

GENOCIDE ON THE YAZIDI

The impact of documentation for justice and reconciliation

An international expert seminar on Friday 7th December will address the role of documentation in order to ensure justice and reconciliation after genocide and other crimes against humanity. The particular case we will address is the situation of the Yazidi, not least the Yazidi women, after the ISIS massacre at Sinjar and the other mass atrocities committed in 2014 onward. The seminar is organized by the Minority Network, coordinated from HL-senteret, the Norwegian Peoples Aid and other Norwegian NGOs working on the Yazidi issue, and with the Norwegian Yazidi community.

The events address the role of documentation to

- confirm genocide or crimes against humanity
- find missing persons
- prepare for prosecution of perpetrators
- provide a ground for reconciliation



INTERNATIONAL EXPERT SEMINAR:

“The role of documentation for justice and reconciliation”

Time and place: **Friday 7th December 2018, 9 am – 14 pm, HL-senteret**

Moderator: **Ingvill Plesner**, project manager and researcher, Minority Network, HL-senteret

08.30 – 09.00: Coffee/tea and registration

09.00 – 09.30: Opening addresses

- Guri Hjeltnes, Director of the Norwegian Center for Holocaust and Minority Studies
- Nariman Hame, law student, and Revin Aswad, Yazidi Cultural House Norway
- Henrik Syse, Deputy Chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee and Research professor, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)

09.30 – 10.45: Panel 1: Documenting genocide

- Introductions: Sareta Ashraph, fm. chief analyst on the UN Commission of Inquiry on Syria (“They Came to Destroy: ISIS’s Crimes Against the Yazidis”) and Valeria Cortelli, Researcher, London School of Economics (LSE)
- Yazidi representatives
- Comments by Cecilie Hellestveit, Norwegian Academy of Humanitarian Law and Jacqui Zalcborg, UN OHCHR

10.45 – 11.00: Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30: Panel 2: Documenting genocide-based violence and finding missing persons

- Introductions: Nagham Nawzat, gynecologist at the Survivors Center, Dahouk and partner of Norwegian Peoples Aid and Kathyryne Bomberger, director of the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP)
- Yusra Abdullah Ghanim and Elias Hussein Mirza – Norwegian Church Aid, Iraq
- Plenary discussion

12.30 – 13.00: Lunch

13.00 – 14.30: Panel discussion: Towards justice and reconciliation

- Introduction: Miriam Puttick, senior advisor at Middle East and North Africa Programmes, Minority Rights Group International
- Round table discussion with Yazidi, international and Norwegian experts

Any questions regarding the expert seminar may be addressed to **Ingvill Plesner** (i.t.plesner@hlsenteret.no)

For registration:

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Related events in the evening of December 7th:

www.hlsenteret.no/aktuelt/arrangementer/2018/folkemord-pa-jesidiene.html

