# ESU congratulates

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**Mgr. Najeeb Michaeel, the Syriac Chaldean Archbishop of Mosul in Iraq, with his nomination and him being shortlisted for the prestigious European Sakharov Prize 2020**

**“**When the Islamic State arrived in Mosul in August 2014, Mgr. Najeeb Michaeel, Archbishop of Mosul, ensured the evacuation of Christians, Syriacs and Chaldeans to Iraqi Kurdistan and safeguarded more than 800 historic manuscripts dating from the 13th to the 19th century. These manuscripts were later digitized and exhibited in France and Italy. Since 1990 he has contributed to safeguarding 8,000 more manuscripts and 35,000 documents from the Eastern Church.”

And “This is a real opportunity to give this prize to a courageous person, an undying defender of the Christians in that land, to recognize and underscore the effort

of this priest who stood up to barbarism and saved those manuscripts from Iraq,” said French ID group member Nicolas Bay. (source: European Parliament)

The winner of the Sakharov Price will be announced on 22 October 2020.

**The Syriacs who were elected to the municipality council of their residence in Germany.** Daniel Hanna (CDU, Nippes-Cologne), Gabriel Hanne and Matthias Harman (both CDU, Ahlen), Christina Coban (CDU, Rheda-Wiedenbrück), Ibrahim Savci and Aram Bisso (CDU, Gronau), and Antonio Josefs (FDP, Gronau).

**Also, ESU wishes all the luck on November 3, 2020 to the Syriac Chaldean Eric Esshaki** who is running for election for the Republican Party to the U.S. House of Representatives to represent Michigan's 11th Congressional District.

**Also, ESU wishes all the luck on November 3, 2020 to the Syriac Assyrian Sargis Sangari** who is running for election to the U.S. House of Representatives to represent Illinois' 9th Congressional District.