

Empowering Kurdistan

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In the *Wall Street Journal* Weekend edition, June 20-21, 2015, Yaroslav Trofimov writes of the possible rise of an independent Kurdistan, [“The State of The Kurds.”](#) An independent Kurdistan was promised by the WWI Allies in the Treaty of Sevres that ended the Ottoman Empire in 1920. That commitment was dashed by the rise of the Turkish Republic under the secularist Kemal Atatürk which confirmed in the 1923 Treaty of Lausanne the denial of an independent Kurdistan in what is now Eastern Turkey. All territory combined, a future Kurdistan (encompassing eastern Turkey, Northern Syria, northwest Iran and northern Iraq) might comprise a landlocked republic of 30 million with significant energy and agricultural resources. [more>>>](#)