



Press release

Subject: Creation of Sayfo monuments and memorials in Syriac public spaces

To all responsible of our Syriac cultural, political, ecclesiastical, social and sporting organizations,

The European Syriac Union calls on our Syriac (Aramean-Chaldean-Assyrian) people for the establishment of Sayfo memorials and monuments in all the Suryoyo public spaces and buildings in memory of our Suryoyo/Suryaye martyrs of the genocide of 1915.

Over the last 3 decades, many steps have already been taken to create greater awareness within our own Syriac people about the Syriac Sayfo and the Christian genocide: many books have been published; made documentaries and TV programs have been produced; lectures given all over the world; much university research. They all increased our awareness. Moreover, the Syrian Orthodox and Syrian Catholic churches now yearly officially commemorate our Sayfo martyrs on 15 June. The Syrian Orthodox and Catholic synods did not shy away from taking this decision which was politically charged for more than hundred years. Though some cultural and political Syriac organizations had already previously taken this initiative, the synod decision led to the establishment of more church Sayfo memorials and monuments.

Unfortunately, the number of memorials and monuments is still limited\*. To achieve a true internalization of the Sayfo within our people, ESU is of the opinion that every cultural, ecclesiastical, political organization and social and sporting club should have a Sayfo memorial or monument within its public space.

As an organization that defends the fundamental rights of the Syriacs, we of the European Syriac Union call upon all cultural, ecclesiastical, political organizations and social and sporting clubs to establish Sayfo memorials and monuments in the Suryoyo public spaces in memory of our Suryoyo/Suryaye Sayfo martyrs.

European Syriac Union

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\* Preview images below

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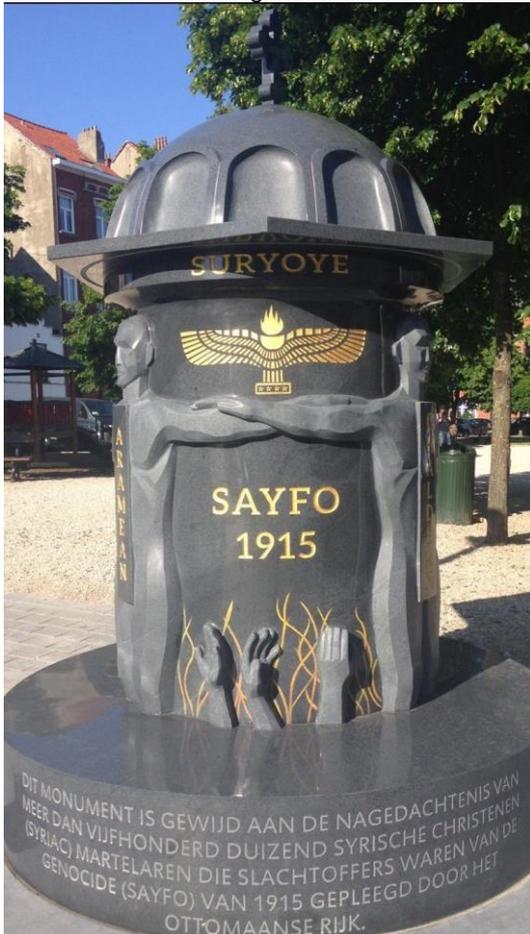


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