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## Press release:

### The Kurdish Friendship Group in the European Parliament call for international investigation into Turkey's use of chemical weapons in Iraqi Kurdistan

More than one hundred of MPs, journalists, intellectuals, women's right activists, human rights activists and civil society members from Iraqi Kurdistan alert the international community about the utilisation of chemical weapons by Turkey's forces during military operations in Iraqi territory.

They call the secretary General of the United Nations, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, and the UN office for Disarmament Affairs to conduct investigations and to send an independent commission.

Turkey's policy of aggression against the Kurdish territories of Syria (Rojava) and Iraq is increasingly brutal and systematically violates international law.

Without a vigorous and urgent intervention, Turkey would be encouraged in its practices that endanger peace in this part of the world.

**The Kurdish Friendship Group in the European Parliament support this call and ask the international authorities to act quickly and send a delegation to investigate.**

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