THE YAZDA CONFERENCE TO COMMEMORATE
THE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE YAZIDI GENOCIDE
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HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT DR. BARHAM SALIH,
THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ

COMMENORATION PROGRAM

BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN TERROR & HUMANITY

THE SIXTH ANNUAL COMMEMORATION OF THE YAZIDI GENOCIDE

This 2\textsuperscript{nd} & 3\textsuperscript{rd} of August, 2020
OPENING LETTER

Dear friends of the Yazidi Cause,

May we remember and honor the memories of thousands of civilians who perished at the hands of Da’esh, and hand in hand enable a sustainable and safer future for all minority communities.

This commemoration showcases a series of deeply-needed, blunt, and action-based keynotes and panels to tackle the many facets of the Yazidi cause: the ongoing security deficit; the indignity of IDP and refugee camps; the powerless right of return; the deprivation of socio-economic potential; the realities of deeply-rooted international injustice; and the strengths and facilities of deeply human survivorship. Our speakers over the next few days include top government officials, foreign representatives and diplomatic emissaries in Baghdad and Erbil, local and international civil society representatives, and leaders of religious communities.

This year, it is also our pleasure to welcome delegations from the Arab World, Europe, and North America from the private sector, civil society, academia, and think tanks. Our two-day gathering will also be shared online on all Yazda social channels, which have over 60,000 followers from around the world.

Genocide against the Yazidi people in Iraq began on the 3rd of August, 2014, with organized military and community extermination efforts by Da’esh, resulting in acts of war and genocide including, mass crimes, massacres, systematic abductions, enslavement of women and children, forced conversion, and forced displacement of thousands of our people. Six years later, the genocide continues with more than 2,700 Yazidis still missing in captivity, over 200,000 IDPs and refugees unable to return to their homes in Sinjar and the Nineveh Plains, and a destroyed homeland that continues to face political, security, economic, and social uncertainties.

Thank you, truly, for being with us on this important six-year mark. Your solidarity, your actions, and your diplomacy are truly needed in this ever-urgent time of need and human suffering.

In the name of peace for our Middle East,

With our deepest respects,

Haider Elias
President
Yazda Organization

Lynn Zovighian
Managing Partner
The Zovighian Partnership

ABOUT YAZDA

Yazda is a global and multi-national organization, established to urgently respond to the Yazidi Genocide that was instigated by Da’esh in 2014. The global team strives to bring justice, sustenance, healing, and rejuvenation in support of the Yazidi ethno-religious minority and other vulnerable groups. Yazda’s main branch is registered in the United States under Article 501(c)(3). Yazda is also registered in Iraq, Kurdistan Region of Iraq, Germany, Sweden, the United Kingdom and Australia.

Yazda-US operates out of both Houston and Lincoln in the United States. Yazda-Iraq consists of the main office, a women’s center, a documentation facility in the city of Dohuk, Kurdistan Region-Iraq, a mobile clinic in northern Sinjar, and a base office in Sinone, Sinjar.

Today, Yazda has incubated and manages a portfolio of humanitarian and community development projects for the global Yazidi community. Projects are all survivor-centered and community-centric in design and implementation. This portfolio includes the Yazidi Survivor Network, case management, mobile clinics and medical team capacity-building, education programs, household sustenance campaigns, economic development with special attention to enabling SMEs and economical development, as well as advocacy and justice-seeking efforts, including lobbying for the recognition of the Yazidi Genocide and acknowledging Da’esh crimes in Iraq and Syria, ensuring strong testimony management for court cases against former Da’esh fighter, and documentation of the Yazidi Genocide in Iraq.

We would like to thank all of our government, institutional, and private partners for championing and deeply supporting the Yazidi Cause over the last six years. We would not be here without your generosity, deep solidarity, and humanity.

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The Yazidi population has transformed in the last six years. What were once approximately 450,000 Yazidis living in internally displaced persons (IDP) camps in Iraq and the Kurdistan Region, are now around 250,000, with so many who have fled the region, perhaps permanently. The calls for concrete and substantial action on the ground to ensure families can return to Sinjar with full safety and self-determination are long overdue. Today, Sinjar remains one of the unsafest and most destroyed areas in Iraq. Panelists will discuss opportunities for a collaborative action plan that brings together local, regional and central government entities, as well as the community of CSOs, diplomats, and international humanitarian agencies for Sinjar.

Moderator:

Mr. Richard Dictus - U.N. Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Iraq, Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator

Expert Speakers:

H.E. Minister Evan Faeq Yakoub Jabro - Minister of Displacement and Migration, Republic of Iraq
Mr. Gerard Karl Waite - IOM Chief of Mission, Republic of Iraq
Mr. Mohammed al-Tamimi - General Director of the NGO Directorate, Republic of Iraq
DAY 1: OPENING KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

MR. HAIDAR ELIAS
PRESIDENT, YAZDA ORGANIZATION

Mr. Haider Elias is the co-founder and the President of Yazda Organization. He previously worked for the U.S. government in Iraq as a translator and cultural advisor. Haider lost his younger brother in the attack against the Yazidi people in August 2014. He then became involved in helping the victims and in advocating to prevent future genocides against minorities. He co-founded Nadia Murad’s initiative in December 2015, dedicated to rebuilding communities in crisis and globally advocating for survivors of sexual violence. He has been travelling around the world to raise awareness on the Yazidi cause.

H.E. PRESIDENT DR. BAHRAM SALIH
PRESIDENT, REPUBLIC OF IRAQ

H.E. Dr. Barham A. Salih is the President of the Republic of Iraq and the founder of the American University of Iraq, Sulaimani. Prior to his presidency, Dr. Salih served as Prime Minister of the Kurdistan Region, and was Head of the Political Union of Kurdistan (PUK) office in the United States, actively improving Kurdistan’s relations with the West.

SAYYED AMMAR AL-HAKIM
PRESIDENT OF THE IRAQIS ALLIANCE, LEADER OF THE NATIONAL WISDOM MOVEMENT

Sayyed Ammar al-Hakim is an Iraqi cleric and politician, the President of the Iraqis Alliance and the Leader of the National Wisdom Movement. He is the son of Sayyed Abdulaziz al-Hakim, and the grandson of Imam Sayyed Muhsin al-Hakim, leader of the Shiite community in Iraq and the world at his time. He has led the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, and has taught Arabic, Islamic jurisprudence, logic, philosophy and the science of the Qur’an. He established the al-Hakim Foundation under the supervision of his uncle, Ayatollah Sayyed Muhammad Baqir al-Hakim.

MS. FARIDA ABBAS KHALAF
HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST AND MEMBER OF THE YAZIDI SURVIVOR NETWORK

Ms. Farida Abbas Khalaf is one of more than 6500 Yazidi survivors of Da’esh enslavement and genocide. Since her escape, Farida has been an effective part of Yazda global advocacy campaign to bring Da’esh militants to justice, to raise awareness, and to bring international attention to the Genocide. Farida is currently board member of Yazda. Her book “The Girls Who Beat ISIS” is published in more than 14 languages. She is the recipient of the 2017 Polish Foreign Minister’s Pro Dignitate Humana Prize, the Marsh Award for peacemaking and peacekeeping by Wilton Park and the LibberrPress Award.

H.E. MINISTER DR. HASAN NADHEM
MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM, AND ANTIQUITIES, REPUBLIC OF IRAQ

H.E. Dr. Hassan Nadhem is the Iraqi Minister of Culture, Tourism and Antiquities. He's served as Chief Editor for al-Kufa International Academic Magazine and was Assistant Professor in the faculty of Arts, also assisting the President of the al-Kufa University.

H.E. MINISTER FALAH MUSTAFA
SENIOR FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT OF KURDISTAN REGION, REPUBLIC OF IRAQ

H.E. Minister Falah Mustafa is the Senior Foreign Policy Advisor to the President of Kurdistan Region of Iraq. He previously served as the first Head of the Department of Foreign Relations of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG), where he administered the KRG’s foreign policy and bolstered the Region’s relations with the international community. He held positions such as a Senior Adviser to the Prime Minister of the KRG and Deputy Head of the Kurdistan Democratic Party’s (KDP) Public Relations Office.

H.E. AMBASSADOR MATTHEW H. TUELLER
AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ

H.E. Matthew H. Tueller is the U.S. Ambassador to Iraq. He previously served as Ambassdor to Yemen, Ambassador to Kuwait, Deputy Chief of Mission in Cairo, Political Counselor in Baghdad, Deputy Chief of Mission in Kuwait, Political Counselor in Riyadh, Chief of the U.S. Office in Aden, Deputy Chief of Mission in Doha, Political Officer in London, Political Officer and Consular Officer in Amman.

MR. KARIM KHAN
SPECIAL ADVISOR AND HEAD, UNITAD

Mr. Karim Khan is the Special Advisor and Head of the Investigative Team established to support domestic efforts to hold ISIS (Da’esh) accountable by collecting, preserving, and storing evidence in Iraq of acts that may amount to war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide committed by the terrorist group ISIS (Da’esh) in Iraq. Mr. Khan is a barrister and Queen’s Counsel in the United Kingdom, with more than 25 years of experience in International criminal law and human rights.

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H.E. EVAN FAEQ YAKOUB JABRO
MINISTER OF DISPLACEMENT AND MIGRATION, REPUBLIC OF IRAQ

H.E. Evan Faeq Yaqoub Jabro is the Iraqi Minister of Immigration and Displacement, who also served as Advisor to the Nineveh Governorate. She is the director of the Chaldean League in Basra, a member of the Women’s Consultative Council in Nineveh, and a member of the Iraq Mediators Network, specialized in conflict management and negotiations. She champions policies for the safe and sustainable return of the displaced communities in the Nineveh Plain, as well as policies for the reintegration of women and youth affected by conflict, and advocates for small employment grants.

MR. GERARD KARL WAI TE
IOM CHIEF OF MISSION, REPUBLIC OF IRAQ

Mr. Gerard Karl Waite is the Chief of Mission for IOM (International Organization for Migration) in Iraq. He had served IOM in Somalia, Uganda, South Sudan, and Sudan. Prior to joining IOM, Gerard worked with Transparency International, the Scottish Refugee Council and with the Alternative Information Center in the West Bank and Jerusalem.

MR. MOHAMMED AL-TAMIMI
GENERAL DIRECTOR OF THE NGO DIRECTORATE, REPUBLIC OF IRAQ

Mr. Muhammad al-Tamimi is the General Director of the NGO Department in Iraq and Head of the Operations Room of the General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers.

H.E. M.P. SAIB KHIDIR
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, REPUBLIC OF IRAQ

H.E. Saib Khidir is a member of the Iraqi Parliament, representing the Yazidis and sitting on the Parliamentary legal committee.
MR. JON KORIEL
CHAIRMAN, ASSYRIAN POLICY INSTITUTE

Mr. Jon Koriel is the Chairman of the Assyrian Policy Institute. He is a public affairs professional with nearly a decade of experience that includes advocacy, public policy and communications work in the public and private sectors. He develops and implements compelling communications strategies and narratives, and he served as government relations manager, and as a senior associate in a national public affairs firm.

CLOSING KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

MR. HARALD HERRMANN
FIRST POLITICAL SECRETARY & CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER, GERMAN EMBASSY IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ

MR. JEAN-NOËL BONNIEU
CHARGÉ D’AFFAIRES OF THE FRENCH EMBASSY, REPUBLIC OF IRAQ

Mr. Jean-Noël Bonnieu is First Advisor and Assistant to the Head of the French Mission in Iraq.

H.E. NAJAT VALLAUD-BELKACEM
FORMER FRENCH MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND OF WOMEN’S RIGHTS

H.E. Najat Vallaud-Belkacem is ONE’s France Director, and the Strategic Board Chair of the Tent Partnership for Refugees Foundation, which mobilizes private companies to help with the economic inclusion of refugees. She was a former Minister of National Education, Higher Education and Research, as well as a former Minister in charge of Women’s Rights, the government spokesperson, and Vice-President of the Rhône-Alpes regional council. She later on joined the private sector as Ipsos Global Affairs CEO. She also leads a publishing house collection and teaches at Sciences Po Paris.

MR. MURAD ISMAEL
FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, YAZDA ORGANIZATION AND YAZIDI ACTIVIST

Co-founder and former Executive Director of Yazda, Mr. Murad Ismael was part of a Yazidi delegation to high-level meetings at the White House when ISIS carried out a genocidal attack against the Yazidi in 2014. This resulted in the U.S. intervention to authorize airstrikes targeting ISIS locations and the dispatch of humanitarian airdrops to thousands of Yazidis that were trapped on Mount Sinjar. Murad co-founded Sinjar Crisis Management Team and Nadia Murad Initiative, managing Nadia’s campaign and laying the foundation for her Nobel Peace Prize award.

MR. JEAN-NOËL BONNIEU
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OPENING KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
16:00-17:00 Iraq time / 9:00-10:00 ET

Expert Speakers:

Ms. Lynn Zovighian - Managing Director, The Zovighian Partnership
Ms. Diana Amin Saleh - Human Rights Activist and Member of the Yazidi Survivor Network
H.R.H. Prince Turki Alfaisal - Chairman of the Board, King Faisal Center for Research & Islamic Studies
H.E. Ambassador Samuel Brownback - U.S. Ambassador at Large, International Religious Freedom
H.E. Ambassador Joanne Loundes - Ambassador of Australia to the Republic of Iraq
H.E. Congressman Jeff Fortenberry - U.S. Congressman (R-NE, 1st District)

Master of ceremony:
Mr. Haidar Elias - President, Yazda Organization

WOMEN AND JUSTICE: PILLARS OF POST-CONFLICT RECONSTRUCTION AND PEACE-BUILDING PROCESSES
16:00-20:00 Iraq time / 9:00-13:00 ET

PANEL 3 SPEAKERS
SUPPORTING THE HEALING OF DA’ESH SURVIVORS THROUGH SURVIVOR-CENTERED JUDICIAL AND NON-JUDICIAL MECHANISMS
17:00-18:10 Iraq time / 10:00-11:10 ET

There have been notable victories with European and American parliaments, as well as international legislative bodies recognizing the so-called Islamic State (ISIS) atrocities against all communities in Iraq, including the Yazidi Genocide since Da’esh entered Sinjar in 2014. However, survivors continue to struggle to take former Da’esh militants to courts of law in their respective countries of origin. Panelists will debate the shortcomings and failures of justice towards the Yazidi cause, and propose survivor-centered judicial and non-judicial mechanisms to bring meaningful personal and community-wide closure to the acts of genocide and crimes against humanity that continue to inflict the Yazidis and other minority communities in Iraq and Syria.

Moderator:
Ms. Carmen Cheung - Executive Director, Center for Justice & Accountability (CJA)

Expert Speakers:

Ms. Nasrin Hassan Rasho - Human Rights Activist and Member of the Yazidi Survivor Network
Dr. Mohammed Turki Alobaidi - Representative of the Ministry of Justice, Republic of Iraq
Dr. Caroline Buisman - Senior Legal Officer and Team Leader of Sinjar Investigations, UNITAD
Ms. Sandra Orlovic - Reparations Officer at IOM, UN Migration
Mr. Matevž Pezdicro - Head of the European Genocide Network

CLOSING KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
19:10-20:00 Iraq time / 12:10-13:00 ET

Expert Speakers:

Archbishop Bashar Warda - Chaldean Catholic Archbishop of Erbil
H.E. Minister Theresa Schopper - Minister of State, Baden-Württemberg, Germany
H.E. M.P. Ola Möller - Member of the Swedish Parliament
The Rt Hon. Lord Jack McConnell - Member of the UK Parliament, House of Lords
H.E. M.P. Michelle Rempel - Member of Parliament, Canada

Master of ceremony:
Mr. Haidar Elias - President, Yazda Organization
MS. LYNN ZOVIGHIAN  
MANAGING DIRECTOR, THE ZOVIGHIAN PARTNERSHIP  
Ms. Lynn Zovighian is a business and peace builder. She is the Managing Director of The Zovighian Partnership, which she co-founded with her father in 2013. A family-owned social investment platform, The Zovighian Partnership is also home to the Public Office, a peace-building platform the team established in 2015, with Yazda Organization as its first pro bono client and partner. Lynn is also a columnist in Lebanon-based pan-regional newspaper, An-Nahar, and Emerita Director of NEXUS Global.

MS. DIANA AMIN SALEH  
HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST AND MEMBER OF THE YAZIDI SURVIVOR NETWORK  
Ms. Diana Ameen Salih is a 25-year-old Yazidi survivor from ISIS captivity, a human rights activist, and one of the founding members of the newly established Yazidi Survivors Network. Diana lost many of her family members during the Yazidi genocide in 2014, of whom seven persons are still missing. Her dream is to become a lawyer and support her community and the Yazidi cause.

H.R.H. PRINCE TURKI ALFAISAL  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, KING FAISAL CENTER FOR RESEARCH & ISLAMIC STUDIES  
His Royal Highness Prince Turki AlFaisal is an Advisor in the Royal Court of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He served as Director General of the General Intelligence Directorate, Ambassador to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland, and Ambassador to the United States. His Royal Highness is involved in a number of cultural and social activities. He is one of the founders of the King Faisal Foundation, and is the chairman of the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies in Riyadh.

H.E. AMBASSADOR JOANNE LOUNDES  
AMBASSADOR OF AUSTRALIA TO THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ  
H.E. Joanne Loundes is the Australian Ambassador to Iraq. She was recently Chief Economist, Trade and Investment in the Office of Economic Analysis, and has held a range of positions including Director of both the G20 and the APEC Branches. She has also served as Deputy Head of Mission of the Australian Embassy in Kabul and First Secretary in the Australian Embassy in Tokyo.

H.E. CONGRESSMAN JEFF FORTENBERRY  
U.S. CONGRESSMAN (R-NE, 1ST DISTRICT)  
H.E. Jeff Fortenberry is the U.S. Congressman for Nebraska’s First District in the United States House of Representatives. He is a member of the House Appropriations Committee, which is responsible for the expenditures of the United States government. He serves as the Ranking Member on the House Agriculture Subcommittee, and is a member of the State and Foreign Operations Subcommittee. He also serves in Congress as co-chair of the Nuclear Security Working Group, co-chair of the International Conservation Caucus, and co-chair of the Congressional Study Group on Europe.

MS. CARMEN CHEUNG  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR JUSTICE & ACCOUNTABILITY (CJA)  
Ms. Carmen Cheung is the Executive Director at the Center for Justice and Accountability, a human rights legal organization working with impacted communities to seek truth, justice and redress for genocides, war crimes, crimes against humanity, torture, and other core international crimes through innovative litigation and transitional justice strategies. She has acted as counsel in public interest cases involving security and human rights, and has provided expert testimony to governmental bodies on matters relating to security, terrorism, and human rights.

PANEL 3 SPEAKERS  
SUPPORTING THE HEALING OF DAESH SURVIVORS THROUGH SURVIVOR-CENTERED JUDICIAL AND NON-JUDICIAL MECHANISMS
Dr. Mohammed Turki Alobaidi is a legal expert, Director of Human Rights at the Iraqi Ministry of Justice.

Dr. Caroline Buisman is a human rights and criminal defense lawyer. She has over fifteen years of experience researching and practicing international criminal law, and has published widely on the subject. She is also a member of the Amsterdam and New York Bar. She regularly teaches seminars, publishes book chapters and articles, and participates in expert panels in the area of international criminal justice.

Ms. Sandra Orlović is the Reparations Officer in the International Organization for Migration (IOM) mission to Iraq. She was previously an IOM consultant in Sri Lanka, focusing on issues related to collection and management of data on mass crimes and process of verification of victims’ claims for reparations. She was also Officer for Transitional Justice at the IOM HQ, and the Executive Director of the Humanitarian Law Centre, an organization committed to documenting mass atrocities during the Yugoslavia wars and advocating for victims’ rights.

Ms. Nasrin Hassan Rasho is a 25-year-old Yazidi survivor from ISIS captivity, a human rights activist, and one of the founding members of the newly established Yazidi Survivors Network. Nasrin lost most of her family members during the Yazidi genocide in 2014, and is determined to study law, to defend and to demand justice for her community and for other religious minorities in Iraq.

Mr. Matevž Pezdirc is Head of Eurojust Secretariat to the European Network for Investigation and Prosecution of Genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. He previously served as Head of the Criminal Law Unit at the Department for International Cooperation and Legal Assistance of the Ministry of Justice in Slovenia, and at the Slovenian Permanent Representation in Brussels. He also worked with the Constitutional Court in Slovenia, and with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY).

Ms. Nadine Maenza is an advocate for working families and a champion for international religious freedom. She is the founding Executive Director of Patriot Voices. She is a Member of the Commission for International Religious Freedom, and its current Vice Chair. She has also served as Chairperson of Hardwired Global, Senior Advisor for Presidential and U.S. Senate campaigns, Finance Director for the Pennsylvania Republican Party, and Consultant to the Republican National Committee. She has advised several major organizations including The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

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Ms. Zinah Khallat Sulaiman is a 23-year-old Yazidi survivor from ISIS captivity, a human rights activist, and one of the founding members of the newly established Yazidi Survivors Network. Zinah lost many family members during the Yazidi genocide in 2014, with nine of them still missing. Her dream is to be reunited with her family members and become a lawyer to defend her community and prevent another genocide against them.
MS. DASHNI MORAD  
ARTIST AND HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST
Ms. Dashni Morad is an Iraqi-Kurdish-Dutch singer, songwriter, presenter, TV journalist, and activist for human rights and the environment. She fled her war-torn region, moved to the Netherlands, and had her own TV show “Bê Control” (Without Borders), watched by millions of Kurds from across the world. An inspirational feminist figure, she returned to Kurdistan and established her charity Green Kids, she also centered her efforts focusing on child access to environmental education. She also centered her efforts on refugees and refugee children when the war raged in the Middle East in 2013.

MS. KATRIEN COPPENS  
DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMES AND OPERATIONS, DR. MUKWEGE FOUNDATION
Ms. Katrien Coppens is the Programmes and Operations Director at Dr. Denis Mukwege Foundation. She has previously worked for Médecins Sans Frontières, serving as Advisor for Humanitarian Affairs, Country Coordinator in Sierra Leone, Operational Advisor, and Operational Manager, responsible for the medical humanitarian programs in the Democratic Republic Congo, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Iraq, Colombia and Haiti. She also served as Delegate Director for MSF Holland, and worked as interim-Head of the department of International Humanitarian Law at the Red Cross in Holland.

H.E. BAYAN ABDUL RAHMAN  
HEAD OF THE KURDISTAN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT (KRG) MISSION IN WASHINGTON D.C.
H.E. Bayan Abdul Rahman is the Kurdistan Regional Government Representative to the United States of America, working to strengthening ties between Kurdistan and the United States, advocating her government’s position on a wide array of political, security, humanitarian, economic, and cultural matters, and promoting coordination and partnership. Ms. Abdul Rahman was previously the KRG High Representative to the United Kingdom. She was elected to the Leadership Council of the Kurdistan Democratic Party in 2010.

H.E. M.P. REZAN SHEKH DLER  
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, REPUBLIC OF IRAQ
H.E. Rezan Shekh Dler is a Human Rights activist and a member of the Iraqi Parliament. She sits on the Parliament Women, Children and Family Committee, and is a member of Iraq Women Parliamentary Network. Rezan is also member of Kurdistan Association for Lawyers.

ARCHBISHOP BASHAR WARDA  
CHALDEAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF ERBIL
Archbishop Bashar M. Warda, CSsR is the Chaldean Catholic Archbishop of Erbil in the Kurdistan Region of Northern Iraq. He’s been the global spokesman for the remaining Christians of Iraq since the Da’esh invasion of Mosul and Nineveh in 2014. His work over the past years has included oversight over food, housing, education, and pastoral care for nearly 20,000 threatened Christian families. An accomplished educator, he is the author of several books and numerous articles. He is the founder of several Catholic schools in Baghdad, as well as the Mar Qardakh School and the Catholic University.

H.E. MINISTER THERESA SCHOPPER  
MINISTER OF STATE, BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG, GERMANY
H.E. Theresa Schopper is a State Minister responsible for policy coordination. She led the Green parliamentary party in the Parliament, and focused on social, health, environmental, and agricultural policy. She was also an appointed member of the General Council of the Bavarian Catholic Academy, and a member of the plenary assembly of the Dicestrian Council of Catholics of the Archihopric of Munich and Freising.

H.E. M.P. OLA MÖLLER  
MEMBER OF THE SWEDISH PARLIAMENT
H.E. Ola Möller is a Swedish member of Parliament, an alternate working member of the Civil Affairs Committee and an alternate member of the Tax Committee. He was previously a Municipal Councillor for the Social Democrats. He has also worked as a political secretary, and he was second Vice Chairman of the Children’s and Education Committee.

THE RT HON. LORD JACK MCCONNELL  
MEMBER OF THE UK PARLIAMENT, HOUSE OF LORDS
The Rt Hon Lord Jack McConnell is the longest serving First Minister of Scotland. He was afterwards appointed to the House of Lords, and he became Vice-President for UNICEF UK. He was the Prime Minister’s Special Representative for Peace-building, and Education Adviser in Malawi and Rwanda. He is also involved as an ambassador, patron and board member of several international and UK-based non-government organizations. He is also the University of Stirling Chancellor.
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President, Republic of Iraq

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