



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

Yazidi Survivor of ISIS/Daesh Testifies to Genocide at UN

Nadia Murad Basee Taha, who was held captive by ISIS and managed to escape, bravely told her story to the United Nations Security Council on Wednesday.

"The Islamic State had one intention: to destroy the Yazidi identity by force, rape, recruitment of children, and destruction of holy sites they captured," she said. "Especially against the Yazidi women, where they used rape as a means of destruction, ensuring these women will never return to a normal life."

At the end of her testimony she asked that the international community, "recognize the mass killing, enslavement and human trafficking committed as a genocide. I appeal to you to find a way to open a case before the International Criminal Court."

[Watch her Powerful Testimony Here](#)

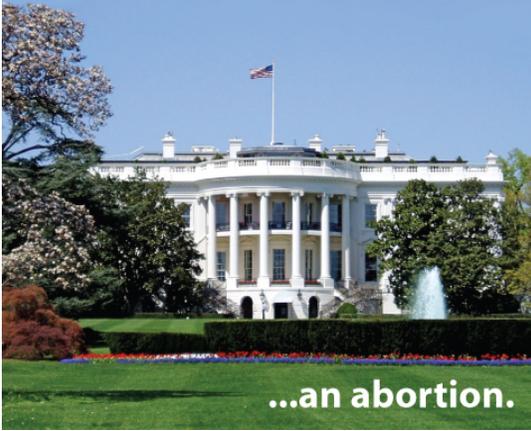


European Union Divorces Itself from US Abortion Ban

This week, the EU made public its 2016 Budget that contains the first ever anti-Helms Amendment.

The 2016 EU Budget language requires that all humanitarian entities funded by the EU provide assistance "in accordance with international humanitarian law." Also, in a reference to the US Helms amendment, the budget mandates EU funds, "not be subject to restrictions imposed by other partner donors."

**Standing between
war rape victims and**



...an abortion.

"This budget language shows the EU is serious about ensuring that the humanitarian entities they fund follow the Geneva Conventions, not the US abortion ban," says Janet Benshoof. "With the endemic use of rape as a weapon of war in conflicts across the globe, this dramatic policy shift demonstrates a sea change toward ensuring that all girls and women raped in war are provided comprehensive medical care."

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GJC Submits Amicus Letter to ICC about Yazidi Genocide

ISIS/Daesh fighters use rape strategically and repeatedly to forcibly impregnate women with "new ISIS offspring" to prevent another generation of Yazidis from being born.

In a letter to the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, the Global Justice Center urges them to investigate the genocide against the Yazidis and to specifically examine crimes committed against women and girls including abductions, rape, sexual slavery, and forced marriage as genocidal crimes.

[Click Here to Read the Amicus Letter](#)

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