



## Joint MESF Webinar with Governance, Development and Peace Research Stream at ADI

# Repressing Kurds by Turkey and Iran Against the Backdrop of War in Gaza

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Over the past year, the Middle East has been marked by significant geopolitical events, including the Israel-Hamas war, capturing substantial international attention. Amidst this focus, Turkey and Iran have been vocal critics of Israel's war in Gaza and have spoken out on its impacts on Palestinian citizens. Simultaneously, they have intensified the repression of Kurdish populations within and outside their borders. Turkey has continued its security operations against Kurdish targets in Northern Syria and Iraq, citing threats to national security. Similarly, Iran has increased its suppression of Kurdish activists and political dissidents, conducting numerous arrests and crackdowns. Iran has also pressured Iraq to disarm and relocate Iranian Kurdish opposition groups, resulting in cross-border missile and drone attacks targeting Kurdish positions in Iraq.

This workshop will explore how these states leverage the global attention on the Israel-Hamas conflict to intensify their repression of Kurds.

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<b>Time:</b>	17:30 - 19:00 (AEST)
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