

Stitching Ezidis Charity Association - Netherlands

Yazidis Foundation - Netherlands

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Thank you Mr. President

I am Hasso Hourmi, president of the Yazidis Foundation in the Netherlands.

I am not here to represent anyone but to represent the major humanitarian issue concerning the adherents of an entire religion, which faces eradication. The whole world was a witness to the most repugnant crime committed against the adherents of the Yazidi religion at the hands of the terrorists of the Islamic Caliphate State (ISIS) on the 3rd of August 2014 in Sinjar, Bashiqa and Bahzani. It had significant disastrous results such as murder, captivity, expulsion and the forced displacements of thousands of families to the region of Iraqi Kurdistan, neighbouring countries and Europe. I have a documentary of director Nawzad Shekhany, which shows the details of the invasion and which was presented to the Forum.

In terms of the documented numbers, according to the latest public statistics of the Department of Yazidi Affairs in the Kurdistan government.

The total number of Yazidis in Iraq is: 550000 people

Displaced: 400000

Refugees: 65000

Religious shrines bombed: 42

Discovered mass graves in Sinjar: 21

The number of orphans (960) as a result of the invasion

Total number of abducted 5838

Total of abducted children 1527 female and male

The statement sent to the forum by Mr. Khairy Bozani, director general at the Department of Yazidi Affairs and supervisor of the dossier of abducted girls and women accurately shows the numbers of human and material losses for the Yazidi.

State of affairs:

1. The situation of the displaced in camps is very bad (Iraq, Syria and Turkey) with the spread of illnesses.
2. The flow of emigration is ongoing and children die on the road.

3. There are still many abducted at the hands of ISIS, after being forced to convert to Islam. Their care for survivors, their rehabilitation and orphans is not good enough.
4. The unemployment rate is growing among the displaced, which is being exploited to make children join as fighters in the Kurdistan parties.
5. Sexual slavery and the systematic rape of the captured by ISIS is still ongoing in addition to the recruitment of children in training camps.
6. On the 19.3.2015, in this hall, the Human Rights Council voted on considering what happened in Sinjar and the Nineveh Plains crimes reaching the level of crimes against humanity and genocide. Since then, unfortunately, I say, the United Nations and all its bodies did not move to activate the decision. At the same time we demand from the international community to pressure Iraq to join the International Criminal Court in the Hague or to open in any method available an investigation into the dossier of the Yazidi genocide in the court.

Mr. President,

The Yazidi minority in Iraq and Syria is in great danger. We appeal to your consciences and demand from the United Nations to protect the Yazidi, aid and support them.

Finally, I carry to you this message combined of the cries of mothers, the sufferings of the abducted, and the blood of the Martyrs, and signed by 400 thousand displaced Yazidis.

Thank you for your attention.