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How to keep safe and help stay the minorities of Iraq after Daesh on their ancestral lands.

The Hijab Association of academic skills in cooperation or with the presence of several members of the international Chaldean league began to reflect on the duty and future of minorities on all Christians in Iraq and in the plains of Nineveh after liberation. At the Catholic University in Erbil / Ankawa, on Thursday 22/09/2016, we organised workshop called 'The future of the ethnic components in the Nineveh Plains after liberation' (Christian model).

This study began more than two years ago with various academic specialists from the Hidyab Association. Most of Hidyab's members are university professors and top-level professionals living and working in Iraq. So, they know the problems and how to solve them in this region. Around 100 academics and specialists from all religions in Iraq attended this event. Extensive interventions on the subject were made as well as a draft with concrete practical recommendations of great importance were adopted. If adopted or applied as early as possible it will be possible to bring solutions that can be a solid foundation to rebuild this devastated region and fix its inhabitants displaced in a general way.

After hearing, monitoring and participating in the lively discussions and deepening the themes of the university workshop developed by university professors the participants agreed to make recommendations. These taking into account the real situation in the region.

After considering the dimensions of the realities and the international legal, political and historical and geographical and demographic humanitarian effort belonging to the Nineveh plains and the future of its inhabitants, the participants came to an agreement on the necessary points to adopt and work to ensure a prosperous and sustainable security of the future of the Christian component. Yazidis and Kakayee of the Nineveh plains. All these points are summarized below of the recommendations:

- 1- To accelerate the reconstruction of the towns and villages of the Ninevean plains from my liberalization through military effort, it will be useful for the active forces of the minorities to be present and actively participate in decision-making processes.
- 2- Ensure the safe return of our people (Chaldean Assyrian Syriac) and other minorities. It will be necessary to connect the towns and Christian village of the plain of Nineveh. This is because they are the indigenous peoples and this historic land of their ancestral homeland. And ensure that they have "fundamental rights" in accordance with international agreements and legislation and the constitution, so they can live, work and prosper in peace and with dignity. Any de facto demographic change must be banned.

- 3- The need to hold a comprehensive national conference for visions and the agreement of emergency to put the appropriate operational mechanisms to these plans, plans regarding the fate and future of our people and in particular Making it easier to Nineveh.
- 4- Demand our churches and our parties to unite with the common problems and take their responsibilities in hand in this very serious and existential situation of the moment that worries our minorities and our people.
5. Make every effort to ensure that all institutions of our people, civil and cultural, and the media working for and with our people, should encourage exiles and displaced persons to remain on their lands and give them hope and the maximum means to create a state of permanent hope and to reduce the phenomenon of immigration, which is increasing every day.
- 6- Appeal to international organizations and United Nations agencies and the international community to continue to provide reconstruction and humanitarian assistance to the displaced population and our Diaspora wishing to return to Mosul and the Nineveh plains, and to continue even after the reconstruction in their region and after its release from the Daesh control.
- 7- The establishment of an independent legal entity in the Nineveh plains, according to the constitution and the Iraqi laws. Ensure the security of the region and the security of its population and its independence.
- 8- Development of a province in the Nineveh plains as a realistic executable solution based on the decision of the Iraqi Ministerial Council in January 2014 21. Also ensure that this will be under observation and / or International protection and support of the international community while ensuring effective representation for our people in all three authorities in accordance with the principle of consensus not the principle of majority or minority and guarantee the right of veto for each component in decision making.
9. That this province remains for a certain period within the structure of the Iraqi federal government, so as to ensure rehabilitation at all levels (reconstruction, security, economy, psychological, humanitarian, etc.). Later the decision of staying with the central government or not will be left to the inhabitants of the region.
- 10- In order to have the maximum security in this region the outside can be bequeathed to the Kurdistan and the Iraqi army but inside the region the security will be managed and including the maintenance of the ground and the internal security by troops coming from the inhabitants of the region.
- 11- Ensure the unity of the social fabric (a demographer for the Christian and human) through the adhesion of essentially Christian areas even from outside the province of Nineveh.
- 12- The need for reconstruction and construction of infrastructure in the Nineveh plains, with the support of the Iraqi government , the provincial government, the international community and the coalition countries. In order to achieve sustainable development and economic prosperity through the creation of employment opportunities for the people of the region.

13- The need to form specialized committees working to achieve the development and reconstruction with people of the region with scientific and professional.

14- Administration of the province will be through the people competent and have integrity of the region.

15- The Iraqi government must offer fair compensation even though it must change its laws in order to compensate all internally displaced persons (including those outside Iraq).

16- That the Iraqi government and the Kurdistan region of Iraq, with the support of the international community and the relevant organizations, prepare a comprehensive plan and adopt a legal framework which facilitates the return to home for immigrants and refugees expelled but after having secured their subsistence and the safety of all the original components of the Nineveh plains.

17- The formation of a legal committee of competent lawyers and legal experts to record the violations, losses, and internationalization of the issue of the movement of persons which is recognised as a crime of genocide by the United Nations.

18. Religious fanaticism of all sorts must be combated or curbed by all means. Perpetrators must be brought to justice, in accordance with the principle of non-impunity under applicable national laws or by the International Criminal Court. The fact that our people are subjected to genocide because of Daesh is a war crime.