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The continuing senseless suffering of the Kurdish people is deplorable and must stop. It is a colonial legacy that has survived for centuries and ought to have no place in the modern world. Human rights, political, social, cultural, and economic justice are rights to which every human being on the face of the earth is entitled. It is not up to empires or colonial constructs of nation states to dispense according to their whim. They are rights given to us by the Creator of the universe.

The Evangelical Alliance of South Africa (TEASA) believes that Kurdish people will be free from the yoke of oppression, discrimination and land dispossession. They are an ancient people and have survived tragedies throughout the ages. Their heroic struggle for freedom is an inspiration to justice loving people across the globe.

It is not upto the international community to decide whether Kurdish people will be free. They will be.

What the international community can influence is whether their struggle will be short and swift or long and needlessly painful.

For this reason, TEASA supports the liberation of Kurdish people and the immediate release of Abdullar Öcalan from decades of unjust incarceration.

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