

**From:** [Sjostedt, Daniel](#)  
**To:** [Hooper, Arden \(Cruz\)](#); [English, Philip](#)  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT MEETING REQUEST  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 13, 2026 12:08:52 PM

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Arden –

Answers below in red. Also, Bayan was called back to Erbil, and Mr. Hoshyar Zebari, who has been both the former foreign minister and finance minister of Iraq, a former Peshmerga fighter with US coalition forces against Saddam Hussein, as well as a prominent Kurdish political figure to date, will attend in her stead.

V/r,

**Daniel Sjostedt**

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Good morning –

Re-upping this email. We do need this information in order to keep the meeting as scheduled.

Best,  
Arden

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Good afternoon –

I hope all is well! I am reaching out from Sen. Cruz's national security team ahead of this meeting on Thursday.

As I prepare a briefing paper for the Senator for this meeting, I have a handful of questions that I was hoping you could help me answer:

1. Who will be attending the meeting from your side? Please send a full list that includes first/last names and titles/affiliations.
  - a. Mr. Hoshyar Zebari, KRG
  - b. Rep. Treefa Aziz, KRG
  - c. Lindsey Queen, KRG
  - d. Daniel Sjostedt
2. What would Ms. Abdul Rahman like to discuss? Please be as thorough and specific as possible to allow for fruitful conversation.
  - a. Iranian attacks on US and Kurdish Peshmerga forces in the Iraqi Kurdistan Region, defense collaboration and air defense, the President's budget request related to the Ministry of Peshmerga in CTEF.
3. Will Ms. Abdul Rahman and/or the delegation have any concrete or specific asks/requests for Senator Cruz?
  - a. Consider continued support for the Peshmerga in CTEF, contemplate measures which can provide for access to air defense articles. Affirm partnership with Iraqi Kurds.

Thank you in advance for your help on this!

Best,

**Arden Hooper**

Foreign Policy Legislative Assistant

Office of Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX)

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**From:** Crumpler, Daniel (Cruz) <[REDACTED]>  
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Great, thanks so much. We have this confirmed on our end.

**Daniel Crumpler**

*Director of Scheduling*

U.S. Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX)

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**From:** Sjostedt, Daniel <[REDACTED]>  
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Daniel -

We are confirmed for 11am Thurs May 14. Thanks so much.

**Daniel Sjostedt**

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Daniel -

Apologies was in transit Tuesday. Checking if that works for the client. Back to you very soon. Can you please hold? I think it is available.

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**Daniel Sjostedt**

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**From:** Crumpler, Daniel (Cruz)

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<[REDACTED]>; Ceren, Omri (Cruz) <[REDACTED]>; Gindt, Brandon (Cruz) <[REDACTED]>

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Hi all – how about 11:00am on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> in Russell 167? Thanks so much.

**Daniel Crumpler**

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**From:** Sjostedt, Daniel <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2026 10:50 PM

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<[REDACTED]>

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Daniel –

Thanks for finding some time for the Senator to meet. Unfortunately, the delegation has a conflict then.

Is there a time next Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup> that may work for Sen. Cruz, or alternatively, a time the week of the 18<sup>th</sup>?

V/r,

**Daniel Sjostedt**

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Hi all,

Would a meeting at 3:00pm next Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> work? Due to the Senator's schedule, our staff will start the meeting and Senator Cruz will join shortly after.

Our office is located in the Russell Senate Building, room 167.

Thanks so much,  
Daniel

**Daniel Crumpler**

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**From:** Crumpler, Daniel (Cruz)  
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Hi Daniel,

Thank you for checking in. We are working through the May schedule, but will have an update soon.

Thanks so much,

Daniel

**Daniel Crumpler**

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Daniel –

Thanks so much for your reply – circling up on this. Have you had a chance to look at the Senator’s schedule? We appreciate your consideration.

V/r,

**Daniel Sjostedt**

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Hi Philip,

Thank you for reaching out. We will be in touch.

Thanks so much,

Daniel

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**From:** English, Philip <[REDACTED]>  
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Greetings Madison:

**Please pardon my intrusion!**

I'm writing you on behalf of the Kurdistan Regional Government. Ms. Bayan Sami Abdul Rahman, Senior Advisor to PM Masrour Barzani of the KRG is in Washington, and we would greatly value the opportunity to schedule a meeting with Senator Cruz at your earliest convenience to discuss the implications of the current conflict for Kurdistan, Iraq, regional stability, energy supplies, and U.S. policy.

Since the onset of hostilities, the Kurdistan Region has faced hundreds of drones, rocket, and missile attacks. These attacks have targeted the U.S. Consulate, anti-ISIS Coalition forces, and energy infrastructure which has been developed by American companies and investment. These attacks have killed numerous Kurdish civilians and Peshmerga.

The Kurdistan Region faces a uniquely dangerous security environment under continued direct attack from Iran and Iran-backed militias operating within Iraq, being without any indigenous air defense capability.

These attacks have continued despite the ceasefire. While the KRG remains deeply grateful for U.S. defensive support, we would appreciate the opportunity to continue to keep you apprised on deteriorating circumstances with respect to the Kurdistan Region.

Ms. Abdul Rahman will be in Washington through mid-May and would be joined by a small delegation from the KRG's liaison office.

As always, we thank you for your consideration.

Very respectfully,  
Phil English, Co-Chairman  
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