

Jemal Nebez Foundation



Jemal Nebez Award Commission,

Affiliate of Jemal Nebez Foundation, Berlin – Germany

On the Commissson's decision concerning the 2023 Jemal Nebez Award

The Commission has deliberated their decision and in full consensus agreed that Ms ZARA MOHAMMADI residing in Sine (Sanandaj) is to receive the Jemal Nebez Award of the year 2023.

Our decision was reached independently. It was then confirmed jointly by the Executive Board and the Advisory Board of the Jemal Nebez Foundation.

At this time the following statement from the award commission may suffice regarding the Foundation's first such award:

Ms ZARA MOHAMMADI

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The Jemal Nebez Award Commission, affiliated with the Jemal Nebez Foundation in Berlin, has selected Ms ZARA MOHAMMADI as the recipient of the first Jemal Nebez Prize in recognition of her tireless and voluntary efforts for teaching Kurdish language, defending her fellow Kurds' fundamental right to their mother tongue, and standing courageously against the denial of the Kurdish identity. ZARA, along with her colleagues in Nojîn (Nozhin), a Non-Governmental Organization, has persevered in her path for years despite the difficult circumstances in Rojhelat, where her language and identity continue to be criminalised.

Despite facing severe threats, unjust sentences and imprisonment, Zara has bravely spoken out against these language and identity injustices by raising awareness among people inside as well as outside Kurdistan. Her endeavours have had a significant impact and have made her a symbol of inspiration for many youths and women. Therefore, the Jemal Nebez Award Commission is pleased and honoured to present the award to Ms ZARA MOHAMMADI.

Further details regarding the award presentation will be provided on the Foundation's website at a later date.

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