

ON WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY 2009, THE FREE PRESS HAS A NEW HOME

“The press is free and no censorship shall be imposed upon it. Freedom of expression and publication shall be guaranteed to every citizen...”

With those opening words, the Kurdistan Regional Government in Iraq instituted the most progressive press freedom in the region. Signed into law on October 9, 2008, the press freedom law protects journalists from revealing their sources, forbids the jailing and criminal charges against journalists, and declares that the press “is of great value to both Kurdish and international society.”

The light of a free press that is so essential and vital to a democracy and its citizens has come to the Middle East. The KRG is proud to announce that today, that light is shining brightly in Iraqi Kurdistan.

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