

In The International Non-violent Day Let's All Condemn Violence

Today 02-10-2007 is the first year that all nations around the world show different activities to spread non-violent culture after UN on 16-06-2007 had formally approved October 2nd of every year as the **(International Non-violent Day)** to respect non-violent and peaceful struggle of **(Gandhi)** which coincidences his date of birth.

Identifying a day for non-violent comes from the sense of accountability of UN as the world goes towards inhumanity. War and bloodshed become images of the human world in a way that threatening life on the earth.

In third world countries war, violence, terror, bloodshed, and violation of laws...etc are more spread than anywhere else. Violent culture controls human relations and behaviors which is considered the only way that's used among individuals, genders, sects, religions or between parties, organizations and people against authority to solve their problems, differences and conflicts as if there is no way else.

Non-violence is one of the successful methodologies to handle problems and complexities and it's a gentle and flexible way to exchange political, economical, social and cultural ideas. The successful examples of non-violence can be seen in India by **(Mahatma Gandhi)** and in the south of Africa by **(Nelson Mandela)**.

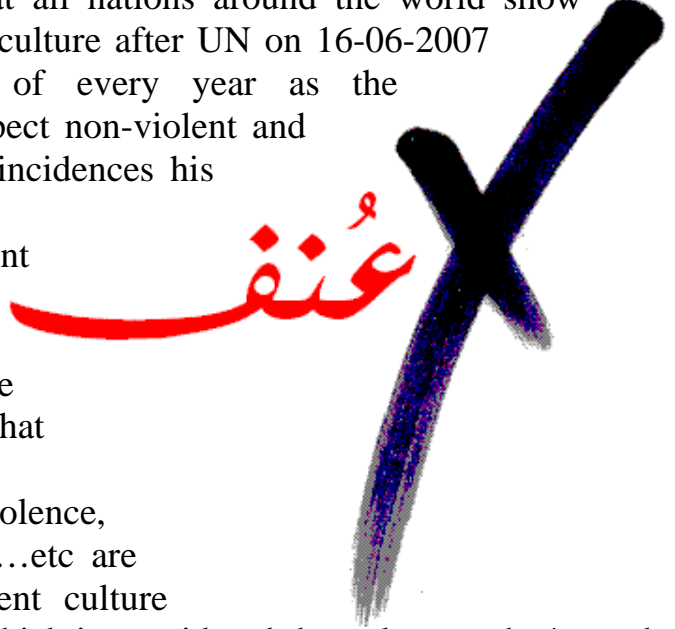
There are so many of non-violent ways to present suggestions or solve problems such as demonstration, peaceful protest, hunger strike, marching, show banners, billboards, issue manuals, collecting signatures, stop talking, stop purchasing goods of a company or a country, lighting candles, stop working, turn off electricity in group, stop serving, close of shops, shut off mobiles and telephone, public meeting and seminars, writing slogans on walls or charts , have dialogues and discussions ...etc. non-violent is the proper way to turn to for the political, economical, social and cultural debates and internal and external conflicts. This successful experience of life methodology is existed in the developed, developing and even backward countries in the past and now.

Today's Iraq suffers from a lot of sever conflicts and problems such as sectarian, ideological, nationality and partisan war; terror and genocide; health and social affairs...etc. it's necessary to spread non-violent culture in Iraq more than anywhere else and Iraqi societies have to turn to non-violent struggle instead of killing, bloodshed, terror and war. Civil society organizations and Iraqi educated people are

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required to be more active to spread peace and non-violent culture among individuals continuously.

Regarding Kurdistan region, many Kurdish families who live on the borders of Iran and Turkey have driven away because of their shelling and war under the pretext that they fight outlaws and insurgents. Undoubtedly, it's known very well that nation's issue can not be solved via fighting or war but it's preferable for the parts of the issue to turn to peaceful and non-violent way to solve it.

Besides these facts, the results of (Kalar and Kifri) demonstrations caused violence although non-violent struggle ways are used in Kurdistan to certain extend. This fact tells us that we still need good education and culture about non-violence and its ways. For this purpose, to launch and spread non-violent culture, it's necessary at first to establish an active civil community.

We in (**Mesalla Center**) respect the International Non-violent Day and simultaneously maintain our activities and spreading the culture of non-violence together with (Non-violent Group) which is consisted of a number of civil society organizations in Iraq and Kurdistan for spreading the culture of non-violence and building an active society that peace and non-violent values to be the pillars of this establishment.

- **Welcome to the International Non-violent Day**
- **Yes for Non-violence and Peace**



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