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I am **Bernas Qerejdakhi** from the city of Diyarbekir in Northern Kurdistan where I live and work as a translator of Arabic, Kurdish, Turkish. I am also the translator of two books (Têkoşîne Kurd; Arisheya Kurd) by the immortal Kurdish intellectual Jemal Nebez. I am proud of his achievement and glad that you invited me to this meeting today. I thank the foundation administration for their support.

A Kurdish scholar, intellectual, translator and writer, Jemal Nebez, who followed the traces of his origins since his youth, made great efforts to make the voice of his nation heard. A lot of diplomatic and intellectual effort, translation activity, much political thinking was necessary so that today we can speak as Kurds and benefit from it. In the four parts of our country, in the Middle East, in Europe and elsewhere in the diaspora, leading figures of the Kurds have established relations with politicians, diplomats, intellectuals and writers and promoted the unity of the Kurds, for the improvement of their situation and for the good of the nation. They established a constant exchange with international associations, states and nations. Nebez's thinking and ideas have laid a philosophical and ideological foundation. For me, he is one of the great thinkers of the philosophy of nationalism. Any movement that starts among Kurdish youth and political circles has become a spark and defense of national values against the colonialists.

Jewad Mella wrote about his memories with the teacher Nebez: "Professor Cemal had written Hajar Mukriyani's poems on the throne for the students and it was time for Hemin's poem: I will live as a Kurd and die as a Kurd/ when the question of the grave is put to me, I will answer in Kurdish / I will continue to pursue the cause of Kurdishness in the next world."