

The Ezidi Humanitarian Crisis in Iraq and Syria

Surviving the “Islamic State”

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Ezidis make up a unique ethno-religious group with communities in several Middle Eastern countries, including Iraq and Syria. Recently the self-proclaimed “Islamic State” has been carrying out a campaign of genocide against the Ezidis. Founding members of the Ezidi Relief Fund, a nonprofit humanitarian organization, will be discussing who the Ezidi people are, the immense challenges they currently face, what is being done to help them, and how we can get involved in the relief effort.



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