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I am writing to encourage all parties involved to find an amicable solution to the current problems about Roj TV. Kurdish people everywhere need this station. They have very few media in their language. Print media cannot substitute as some Kurdish people can read one alphabet and others can read another. Whatever the disagreements about what is broadcast, please do not consider closing down the station as a reasonable punishment. That disposition impoverishes the lives of many women and children. Typically disputes have to do with news programs and politics, which are only a small part of the services Roj TV provides. Closing the station is a disproportional response; please seek a more balanced solution.

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ENOUGH!**

**ON THE BANNING OF THE KURDISH
ROJ TV STATION IN GERMANY**

**INTERNATIONAL APPEAL AND
SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN**

The Copenhagen Criteria, the basis for Turkey's EU accession process, sets as a condition the free and unimpeded use of the Kurdish language.

But the German Interior Minister is practising the opposite of what he preaches: Herr Schäuble is banning the only Kurdish TV broadcaster that operates all over the world and covers all aspects of culture and news. Millions of people watch this channel daily all over the world and set great store by it.

It belongs to them – not to any party.

VOICE OF MESOPOTAMIAN CULTURE BANNED

Roj TV is the voice of the people of Kurdistan, and is living proof of the

existence of the Kurdish language. People from all heritages are shown extensively in its broadcasts; Roj TV is against war, argues energetically for a just peace, and has denounced human rights violations in Turkey as no other media have done; it has condemned racism and nationalism. Women get to speak on Roj TV, against honour killings, genital mutilation and violence within families.

The Turkish state has tried to block this by signal disruption, dismantling of satellite antennae, and by illegal persecution. Without succeeding!

But they have succeeded now with the Interior Minister of the Federal Republic. Minister Schäuble has banned the station, had studios closed, confiscated all the equipment, and threatens with fines. At the same time Herr Schäuble is exerting considerable pressure on the Danish government to likewise ban and close down Roj TV in Denmark. Wolfgang Schäuble is abusing the democratic rights of Article 5 of the German Grundgesetz (Basic Law) to achieve foreign policy objectives, which only serve the interests of European elites and not the people of Europe.

“SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC”

For Kurds not just in Diyarbakir but in Kapstadt, Los Angeles and the whole of the rest of the world to be able to receive their own broadcasts evidently goes against the “significant interests of the Federal Republic”.

We are aghast at this injustice, which is directed not just against Kurdish people, but against Europe and against democracy in Germany.

We demand the lifting of the ban.

This campaign appeal is supported by Kurdish people all over the world.

Please support it too and sign it !

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Profile of Roj TV

The Kurdish broadcaster Roj TV operates journalistically on the criteria of

objectivity and independence.

All its programmes conform strictly to the requirements of European law, giving room for encouragement of debate, freedom of thought and criticism.

This is a luxury that the Kurds were deprived of for decades. Committed journalists and correspondents daily produce news programmes according to the journalistic values of objectivity, in order to promote democracy, respect for minorities and for cultural identity in Turkey and the Near East.

We will be happy to send you detailed information about journalism as practiced at Roj TV.

ES REICHT JETZT !

ÜBER DAS VERBOT DES KURDISCHEN FERNSESENDERS IN DEUTSCHLAND

EIN INTERNATIONALER APPELL & UNTERSCHRIFTENKAMPAGNE

Die „Copenhagener Kriterien“, Grundlage für den Beitrittsprozeß der Türkei nach Europa, machen dafür die freie und ungehinderte Benutzung der kurdischen Sprache zur Bedingung.

Der deutsche Innenminister praktiziert das Gegenteil: Herr Schäuble verbietet den einzigen global tätigen und alle Bereiche der Kultur und des Nachrichtenwesens umfassenden kurdischen Sender. Der weltweit täglich von Millionen Menschen empfangen und geschätzt wird.

Der ihnen gehört – keiner Partei!

STIMME DER MESOPOTAMISCHEN KULTUREN VERBOTEN

ROJ TV („GUTEN TAG“) ist die Stimme der Menschen Kurdistans. Beweis für die Tatsache der lebendigen Existenz der kurdischen Sprache. In seinen Sendungen sind Menschen aller anderen Herkunft reichlich präsentiert. ROJ TV ist gegen jeden Krieg, plädiert energisch für einen gerechten Frieden und hat wie kein anderes Medium die Menschenrechtverletzungen in der Türkei angeprangert, hat

Rassismus und Nationalismus verurteilt. In ROJ TV kommen die Frauen zu Wort: gegen Ehrenmorde, Genitalverstümmelung und Gewalt in Familien.

Der türkische Staat hat das zu verhindern versucht: mit Störsendern, Abbau von SAT-Antennen, rechtswidriger Verfolgung.

Erfolglos ! – Erfolgreich aber jetzt beim Innenminister der BRD. Minister Schäuble verbot die Arbeit des Senders, ließ Studios schließen, beschlagnahmte alles Gerät und droht widrigenfalls mit Strafen. Herr Schäuble übt zugleich erheblichen Druck auf die dänische Regierung aus, auch die dortigen Einrichtungen von ROJ TV zu vernichten. Wolfgang Schäuble instrumentalisiert die demokratischen Rechte des Grundgesetzes (Art. 5) für außenpolitische Zwecke, die nicht den Menschen, sondern einem Europa der Eliten gelten.

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Wir fordern die Aufhebung der Verbotsverfügung.

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