

This was the Jemal Nebez Award 2023



An important feature of the ceremony, which took place in Berlin, was that it was broadcast live on the Internet and that our guests in the hall as well as our online guests immediately shared parts of the event which they liked.



Veman Lineva

The Jemal Nebez Prize Commission, which selected Zara Mohammadi as first JN Awardee at Newroz this year, sent one of its members, **Veman Lineva**, to attend the event on site and to Live! present the

commission's criteria for their choice in honor of Zara. Veman, who has completed two academic master's degrees, in Kurdish cultural studies as well as in Islamic studies, and has been involved in the entire selection process since 2021, paid a thorough and well-founded tribute to Zara in Berlin.

Zara Mohammadi sent video statement

We would like to thank Zara for sending us a detailed personal statement for our celebration on December 3rd, 2023.



Zara's video statement

We are proud of Zara. In her home region, she was a pioneer of what has now become a broad movement among Kurds in Kurdistan and elsewhere. She used her expertise and education as a teacher early on to become active on site - in the spirit of promoting Kurdish as a mother tongue - and courageously stuck to her approach, which, along with the right to education in the Kurdish mother tongue, calls for recognition of the Kurdish identity.

Her integrity, her experience and knowledge in insisting on her approach, no matter how difficult the may be in certain environments, deserve the highest recognition. We can't do more than award her the Jemal Nebez Prize.

The sister's personal participation in the celebration in Berlin

We would like to thank **Kani Mohammadi**, who is currently studying in Switzerland, for coming to Berlin at her own expense to personally accept the award on behalf of her younger sister Zara.



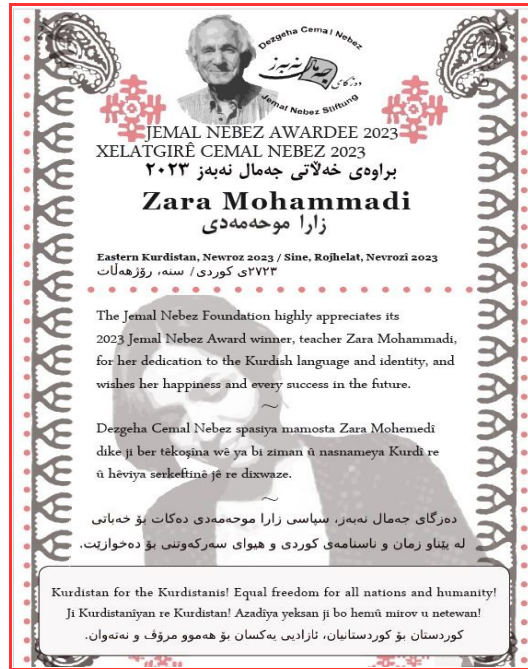
Mrs. Xunav Hajo handing over the Jemal Nebez Preis 2023 to Zara's sister Mrs. Kani Mohammadi

At one time, Zara had decided not to apply for a visa. We would like to thank Kani for his efforts in making the award ceremony so worthy as could be.

Berlin presentation of the prize by Xunav Hajo

The conditions under which Kurds defend their language and identity vary greatly depending on the wider socio-cultural environment they live in. And yet, there are similarities. There is also a natural connection, for which **Mrs. Xunav Hajo**, the founder of the Ronahi

Educational Association in Germany found moving words when presenting the prize.



We thank Xunav, who has earned a permanent place for herself in the “Language & Identity” movement among Kurds over the years, for finding such beautiful and worthy words, both for Zara and for Kani.

The Zara Ceremony - important part of Dec 3 festive event

We are happy tht presentation of the Jemal Nebez Prize received a lot of attention across the Kurdish community's social media.

As you know, we chose December 3rd. as a date for this because it falls right in the middle of two memorial days having to do with our namesake. Two days earlier - on December 1st, 1933 - our namesake was born and this year he would have turned ninety years old, and this year we sadly mark the fifth return of his passing on Dec 8, 2018.

