

Iraq Water-keeper Environmental Law and Advocacy Project



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Workshop On Environment In Education Process

The **Environmental Law and Advocacy Project** of Nature Iraq under the title “Environment in Education Process” held a special workshop on May the 5th 2017 in Abusana Hotel for a group of headmasters and teachers of the primary schools within and outside Sulaimani City. The Advocacy Project had started an environmental and educational project that its first step was to print a drawing copybook under the title (**Friend of Environment**) and distributed a great number of it in some primary schools both within and outside the city of Sulaimani. The second stage of the project was a workshop about the environment in education process and its main purpose was to checklist and collect the goals and achievements discussed in the first stage.



Briefings of the Workshop on Environment in Educational Process:

After the welcoming speech, Razhan Aso from Advocacy Project of Nature Iraq explained the activities of the project in the last three years and the achievements from then to the present. Then, Diary Muhamad Rashid, from the Advocacy Project of Nature Iraq, discussed environment in general. After discussing certain types of pollution and their specific reasons, Diary also presented certain statistics on the effects of various types of pollutants on environment.

Ako Abdulmajid Saeed, the director of the programs in general directorate of programs in Sulaimani education, presented a topic on strategical changes in human being. In detail, he explained certain strategies in making changes through discussing certain topics.

Later, Sherwan Fatih discussed a topic under the title of the effects of art on environment. He also mentioned the “friend of environment” as an educational environmental book that he designed the artistic part of it. He also focused on ways they have been able to get to the content of the environmental book.

At the last part of the workshop, in an open discussion, “**Friend of Environment**” as a copy book as well as a book was discussed. The participants valued the importance of this book and its positive influence on the students. The participants all gravely hoped for the book to be included in the education syllabus by the Mistry of education of Kurdistan Regional Government and to be counted as of next year as they mentioned its positive and direct influence on the students. Finally they thanked the Advocacy Project that has been a pioneer in bringing out changes and building a generation of environment lovers as well friend.

Distribution Of Environmental Booklets In The Primary Schools

On May the 16th 2017 Water-keeper Environmental Law and Advocacy Project started the third stage of their educational project. On the same day and in collaboration with Green Kurdistan Association, as part of the environmental activities of the Advocacy Project started distributing booklets in some primary schools in Raparin province and specifically in the city of Ranya. The aim was to familiarize the students with environment through the content of the booklet which included some instructions as well as songs about environment. For the very similar reason, the Environmental Law and Advocacy Project in

collaboration with the Sulaimani Directorate of Environment also visited a number of primary schools in Bazyan district and distributed a great number of the booklet among the students.

The booklet (**Drust Nusi**) is a ten-page booklet that has been made by the Environmental Law and Advocacy Project in collaboration with the Sulaimani Directorate of Environment and supported by the European Union. It is also worth mentioning that the General Directorate of Education in Sulaimani has been a great support with their ideas and opinions and even sent their formal support letter for this educational environmental project.



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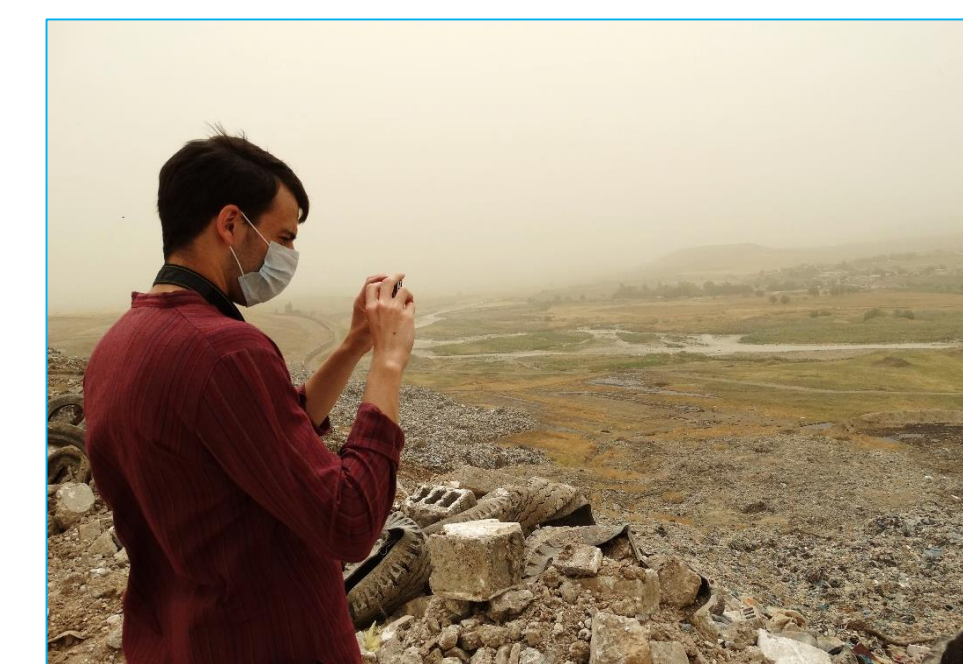
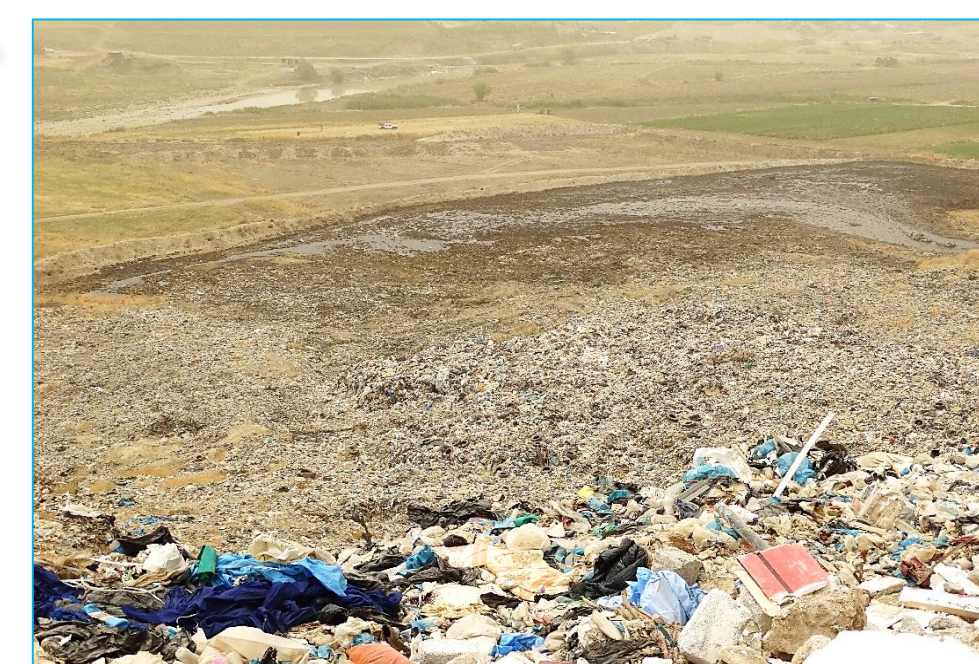


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Field Visiting To Two Different Areas In Sulaimani Province



On May 24th 2017 Water-keeper Environmental Law and Advocacy Project in collaboration with Alessandro Tinti who is a Ph.D Candidate in political science and international relations in Sant'Anna institute in Italy visited two different areas in Sulaimani province. The first area was Tanjaro where all the sewage water and rubbish in Sulaimnai are dumped there and it has been a great environmental threat for both the city as well as the area in general. It has been a great threat for the water as well as

agricultural lands and products since the people in Tanjaro area all way till Darbandixan depend on the Tanjaro river for agriculture. Sulaimani municipality dumps minimum 1200 ton of garbage and rubbish in Tanjaro area without having any recycling project. Furthermore, the Kurdistan Regional Government has taken no action to solve this problem and is being silent. Thus, the NGOs has to put pressure on the government so that the decision makers can find and treat this problem scientifically.

The second visit was to Gurgae Fatah village near Chamchamal which is 55 km far from Sulaimani. There is a well of water of 90m depth but it is on flame since there is both Sulfur and Methane Gas one can smell rotten egg also and it is because of Sulfur near the well and in the area. The Water-keeper Environmental Law and Advocacy project tries to communicate their ideas and suggestions to the people in charge in the government about both areas in the hope of finding certain solution to diminish the bad effects on environment.

An Environmental Awareness Project Has Been Done

Water-keeper environmental law and advocacy project staff of Nature Iraq organization visited a well in Gurgae Fatah village near Chamchamal district-Sulaimani-Iraq on May 24th 2017, due to existence of Sulfur and Methane gas in the well which causes fire to emerge from the well. This phenomenon attracted the media and many people visit that place daily. Advocacy project which is funded by the European Union on July 5th 2017 finished an awareness project to protect the health and lives of the people who visit it by putting up fence around the well as well as designing and putting up two attention boards that contain some guidance written in English, Arabic and Kurdish languages to give some primitive information to the visitors either local or foreign.

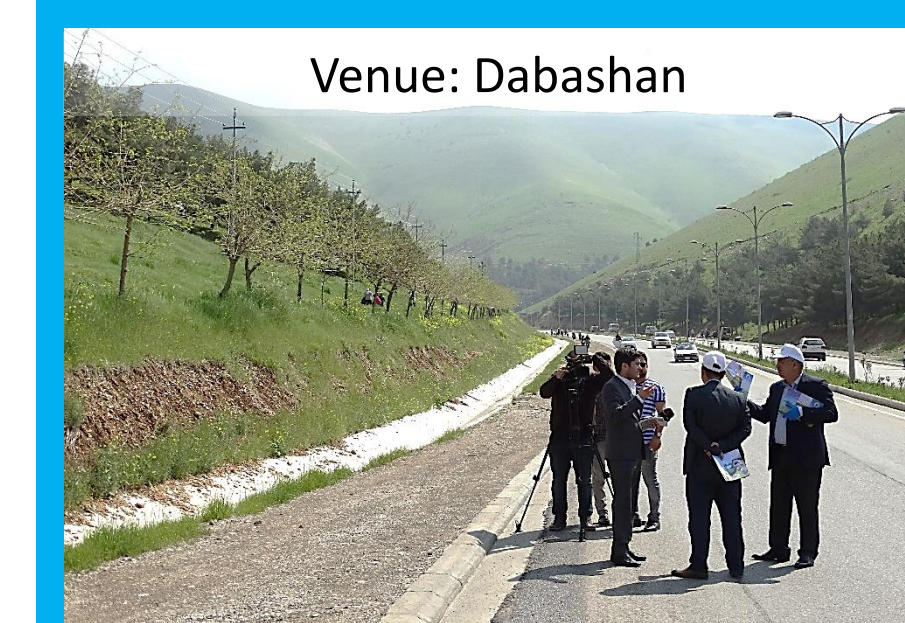


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TV Interview 16-4-2017

Kurdistan Environment Day



Venue: Dabashan



Nature Iraq team 22-4-2017

Earth Day



Venue: Parki Azadi



Workshop on “Impact of

Daryan Dam on Sirwan River

and Darbandikhan Dam”



Venue: College of Engineering, Irrigation dep, Univ of Sulaimani