



Friday, 13 October 2023

AN OPEN LETTER ADDRESSING THE MISREPRESENTATION OF INDIGENOUS ASSYRIANS

To Whom It May Concern,

We, the Board of Directors of ACSYA Inc., are writing to express our deep concerns regarding the misrepresentation of indigenous Assyrians in various news networks' coverage of the recent fire incident at an Assyrian wedding in the Ninevite town of Baghdeda, located in Northern Iraq.

Numerous reports surrounding this tragic event have used the terms 'Hamdaniya' (or Qaraqosh) and 'Christians' when referring to the town and its residents. This misidentification not only undermines the historical and ethnic significance of the indigenous Assyrians but also diminishes their rich cultural heritage, contributing to the ongoing process of cultural erasure.

We respectfully request that you consider revising the wording on your website to accurately reflect the town's historical name as 'Baghdeda' and its inhabitants as 'Assyrians.' We believe that this correction is essential in acknowledging the historical and cultural roots of this First Nation people, ensuring their proper recognition in media narratives.

If you would like to engage in a further discussion on this matter or require additional information, please feel free to contact us at your convenience.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors
ACSYA Inc.