

Wednesday 24 June
Palais des Nations, Room XXII
4pm – 5 :30pm

NO PLACE TO TURN

Violence against women and girls
in the Iraq conflict

Panellists:

- **Ms. Zainab Hawa Bangura**, UN Special Representative of the Secretary General on Sexual Violence in Conflict (video message)
- **Ms. Rabiaa El Garani**, sexual and gender-based violence expert of the OHCHR fact-finding mission to Iraq
- Testimony from a **Yezidi girl** victim of ISIS
- **Ms. Nareen Shamo**, Yezidi journalist and minority rights activist
- **Ms. Miriam Puttick**, Civilian rights officer, Minority Rights Group / Ceasefire Project, author of the report “No Place to Turn: violence against women in the Iraq conflict”

Moderator: **Mr. Mark Lattimer**, Executive Director, Minority Rights Group

One year after the major offensive of ISIS in the North of Iraq, and the fall of Mosul on 10 June 2014, this side event will be an opportunity to shed light on the importance of sexual and gender-based violence against Iraqi women and girls in the Iraq conflict.

Panellists will discuss the crimes committed in the framework of this conflict in the past year, as well as the structural root causes of this specific form of violence, its impact today on the situation of women and girls in IDP camps and elsewhere in the country, the challenges that these crimes present in the short term and in the long term, and the action that needs to be taken by the Iraqi government and the KRG authorities, as well as by other stakeholders to address this situation.

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