping operations, peacemaking and peace-building, through our role in supporting attitudes, promoting a culture of peace and increasing effectiveness by being able to reach the widest mass of Syrian people and overcome all forms of discrimination.

Damascus, March 20th, 2017.

1. Syrian Foundation for the Rights of Widows and Orphans
2. Syrian Women Council
3. Syrians gathered against violence and terrorism
4. Syrians make peace
5. Suryana Women Forum
6. Syrian Center for Human Rights Education.
7. The Kurdish Women's Union in Syria - Rhodes
8. Peace Forum for Syrian Women
9. Palmera Foundation for the Rights of Women and Children
10. Sara Organization Against Violence Against Women
11. Jouzour Syrian Foundation
12. Woman Nation Foundation
13. Ebla Center for the Studies of Transitional Justice and Democracy in Syria
14. National Assembly for the Rights of Women and Children.
15. Peace and Democracy Building Bridge
16. Syrian Center for Human Rights
17. Women's Office of the Syrian Democratic Council

- 18.Syrian Media Association
- 19.Lien gathered women
- 20.Zanobia foundation for development
- 21.The institution of the electronic journalism in Syria
- 22.AFAMIA Network of Justice.
- 23.Democratic Association for Women's Rights in Syria
- 24.The center of peace and democracy in Al Hasakah.
- 25.The female gathering for peace and democracy in Syria.
- 26.Center for Development and civil activities in Al Qamishli.
- 27.The Association for the advancement of community participation in Syria.
- 28.Bringing together for Amudah
- 29.The Syrian center for the care of trade union rights, labor
- 30.Ahmed Bounjq Center for the Support of Freedoms and Human Rights
- 31.Syrian Foundation for Human Rights Consultancy and Training
- 32.Jian organization for women in Derek
- 33.Tamkeen Organization for women in Syria
- 34.Women 's Democratic Network
- 35.The National Committee for Supporting Human Rights Defenders in Syria
- 36.Syrian Institute for Development and Democracy
- 37.Al-Safa center for civil society
- 38.Syrian Women's Association for Studies and Training in Human Rights
- 39.Association for the Freedom of Women in Syria

- 40.Afrin Association for Kurdish Women
- 41.Narina Association for Children and Youth
- 42.Palmera Center for the Protection of Freedoms and Democracy in Syria
- 43.Organization of the Voice of Detainees
- 44.Syrian Foundation for the Protection of the Right to Life
- 45.Shawishka Association of Women
- 46.Democratic Association for Women 's Rights in Syria
- 47.The organization of women free Kurdish
- 48.Women's Institution for care and support of civil society in Syria
- 49.Radio Media Production.
- 50.Hefei Radio
- 51.The Democratic Institute for Women's Rights Awareness in Syria
- 52.Syrian Women's Foundation for Transitional Justice
- 53.Evin organization for women and children
- 54.Solidarity Association for Support Peace and Tolerance in Syria
- 55.National Democratic Assembly of Syrian Kurds
- 56.The Syrian Center for Transitional Justice and the Empowerment of Democracy
- 57.The Syrian Center for Research and Studies on Migration and Asylum Issues
- 58.Women's Cafe
- 59.Syrian Center for the Rehabilitation of Victims of Violence and Torture
- 60.The National Center for Studies of tolerance and combating violence in Syria

- 61.Center for Peace and Democracy in Hasakah
- 62.Center for Development and Civil Activities in Al-Kahtaniya
- 63.Syrian Center for Housing Rights
- 64.Syrian Center for Women's Issues
- 65.Syrian Committee for Environmental Rights
- 66.Peacemaker Movement
- 67.Syrian Foundation for the Development of Community Participation
- 68.Syrian Association for the Defense of Workers' Rights
- 69.Syrian Center for Economic and Social Rights
- 70.Arab Committee for the Defense of Freedom of Opinion and Expression
- 71.Syrian Center for Election Observation
- 72.Palmeira Center Against Discrimination Against Minorities in Syria
- 73.Syrian National Network for Civil Peace and Community Security
- 74.Syrian Women's Alliance to activate Security Council Resolution 1325.
- 75.The Network for the Defense of Women in Syria (Includes57 Syrian women's bodies and 60 independent Syrian women figures.