



This week, we are excited to share with you significant developments in our work at the Global Justice Center!

UN Commission of Inquiry on Syria Concludes ISIS is Committing Genocide

A new report, "[They Came to Destroy](#)": [ISIS Crimes Against the Yazidis](#), confirms that ISIS is committing genocide against the Yazidi including through gendered non-killing crimes such as rape and sexual violence against enslaved Yazidi women and girls.

The Commission of Inquiry urges the international community to act on its obligations under the Genocide Convention, obligations that must include measures to rescue and save women and girls still in ISIS captivity, [whose numbers remain in the thousands](#).



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“All captured ISIS fighters should be investigated for genocide crimes, including crimes of rape, abduction, and sexual slavery against Yazidi women and girls.

These women and girls deserve justice.”

- Janet Benshoof



Prosecuting ISIS for Genocide

Janet Benshoof recently wrote a [Letter to the Editor](#) of the New York Times, in response to their [article](#) on imprisoning ISIS fighters, about the importance of ending the impunity of ISIS fighters for genocide. Janet urged the US to take a leadership role in ensuring these horrific crimes, including rape, are punished, as the US has in the past with the successful [prosecution](#) of Saddam Hussein-era perpetrators of genocide.

In 2006, the Global Justice Center worked with Iraqi and Kurdish women leaders, and provided [trainings](#) on gender crimes under international law. The presiding judge in the tribunal later remarked that the Global Justice Center's trainings were critical to their decisions, including finding rape as torture and rape as genocide.

The Obama Administration recently announced that they have begun to [explore how](#) to prosecute ISIS fighters for genocide.

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