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Dear President Barzani

I am writing to you on behalf of the PCS CLG(HQ) London Branch. We were shocked and saddened to hear about the murder of Sardasht Othman a 23 year old student and journalist. Two men in a car with darkened windows kidnapped Sardasht on his way to college last week. Serdasht's body was found two days after the kidnapping covered in bruises. The branch has watched the development of Government in Iraq and Kurdistan since the fall of Saddam Hussein with interest. If Kurdistan is to become a democratic state it is vital that terror is not allowed to rule the streets. We ask that the Kurdish Regional Government to investigate this dreadful murder and bring the perpetrators of this dreadful murder to justice.

Freedom of the press and the right for all people to express their views openly is one of the most important traits of any democratic state. The branch supports the demands of the International Federation of Iraq Refugees 6 May demonstration, outside the KRG building in London, calling for freedom of expression and freedom of the press in Kurdistan.

Yours Sincerely

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