

Hello everyone, My name is Dalia I am speaking to you as an Ezidi women from Sinjar Iraq on behalf of TavaSor:

Looking down on the slopes of the Sinjar Mounts, those past few months, one has seen tents appear here and there, planted right in the ruins of villages. Nine years after escaping ISIS' genocidal fury, Ezidi survivors are slowly returning from Internally Displaced People's camps. There, under the constant threat of their torturers, they have been waiting for the reconstruction of their houses and the return of their loved ones for almost a decade now – in vain.

On August 3rd, 2014, ISIS invaded Sinjar in northern Iraq, home to several cultural and religious minorities, aimed at eliminating all those deemed infidels. Thousands killed, kidnapped and Some 300,000 people were forced to flee to resettle in IDP camps or seek refuge in Europe.

The recognition of the genocide from 17 countries and international institutions is a crucial step – but it is not enough, to stop the ongoing genocide and its terrifying humanitarian consequences. Tava Sor urges International community to reaffirm their dedication to international justice and peace through:

- Set up an international mechanism to provide humanitarian aid, psychological support to the Ezidi community rather than depending on delivering millions of dollars to the most corrupted local actors in Iraq.
- Free Sinjar from the conflict and ensure the safe and sustainable return to and peaceful reconstruction of the Ezidi community in its homeland.
- The establishment of a UN regional office and human rights defense team in Sinjar to document and monitor the local political situation, address human rights violations.
- The support of Ezidi refugees worldwide in their collective healing, family reunification and reconstruction in their host countries.

Ezidis today fears another mass atrocity will happen. April 2022 Within days over 4 million hate speeches were circulated against Ezidis in the Kurdistan Region. As UN Secretary General stated that “In Iraq, the recent proliferation of hate speech targeting Ezidis in Sinjar has stoked fears among the community that it will once again be the target of atrocity crimes”

On August 3rd, 2014, ISIS attempted to eradicate the Ezidi community. A decade Later, the Genocide is ongoing, giving up on our rights would be the victory for ISIS and its accomplices.