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The statement of Kurdish PEN Centre regarding the police raids on KNK and Roj-TV's broadcasting corporation

On 04/03/2010, a police force ordered by the Interior Ministry of Belgium raided the office of KNK and Roj-TV's broadcasting corporation.

Tens of intellectuals, journalists, writers, patriot individuals from Kurdistan were detained. The police raids resulted in huge damage to both establishments and many people were injured.

We believe that a decision to carry out such an attack in a European country, in Brussels in particular which is the very place of preserving human rights, freedom of expression, and bearer of democratic procedures, is not the decision of European communities and its people, it is more likely to be the decision of few collaborators with the Turkish government and its chauvinists politicians and authority members.

The Kurdish PEN Centre denounces the raids and appeals to the European Parliament and the European Court of Justice which we have very high regards for, to bring those behind such an act to justice.

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