

In the region, pensioners are a forgotten group.

First of all, I would like to say that there are eight pension laws in force in the region. None of them are in the interest of the real pensioners. Therefore, Thanks to Law No 9 of 2014, the situation of central government pensioners is very different from that of those in the Kurdistan Region. They live under the shadow and authority of the region in the spring of retirement, in the sense that they have many more legal entitlements and differences compared to those who have been dismissed or hired in the region, including:

1. Teachers and employees are retired, and they receive a pension of about 80% of their salaries and their pension is not less than 400000 Iraqi Dinars.
2. When they retire, they receive 18 months of reward.
3. The private pension funds have nothing to do with the monthly salary list of employees. They receive their salaries every six months.
4. They can borrow 25 million dinars to use it for improving their health condition and other necessities. Recently, the Iraqi Council of Ministers issued a number of new decisions to provide more services to pensioners and compensate them for their years of service and all their efforts.

The decisions are the following:

1. Any pensioners who has not received land must be given a piece of residential land .
2. Iraqi Airways will reduce the price of air tickets by 25%.
3. Every pensioner will be paid a sum of money as reward for this month.

In addition to these legal entitlements and privileges, all pensioners' salaries have been converted into electronic cards. They don't have any problems and difficulties with getting their salaries and there are not any differences among them except their years of their services, ranks, duties and efforts. It means they are treated fairly and equally by their government. On the other hand, in our region, our teachers and employees are retired as quickly as possible without any rewards just like they are punished and they are sent back home without any privileges and respects as they are extra and not needed!

They will be in the following conditions:

- 1.1. Removing the certificate privilege, which is unfair because a certificate is the primary means by which a worker or teacher can serve their country throughout the course of their lives.
- 2.2. Because the employee or teacher is retired but still responsible for raising their family and children, cutting

the money portion of the wife, husband, and children is in and of itself illegal. When they retire, they will receive 80% of their salaries. Some may get 200 thousand dinars. While a teacher who has served for 40 years its pension is 918000 Iraqi dinars. What is important to be mentioned is that there are some people who have been retired and have been getting 2, 000,000 dinars while the teacher's pension is 918000 dinars who can the teacher live and afford the cost of life? 200 thousand dinars only can be enough to spend on buying drinks and cakes nothing else.

3. When a person is retired, he or she will receive the salary of only six months as a reward.
4. I don't mention the hardship of the time when they go to the banks to get their pension. No one can bear its difficulty. Recently, the Judicial Council repealed Law No. 27 of 2006 and decided to apply Law No 9 of 2014, which is still in force. Finally, I leave the above comparison to the readers. I am sure that as I say, some of the pensioners have been forgotten in the region.

By: Abdulwahid Muhammad