

# The Plight of the Yazidis



21st  
Century  
Genocide

# Goals

To inform you about the Yazidi people and the genocide taking place in Iraq

To share with you accounts of the atrocities the Yazidis are experiencing and the needs of survivors

To compel you to help



# Who are the Yazidis?

Peaceful religious minority living primarily in the Kurdish region of northern Iraq

Approximately 500-600,000 in Northern Iraq

Approximately 500,000 spread out in communities in Syria and southeast Armenia, Turkey, Georgia, Russia and Germany









# Yezidi Religion

Ancient monotheistic religion with elements of pre-Zoroastrianism, Hinduism, Judaism Christianity and Islam

Believe G-d created the world and entrusted it to seven angels, the most revered being “Melek Taus” the Peacock Angel (God’s representative on earth)

Traditions and history have been passed down orally



# Persecution

Have faced attacks through the centuries from Muslims

Faced persecution and  
“Arabization” policies  
under Saddam  
Hussein’s regime

Photo Credit AFP/Getty



# ISIS Attacks Genocide Begins

August 3, 2014





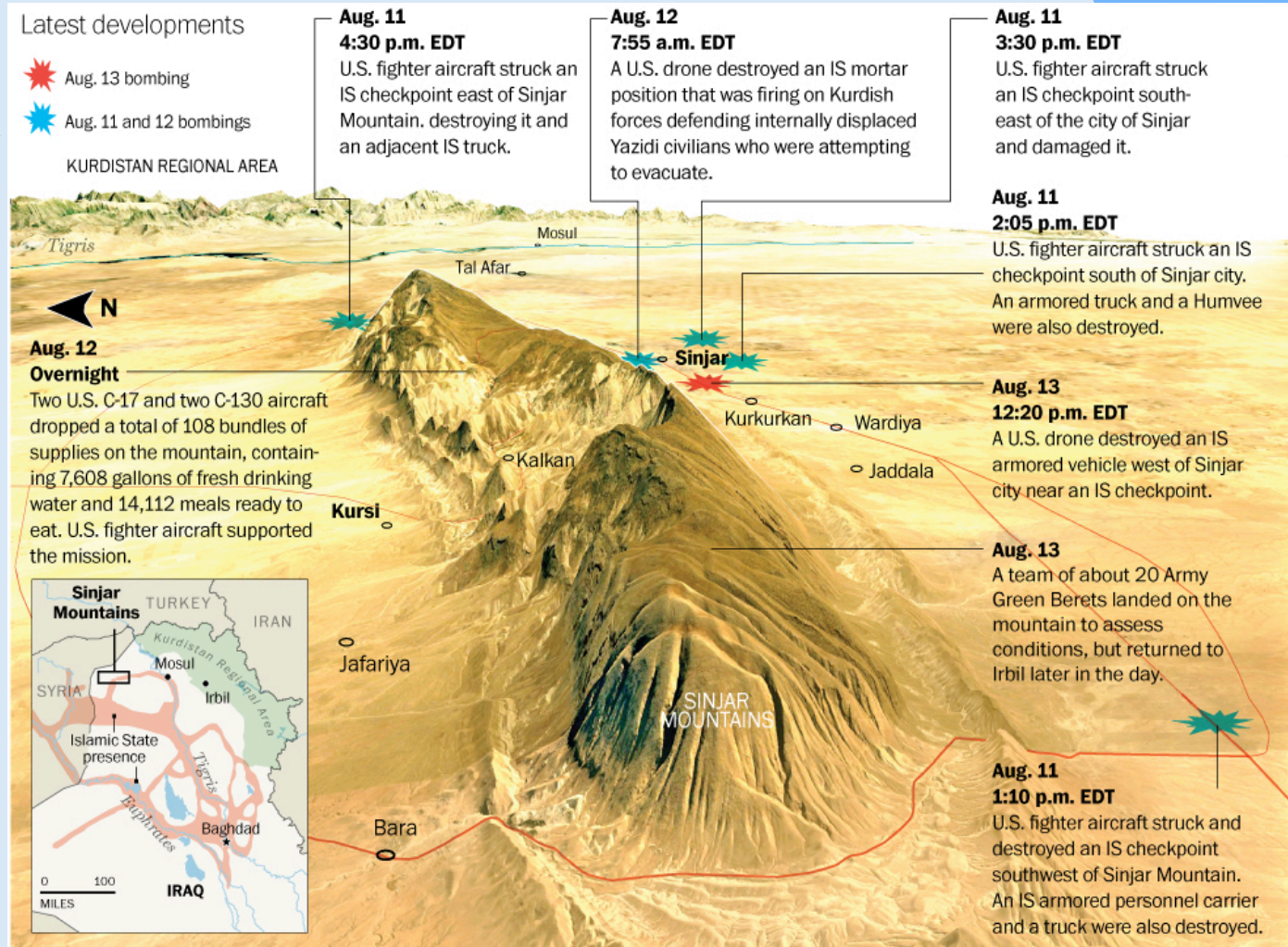


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# Those that escaped were trapped

## U.S. Begins Airstrikes





## Yazidi boys kidnapped and forced to be child soldiers





# Women and Children

After being separated from the men, women and their children were loaded on trucks and busses eventually to be sold at markets as female sex slaves for ISIS fighters and supporters

Estimates: 5270-7000 women and children were taken





Terrified  
“Yazidi  
Child  
Being Sold  
by ISIS as  
a Sex  
Slave in  
the Mosul  
Slave  
Market







Jinan, 18,  
an Iraqi  
Yazidi  
survivor  
was held  
for three  
months  
before  
escaping

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Bajed Kadal  
refugee  
camp, south  
west of  
Dohuk

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Youssef Boudlal/  
Reuters



# URGENT NEEDS

Protection and resettlement  
Food & shelter  
Medical treatment  
Trauma treatment  
Education



Photo Credit: Warzar Jaff/CNN

# Who is helping?

Yezidi child in a  
refugee camp



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# What can you do?

“There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice but there must never be a time when we fail to protest.”

~Eli Weisel  
Holocaust Survivor



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# **U.S. Holocaust Museum**

November 12, 2015 Report

Conclude that genocide did and still is taking place against the Yazidis

Urges leaders in Congress to recognize Yazidi genocide and to take action

**Urge leaders to officially  
recognize Yazidi genocide  
opening the way for  
additional aid and special  
refugee status**



# **Write, Email & Call Your U.S. Legislators!**

Rescue those enslaved

Provide immediate aid to those in DP camps

Protect & support Yazidis in their homeland

Offer asylum in the United States or help them  
resettle in other western countries

encourage the ICC and UN to classify the  
atrocities as genocide & take the steps to  
seek justice

**Ask your U.S. Representatives to:**  
**“Please support H.Con.Res.75 and H.R.1568 declaring that religious minorities such as Yazidis in Iraq are suffering war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide at the hands of ISIS. Please institute protections for these minorities.”**

# **Petition the President and Government Leaders**

Sign the petition Yazda.org set up on Change.org asking President Obama to take steps to rescue those still being held captive



# Educate Yourself and Others

Link up to organizations helping the Yazidi on social media and share links with friends and celebrities asking them to repost

Ask me to come and share this presentation or help you to give your own presentation

Purchase and show the PBS Frontline Documentary “Escaping ISIS” at local organizations, libraries or faith based organizations and ask them to promote the event to their members

# DONATE!

[Yezidisinternational.org](http://Yezidisinternational.org) (Smile.Amaz



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# **Fundraising Ideas**

Host an informational dinner/event with a suggested donation

Hold a “Concert for a Cause” and invite a local artist to perform for a suggested donation



## **More Fundraising Ideas**

Ask a local martial arts or yoga studio to have a fundraising class/event for a suggested donation

Race or walk for a cause and ask supporters to sponsor you or your team



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Getty Images

Every one of us  
has the capacity  
to help the  
Yazidi people in  
even the  
smallest way.  
Inaction is not a  
moral option.





**Thank You!**

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