

The problem of Kirkuk University

Description

On Kurdistan National Flag day that is December 17, 2014, a dispute initiated among Kurd and Arab students in Kirkuk University. The heads of Universities and academic institutes in Kirkuk decided to announce that date as a holiday. Yet some students insisted on celebrating Kurdistan National Flag Day in Universities and institutes, which the celebrations have escalated into violent acts among Arab and Kurdish students. The clashes have resulted in 14 wounded persons where gun fire shots were heard from inside the campus of Kirkuk University while police patrols interfered in the incident. The clashes were believed to be resulted from verbal tension between the students of ethnic nature which urged security forces to maintain the situation in the University.

Facilitator(s)

The member of the Network of Iraqi Facilitators, Mr. Mohammed Al Juboori is committed to carry out and direct the sessions and meetings during the implementation period.

Purpose

The main purpose of the project is:

To identify the cause of this issue and the sides that caused the conflict and how to avoid similar issues in the future.

Implementation period

One month, starting from February 01, 2015 – March 01, 2015

Sides of the conflict

- 1- Students of Kirkuk university
- 2- Head of the university
- 3- Students' unions (Arab, Kurd, And Turkmen)
- 4- Kirkuk provincial council.

Outcome

- 1- Identifying the cause of the problem
- 2- Concluding the key sides of the conflict
- 3- Coming up with solutions to avoid similar issues in the future.