

Kurdish national anthem

The Kurdish national anthem, *Ey Reqib* (Oh Enemy) was written by the poet Dildar (1917 – 1948) in 1938, when he was in prison and subject to torture. His immediate enemy were the prison guards. The anthem was adopted by the Republic of Mahabad and the Kurdistan Regional Government and is sung by all Kurds. An English translation is as follows:

Oh enemy, the Kurdish people live on.
Kurds have not been crushed by weapons over time.
Let no one say Kurds are dead, Kurds are alive.
Kurds are alive and our flag will never fall.

We are the descendants of the red banner of revolution.
Look at our past, how bloody it is.
Let no one say Kurds are dead, Kurds are alive.
Kurds are alive and our flag will never fall.

We are the children of Media and Cyaxares.
Our faith and religion are our homeland.
Let no one say Kurds are dead, Kurds are alive.
Kurds are alive and our flag will never fall.

Kurdish youth rise like lions,
To colour the crown of life with their blood.
Let no one say Kurds are dead, Kurds are alive.
Kurds are alive and our flag will never fall.

Kurdish youth are ever ready
To sacrifice each life they have.
Let no one say Kurds are dead, Kurds are alive.
Kurds are alive and our flag will never fall.

For a recording go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Miae3nRSsP8>



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