

Jamal Bidawid's Historical Letter to AssyriaSat

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In a flash-back to recent years in Assyrian history and to refresh the memories, AssyriaTimes decided to publish the translation of historical letter Mr. Jamal Bawid sent to AssyriaSat after the funeral of Patriarch Mar Raphael Bidawid.

Mr. Jamal Bidawid, the brother of the deceased Mar Raphael I Bidawid, called the AssyriaSat on Tuesday, October 28, 2003, on Dr. Sargon Dadesho's Live program and read his open letter. The letter reads:

Greetings to my beloved Assyrian nation. Today, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my belated appreciation (I was tied up in Lebanon due to funeral arrangements) to the entire Assyrian nation and especially the AssyriaSat for participating in my beloved brother, Mar Raphael I Bidawid's funeral. This shows the love and compassion of the Assyrian nation. Your decency will enable you to reach all of your national objectives. My family and I will forever be grateful to AssyriaSat for dedicating special programs in memory of my late brother for three days, and also for showing his entire funeral ceremony. Your love, respect and generosity has moved me and my family in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, and America, beyond words. I am unable to show the dept of our gratitude with my pen. Dear AssyriaSat, we are so very much proud of you for how you stood firm in your position in opposing those shallow, disgraced people that up until a few months ago were the agents of the former brutal regime of Iraq. My deceased brother, the Patriarch, used to expose all of them when he was alive. Mar Raphael I Bidawid always took pride in his Ashurism and Nestorian ancestors; therefore he spent all his life opposing those traitors of this nation. It is indeed a blessing that he passed away before he could see them now, how they trip over each other to please their evil masters. I also would like to thank the Patriarch Mar Dinkha IV of the Assyrian Church of the East. It is admirable how the Assyrian Church of the East has maintained its dignity and refrained from interfering in today's political pit, because this denomination believes in its true spiritual and Christian mission. I assure you this fact will be recorded in history in golden letters. Because the Assyrian name is based on history, every rock, every stone in Iraq screams "I am Assyrian!" I would like to whisper to Oumtanayeh Chaldeans, and tell them, stand by your Assyrian brothers; do not attempt to create a separate identity for yourselves. Mr. Jamal Bidawid concludes his letter by saying: My dears at AssyriaSat, you exposed every coward, every traitor of the Assyrian nation and pushed the curtain of deceit aside to reveal those who were against Assyrian national cause. You, the offsprings of AshurNasirpal have a great place in my tiny heart.

"We'll soon be embracing each other in Ashourestan!"

Mr. Jamal Bidawid attended the 8th General Assembly of the Assyrian National Congress in March, and he passed away in November 2007.

