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Dear Ambassador,

One Free World International's sources in Iraq have come forward with very troubling reports of the killing of innocent civilians by militias fighting with the Iraqi armed forces.

During the early-January offensive that drove ISIS out of Anbar province and reclaimed the territory under Iraqi sovereignty, whistleblowers have reported Shia militias indiscriminately killed Yezidis and Sunni civilians who remained behind after ISIS forces had fled.

One such report included the killing of 55 Yezidi girls in one compound who were being used by ISIS as sex slaves. Based on our sources it is estimated that hundreds were killed in this manner.

One Free World International and Yezidi Human Rights Organization strongly condemn the crimes perpetrated by ISIS and the Shia militias against minority populations and civilians more broadly, regardless of their beliefs. The report of these horrendous actions by Shia militias is a massacre and a gross contravention of Iraqi armed forces' obligations to protect innocent human life.

The reported lack recognition for human life committed by militias fighting for the Iraqi armed forces must immediately be investigated and the perpetrators be brought to justice.

While ISIS' savagery has enlisted a vigorous response from an international coalition to combat their grave threat to global security, it is heartbreaking that Shia militias failed to fulfill their promise to protect the sex slaves ISIS captured when liberating Anbar province from ISIS' grip and indiscriminately killed these Yezidi girls and Sunni civilians.

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We acknowledge defeating ISIS is necessary to bring peace to the region, however the protection of innocent lives goes to the core of what the coalition is fighting for in the Middle East. If immediate actions are not taken to obtain justice for these innocent girls, it is inevitable that a similar massacre will be repeated in Mosul and throughout the region as the military campaign advances to reclaim territory from ISIS control.

One Free World International and Yezidi Human Rights Organization call on the Iraqi government to investigate these crimes, bring those accountable to justice, and take the necessary steps with fighting forces to prevent further atrocities from being repeated as the Iraqi armed forces continue their campaign with international partners to defeat ISIS.

Please detail what steps will be taken to investigate and bring the perpetrators to justice.

Sincerely,

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