

Passive constructions in North-Eastern Neo-Aramaic dialects

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This paper provides a typological overview of passive constructions in North-Eastern Neo-Aramaic (NENA) dialects spoken by Jewish and Christian communities of southeastern Turkey, northern Iraq and (north)western Iran. NENA dialects lost all original mediopassive derivations and readjusted the voice system accordingly, often by means of auxiliaries and nominal forms of the verb. This is in stark contrast to other Aramaic languages, both ancient and modern, that show various mediopassive derivations.