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Subject: Information on Iranian and Turkish Airstrikes

Dear Belkis,

I hope this email finds you at your best.

This email is to provide you with information on the damages caused by the Turkish and Iranian airstrikes during their clashes with PKK on the Kurdish bordering areas.

The KRG has always encouraged a peaceful settlement of conflict between both sides and has not encouraged any violent activities from either side. Contrary to that, it has regularly issued statements of dissatisfaction and anger against harming the civilians of the bordering areas by all means.

The KRG Ministry of Peshmerga, has requested the halt of these attacks through the Iraqi federal government and for this purpose has constantly reported to the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Baghdad is fully aware of the details of the consequences of the bombardments by Turkey and Iran. However, the KRG is expecting Iraqi Federal Government's official stance and their follow-up on this matter.

Along with Baghdad, Ministry of Peshmerga has also kept the coalition forces informed about the airstrikes during their weekly meetings. Additional meetings with the coalition forces have also been conducted following any urgent matters

The KRG has never been priorly informed about the time or location of airstrikes due to its neutral role in this conflict.

The KRG remains committed to preserving Iraq's sovereignty including preserving the safety and security of the border points along with Iraqi police border forces. It remains in Iraqi Federal Government's hands as the sovereign authority to engage in dialogue with the attacking parties to stop the airstrikes and attacks on the bordering areas.

Attached to this email you will find the GPS of the attacked areas for 2017 and 2018. Attached is also a summary of damages caused by both Iranian and Turkish airstrikes on the *Seedakan* villages in Soran district-Erbil.

Sincere regards

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Damages caused by Iranian and Turkish Airstrikes conducted on the Kurdish bordering areas

Most of the damages as a result of Iranian and Turkish airstrikes has occurred in the Seedakan area, Soran-Erbil due to its geographic location. The bombardment happens due to the continuous conflict between Turkey and PKK and Iran and the Kurdish political parties. As a result of the armed conflict between both sides hundreds of Kurdish villages in that area have been damaged and the process of their renovation has been hampered as a result of the continuity of the armed conflict. The difficulties that both groups have created for people has forced them to leave their areas in fear of their lives to the more city center areas like in Seedekean, Rizgari, Kasnazan and Soran city centers.

PKK forbid the return of the people who wanted to return to their areas due to their active presence there. The clashes became intensified when in December 2017, the Turkish army was settled in the Kurdish villages like *Barmeeza, Dolli Sheikh, Chya Kitkeen, and Gali Rash*. This jeopardized the living conditions of approximately 300 families of *Bermeeza, Chnarok and Bnawanok* due to the proximity of the Turkish army bases to the villages. This has made the movement of the villagers in the area difficult. The Turkish military advancement in April 2018 to Del mountain jeopardized the situation of 10 more villages. As a result of these clashes between the Turkish army and PKK 200 families from the villages of *Khalifan, Seeran, Nalakan, Lelkan, Daylan, Gorasher, Gorashan, Nawmergan , Akwwan, Shelkan, Buzena* and many more were forced to flee their homes and they were issued refugee IDs by the UNHCR. The clashes have continued from December 2017. The airstrikes are indifferent to the civilian lives and the situation of the villages.

Summary of the damages as a result of Turkish airstrikes in 2017 and 2018:

- Throughout the clashes between Turkey and PKK, more than 50 civilians only in the Seedakan area have been killed the last one being a resident of the Barmeeza village named [REDACTED] in September 13, 2017.

- More than 200 families have become displaced.
- Loss of the villagers' source of income especially the spring herbs.
- Burning the fields and as a result forcing some villagers sell their livestock.
- Killing cows and horses due to the airstrikes. For example, 10 cows in Blasanan village of only one civilian were killed as a result of the Turkish airstrikes.
- The burning of 850 hectares of the villagers which was the annual livestock food.
- The reduction in dairy products.
- The reduction of honey products.

Villages under the threat of evacuation due to the Turkish airstrikes:

- Khalifan, Seeran, Nalakan, Lelkan, Daylan, Gorasher, Gorashan, Nawmengan , Akwwan, Shelkan, Buzena, Blasanan, Barmeeza

Damages by the Iranian attacks:

- The Islamic Republic of Iran conducted airstrikes on the Seedakan bordering areas in September 4, 2017 claiming the presence of Kurdish armed groups. As a result, a lady named [REDACTED] was severely injured. The villagers evacuated the villages of Bni Rashkin, Bane, Bn Parezam Barchikha, Darhol, Shiwadz, Barbzin, Kateena and their farms were burned down.
- As a result of another airstrike on July 7, 2018, 250 hectares of farm and land was burned.
- As a result of intense airstrikes on September 6, 2018, villagers of Barbzeen and Shiwadz left their homes.

Villages under the threat of evacuation due to Iranian airstrikes:

Bni Rashkeen, Bane, Bn Preza, Barcheekha, Darhol, Sheewadz, Barbzeen, Kateena

List of the damages done to civilians by Iranian airstrikes:

Name	Type of Damage	Phone Number
	Burning of 3 hectares of grapes farm Burning of 400 cherry, apple, walnut, peach trees 2 tractors were burned	
	Burning of 2 hectares of grapes farm Burning of 60 walnut trees and 40 apple trees	
	Burning of 70 walnut trees	
	Burning 20 walnut trees	
	Burning 15 walnut trees	
	Burning of 10 walnut trees and 23 apricot trees	
	Burning of 2 tractors and half hectare of grapes farm	
	Burning of 2 tractors and 500 meters of fences	
	Burning of 52 trees	
	Burning of 15 walnut trees and 18 apple trees	
	Burning of 40 bees	
	Burning of 20 bees	
	Burning of 15 bees	

List of the evacuated villages:

More than 100 villages have been evacuated which are located in the Seedakan, Soran-Erbil areas like:

Arey Saru	Pirbaynan	Spyga
Arey Xwaru	Pirkhan	Spindare
Alokan	Jurja	Smaqa
Almushi Saru	Xushina	Snin
Almushi Xwaru	Xastu	Sida
Awbra	Xatra	Siro
Bajara	Xarwan	Shapke
Balaka	Xazna	Pexa
Bardasor	Xashula	Shnaw
Banan	Xnera	Shushnay xwaru
Bane	Dola	Shushnay Saru
Brapir	Darawi Saru	Shezan
Blasa	Darawi Xwaru	Shiwasaqar
Bn Kawr	Daryan	Shiwan
Bnawilok	Du Dola	Chort
Boor	Derishka	Chamalwa
Bejwana	Dewin	Chunsa
Besuk	Rusor	Gojar
Bekol	Zarwa	Gor chawshin
Alsta	Zyarat	Gora
Perwan	Zinwe	Gorabye
Para w	Sorazawya	Gormamk
Pashpal	Sardaw	Garapech
Ponsta	Salarya	Galan Gardi
Pirbraim	Spyara	Goyzha quli

Arab Kola	Lolan	Hole
Kani Xumar	Mala Mala/Shakew	Harumar
Kani Mala	Mawna	Hadney Xwaru
Karzawa	Margawaroki Xwaru	Hadney Saru
Kalawla	Margawaroki Saru	Hayat
Kamak	Malabadin	Waswan
Kawart	Mghar	Shiwasan
Kwzina	Mwslok	
Kwyraka	Nawarwan	
Kelaga	Nabi Sor	