



Second Genocide against the Middle East Christians in less than a century ...

... both ignored and not recognized by the
international community – Why ?

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Introduction

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The situation of Middle East Christians is deteriorating to such an extent that they face existential threat and are forced to flee their homeland *Mesopotamia*, which is the Cradle of Civilization and Christianity.

Revolting is that human tragedy is happening in the 21st century. It goes almost unremarked, as it is not covered by international media as it deserves when looking at the scale of human tragedy. And international governments remain particularly silent and inactive.

It goes without saying the Christians, by their very nature and faith, condemn all conflicts, wars and killing of any single human being whatever its origin and beliefs.

Like in any conflict or war, the minorities suffer the most and do not benefit from any protection. This is especially true in countries where minorities are not considered as full citizens and are not politically represented.

Even more dramatic is that the minorities and especially the Assyro-Aramean Christians living in Middle East, although being indigenous people of Mesopotamia, are treated as foreigners.

In the next sections only the recent and majors attacks are listed to take away any doubt about the horror and terror lived by all Christians and other minorities in Middle East. This is happening systematically since 2003 in Iraq and since the beginning of the conflict in Syria in March 2011.

In Egypt, the situation is similar and has only become worse since Egypt's popular revolution which overthrew former President Hosni Mubarak in 2011. In the past three years, more Christians were killed in Egypt - *for the only reason that they were Christians* - than in the last 20 years.

The current report focuses on the situation in Iraq and Syria where Christians, mainly Assyro-Arameans, represent smaller percentage of the population compared to Egypt's Copts. **In Iraq and Syria, Christianity could become extinct in the next few years if nothing is done very urgently.**

It should be emphasized that the Christians are not begging for financial help or charity even if they need it; they are not fleeing their homeland for economic reasons but only to save their lives and those of their relatives!

The Christians would rather prefer to stay in their homeland *Mesopotamia* where they live for many millennia; they therefore request to live safely, freely and in peace and be treated as full citizens in their respective countries. They request the Middle East governments to protect them and allow them to contribute in building a multicultural and secular state and taking part in all societal activities and responsibilities as well as in the public administration.

Since a decade we see the same patterns of atrocities of the 1915 genocide taking place again in Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Iran, and probably soon in Lebanon and elsewhere if this horrible process does not stop very soon!

Fact & Testimonies about the situation in Middle East

On September 4, 2013, Jubhat al-Nusra (Islamist rebels) and members of Free Syrian Army attacked the historical town of Maaloula (Syria) under the pretext of 'freeing' the town.

They killed many innocent Christians and destroyed some of the town's historical buildings.

During the siege, the terrorists forced many of the Christians to convert to Islam or face death. About 3,000 people fled the town of Maaloula in order to save their lives.

Mid-October 2013 bombs were discovered in the confessional box of the Cathedral of Constantine and Helen, one of the world's oldest churches in the rebel-held town of Yabroud (Syria), which known as the country's last remaining centre of religious tolerance. The discovery of the explosive devices was reported by Patriarch Gregorios III during his visit to London to highlight the persecution of Christians in Syria.

End of October 2013, it was the Biblical town of Sadad (Syria) that fallen under attack. The Syriac Orthodox Archbishop Alnemeh stressed the massacre in Sadad as *"the most serious and biggest massacre of Christians in Syria" since the beginning of the conflict. 45 innocent civilians were martyred for no reason ...*

During one week, 1,500 families were held as hostages and human shields. Among them were children, elderly, young, men and women. About 2,500 families fled from Sadad, taking only their clothes, due to the irruption of armed groups.

On December 4, 2013 the historical town of Maaloula (Syria) was again attacked. This time, 12 nuns and several orphans were reportedly kidnapped by the terrorists from the Mar Takla (St. Thecla) monastery.

On December 21, 2013, Syria's foreign-backed militants killed 12 people in an attack against a church in the southwest city of Daraa. The militants fired several mortar shells against the church in the city of while the church volunteers were distributing charity aid to locals.

In Iraq the situation for the Christians and other minorities did not improve over a decade and worse it is now deteriorating as confirmed by the Christians living in Iraq and the Patriarch of the Chaldean Church Louis Sako.

The Iraqi Kurdistan region which was once a 'safe heaven' for the Iraqi Christians does not offer security and safety for the Christians anymore. Attacks against Christians in North Iraq are increasing in frequency and violence.

The article of the World Watch monitor "[Northern Iraq no longer safe for Christians](#)" reported that on September 22, a suicide bomb went off outside the home of the Christian politician Emad Youhanna in Rafigayn (Kirkuk province, Iraq), injuring 19 people, including three of Youhanna's children. **World Watch Monitor further reports that Church leaders in Baghdad say that there are attacks on Christians every two or three days. A group of Christian young people said that policemen told them that they 'should not be in Iraq because it is Muslim territory'.**

On 25 December 2013, at least 34 people were killed in three bombings in Christian areas of Baghdad, including a car bomb that exploded near a Church after a Christmas service. Later some sources stated that the Church was not the target. However the bombings occurred in a Christian area and every bombing or attack in Christian areas increase the fear among the Christians and contribute to their steady exodus since already a decade!

According to an Arabic report published today on Aleteia.org, back on January 8, 2014, yet another Christian man was beheaded and his body stabbed with a crucifix, by U.S.-sponsored “freedom-fighters.”

According to the report, “And when the mujahidin [jihadis] approached the car, they noticed that Fadi was wearing a cross around his neck, so they decided to decapitate him and plant the cross in his chest.” [Syria: Christian Stabbed with Crucifix, Decapitated](#)

[Idlib \(Syria\), 9 January 2014 /MCN](#)

Daash (“The Islamic State of Iraq and Great Syria”) groups beheaded two members of the Armenian community who were detained with them at a detention facility, according to civilian Kurds who managed to escape from the detention of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (Daash) in the village of Deir Hassan, Dana, Idlib.

(Reuters – 29 Jan 2014) *Another explosion in Talibiya killed four, and in Camp Sarah, a mainly Christian neighborhood, gunmen shot three more dead.*

Kessab (Syria) March 21, 2014 - [3000 Syrian Christians flee Armenian village as Islamist rebels take control](#)

Islamists started attacking houses in the purely Christian Armenian town, forcing residents to run for their lives. Around 100 people were killed and at least 13 of whom were beheaded.

To put this trend in a broader context, in the last decade Iraq's Christian population (mainly Assyro-Arameans) has shrunk from about 1.5 million to around 200,000 at most.

In Syria, the number was estimated at approximately 2 to 2.5 million of Christians before the conflict.

One third, some sources say even more than half, of the Christians already fled Syria due to the conflict and specifically due to the systematic attacks against the Christians and other minorities.

The two Syrian Archbishops are still missing: Mor Gregorius Yohanna Ibrahim of the Syriac Orthodox Church and H.E. Boulos Yazigi of the Greek Orthodox Church.

All must know that in Iraq and Syria:

- Christians are killed, whatever their age, because they are Christians and indigenous people of Mesopotamia;
- Christian women and girls raped;
- Christian civilians and clergymen are tortured, abducted for ransoms and in most case killed even when the ransom is paid;
- Christian children and men beheaded;
- churches burned or desecrated;
- houses and shops belonging to Christians are burned or destroyed;
- Christians accepting to leave their home and shops are obliged to give all their belongings to the Islamists;
- Christians receive ultimatums by letters or masked people or even directly telling them “Leave this country or face death” or “Convert to Islam or die”;
- Christians are forced to convert to Islam;
- Christians are forced to mass exodus (on a biblical scale);
- Mass graves with Christians are discovered in Syria;
- etc.

This is nothing less than ethno-religious genocide against the Christians, the second genocide in less than a century!!!

The first genocide occurred in 1915 and was perpetrated by the Ottoman Empire against all the then Christian people: The Assyro-Arameans (about 750.000 deaths), the Armenians (about 1,5M deaths) and the Greeks (about 350.000 deaths).

And sadly, we see the same patterns of atrocities of 1915 genocide taking place again in Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Iran, and probably soon in Lebanon & elsewhere if this horrible process doesn't stop very soon.

If we read the UN article regarding the genocide definition, it is stated in the **General Assembly Resolution 260A (III) Article 2:**

In the present Convention, genocide means any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such:

- (a) Killing members of the group;*
- (b) Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group;*
- (c) Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part;*
- (d) Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group;*
- (e) Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group*

The UN genocide definition tells us that if any of the above points is committed against a people in whole or in part it is considered genocide.

Except for the last point (e) which is occurring less than the others, all the other points mentioned in UN genocide definition are largely perpetrated by Islamists against the Christians in Iraq, Syria, and Egypt and to some extent in Iran.

The killing of Christians (mainly Assyro-Arameans) is widespread in Iraq since 2003 and in Syria since 2011. Similar tragedies hit the Christians (Copts) in Egypt and to some extent in Iran. This is largely documented in the monthly press overviews that are sent since many years and most of the references are still available online on the Internet (*they can be resent upon request*). In addition, all this information is confirmed by UN, NGOs, local associations, civilian leaders and clergymen.

The former President of France, Nicolas Sarkozy was warning in January 2011: "We cannot accept and thereby facilitate what looks more and more like a particularly perverse programme of cleansing in the Middle East, religious cleansing".

Mr. Sarkozy made this statement while giving his annual address to religious leaders. The statement came after the suicide attack against the Syriac Cathedral of Bagdad (Iraq) in October 2010 where 68 Assyro-Arameans died in the attack, one in a series of strikes against Christians in Iraq. Another attack on a Coptic church in the Egyptian city of Alexandria on January 1, 2011 which killed 21 Christian Copts.

As reported in The Telegraph on January 7th, 2011, [Nicolas Sarkozy stated that Christians in Middle East are victim of 'religious cleansing'](#).

Archdeacon Emanuel Youkhana of the Assyrian Church of the East wrote in February 2013:

"We are witnessing another Arab country losing its Christian Assyrian minority. When it happened in Iraq nobody believed Syria's turn would come. Christian Assyrians are fleeing massively from threats, kidnappings, rapes and murders. Behind the daily reporting about bombs there is an ethno-religious cleansing taking place, and soon Syria can be emptied of its Christians."

Christian Solidarity International issued a genocide alert for Syrian religious minorities titled ***GENOCIDE ALERT: THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC - MAY 2013:***

In March 2013, Ambassador Frederic C. Hof, a former special adviser on Syria to the Obama administration, echoed this warning:

"Left on its current trajectory, Syria is on the path to state failure and sustained sectarian violence, featuring mass atrocities and cleansing that could amount to genocide in some areas."

Anti-government rebels have cleansed several locales in Syria of their religious minority populations, most notably Homs, Syria's third largest city, where nearly the entire Christian population of 80,000 was forcibly expelled, but also Qusayr, al-Burj al-Qastal, and some rural areas in Idlib and Latakia province.

A title of Al-Monitor article of August 2013 is also self-describing of the situation in Aleppo (Syria): ***["Aleppo Christians Fear Iraq-Style Ethnic Cleansing"](#)***.

Another article from The Spectator dated of August 2013 had a self-speaking title: ***["Whoever wins in Syria, its Christians will lose"](#)***

"Within the Middle East, however, the story is not of expansion accompanied by persecution but of persecution leading to elimination. The 'Sunday' people are now following the 'Saturday' people out of the Middle East. The outgoing Chief Rabbi, Lord Sacks, who knows that history, has called the suffering of Arab Christians 'a human tragedy that is going almost unremarked'. He complained that 'people don't speak more about it'."

In National Review article titled ***["The Silent Exodus of Syria's Christians"](#)*** include a testimony that comes from Nuri Kino's report clearly describes the Islamists' aim:

The refugees all fear the Islamists. When the jihadi rebel units show up and take over a town, like Rasel-Eyn, it loses its Christian population over night. One man from there tells Kino: "The so-called Free Syrian Army, or rebels, or whatever you choose to call them in the West, emptied the city of its Christians, and soon there won't be a single Christian in the whole country."

And the consequence is that Christians in Syria like in Iraq and also in refugee camps fear to report the crimes and injustice as testified in the report:

In certain parts of Syria a Christian can no longer report injustices or crimes. We are hostages of the growing Islamism while the rest of the world either watches on or turns the other cheek.

The Patriarch of the Chaldean Church Louis Sako explains in the article of WorldWatch Monitor titled ***["Iraqi Archbishop calls on West to 'open eyes' to Christians' Middle East exodus"](#)*** says:

"In Iraq, after 10 years, we still don't have security. There are daily attacks, explosions, kidnappings and murders. The same scenario is happening in Syria and in Egypt".

The Patriarch of Babylon Louis Sako said *the West "does not understand" the difficulties and fears of Middle Eastern Christians.*

"Religious radicalism is growing and becoming very aggressive," ... "Religious violence is on the increase across the Middle East, breaking up communities and destroying relations between peoples

*from different religious traditions. This violence is damaging the very fabric of Middle Eastern societies. **Islamist extremists want to take advantage of the current situation (that is, the anarchy in several regions) in order to empty the Christian presence in the Middle East, as if it were an obstacle for their plans.***

The Patriarch called on the West to “open its eyes” to see the reality of the situations facing Christians in Iraq, Syria and Egypt.

The following is an extract from the testimony of Nina Shea (Director of the Hudson Institute's Center For Religious Freedom), before the Committee On Foreign Affairs, U.S. House Of Representatives, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa. The hearing was held on June 25 2013: [Religious Minorities in Syria: Caught in the Middle](#)

In the Middle and Targeted with Ethno-Religious Cleansing. ...

*Though no religious community has been spared suffering, **Syria's ancient Christian minority has cause to believe that they confront an “existential threat,” according to a finding of the UN Human Right Council's Commission of Inquiry on Syria, last December.***

And this group, in contrast to Syria's Alawites, Shiites and Sunnis, has no defender.

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The Christians, however, are not simply caught in the middle, as collateral damage. They are the targets of a more focused shadow war, one that is taking place alongside the larger conflict between the Shiite-backed Baathist Assad regime and the largely Sunni rebel militias. Christians are the targets of an ethno-religious cleansing by Islamist militants and courts. In addition, they have lost the protection of the Assad government, making them easy prey for criminals and fighters, whose affiliations are not always clear.

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Wherever they appear, Islamist militias have made life impossible for the Christians. Metropolitan Archbishop Jean Clement Jeanbart, of Aleppo's Melkite Greek Catholic Church, told the Rome-based Catholic outlet, AsiaNews, "Christians are terrified by these militias and fear that in the event of their victory they would no longer be able to practice their religion and that they would be forced to leave the country." He explained:

*"As soon as they reached the city [of Aleppo], Islamist guerrillas, almost all of them from abroad, took over the mosques. **Every Friday, an imam launches their messages of hate, calling on the population to kill anyone who does not practice the religion of the Prophet Muhammad. They use the courts to level charges of blasphemy. Who is contrary to their way of thinking pays with his life.**"*

In the same hearing, Dr. John Eibner (CSI) warned that religious minorities in Syria, including Christians, face "eradication."

Christian Solidarity International (CSI) has issued a Genocide Warning for Christian communities and other religious minorities in North Africa and the broader Islamic Middle East!

On 5th November 2013, in the UK House of Commons, during a [debate about the persecution of the Christians in Middle East](#), the Honourable UK MP Mrs. Fiona Bruce made the following statement:

“We should be crying out with the same abhorrence and horror that we feel about the terrible atrocities towards Jews on Kristallnacht and on other occasions in Germany during the second world war.”

In the article of FrontPage Magazine dated on 20th December 2013 [“Prince Charles Speaks Up for Persecuted Christians”](#), Prince Charles said ***“It seems to me that we cannot ignore the fact that Christians in the Middle East are increasingly being deliberately targeted by fundamentalist Islamist militants.”***

Prince Charles also added in The Telegraph that, *“Christianity was literally born in the Middle East and we must not forget our Middle Eastern brothers and sisters in Christ. And the Prince added “several strategies and tactics such as **“intimidation, false accusation and organized persecution” are being utilized in a systematic campaign to force out the Christians, creating an exodus of Christians and other minorities from the region.**”*

Furthermore, the **Prince Charles warned** that in case this systematic persecution by Islamists, extremists, and fundamentalists in Muslim societies did not halt, then *“we [will] all lose something immensely and irreplaceably precious when such a rich tradition dating back 2,000 years begins to disappear.”*

It should be emphasized that before the 1915 genocide, the Christians were among the richest people holding lands and shops, and were among the most educated people in the Ottoman Empire.

If we take the example of the current Iraq, the Assyro-Arameans and all Iraqi Christians in general are the most educated people compared relatively to other ethnic groups. The same applies for the other Middle East countries like Syria, Lebanon, etc.

Therefore the Christians are not begging for financial help or charity even if they need it due to the circumstances; they are not fleeing their homeland for economic reasons but only to save their lives and those of their relatives!

The Christians would rather prefer to stay in their homeland *Mesopotamia* where they live for many millennia; they therefore request to live safely, freely and in peace and be treated as full citizens in their respective countries. They request the Middle East governments to protect them and allow them to contribute in building a multicultural and secular state and taking part in all societal activities and responsibilities as well as in the public administration.

Unfortunately this is not the case in Middle East countries, Egypt, etc. and the last country where this was possible, except Lebanon, was Syria to some extent until the conflict started in March 2011.

This is also confirmed by a UN report as already mentioned in 2009 by Navanethem Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (Statement on Human Rights Day, 10 December 2009): *“Minorities in all regions of the world continue to face serious threats, discrimination and racism, and are frequently excluded from taking part fully in the economic, political, social and cultural life available to the majorities in the countries or societies where they live.”*

In a letter dated of January 9th, 2013, the republican Congressman Frank Wolf (R-VA), called [*“On Religious Leaders In West To Speak Out On Behalf Of Persecuted Church Globally”*](#).

Wolf reminded the words of German Lutheran pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer, executed by the Nazis during World War II. Bonhoeffer, when *“faced with the tyranny and horror of Nazism, famously said, ‘Silence in the face of evil is itself evil. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act’ ”.*

The congressman then told the story of a German Christian shared in the book [*“When a Nation Forgets God”*](#).

On 16 January 2014 – the [*UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay*](#), warned armed opposition groups in Syria that executions and unlawful killings violate international law and may amount to war crimes, as reports continue to emerge of mass executions in the northern part of the strife-torn nation.

Therefore the UN GA & SC, Arab & NATO nations, the EU institutions and Russia including the Middle East governments must adopt a strong resolution with concrete actions to stop this war in Syria. A special attention should also be given for all crimes against all minorities including the Christians in Syria, Iraq, Egypt, Iran, etc.

Moreover the Arab-Muslim countries and their governments and leaders should openly and loudly condemn these attacks against the Christians and other minorities and take concrete actions to show that they do not agree with these crimes and those who perpetrate them.

It was Martin Luther King who said, *"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."*

Recently the great Nelson Mandela passed away and a big ceremony was held in South Africa. One could ask himself what could Nelson Mandela have thought and said about this human tragedy and injustice that is ongoing in the Middle East and Africa.

"Syria has become the great tragedy of this century - a disgraceful humanitarian calamity with suffering and displacement unparalleled in recent history." Statement made by António Guterres, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on Syria, 3 September 2013.

To be stressed that this statement is also applicable for Iraq and, except the displacements, also for Egypt.

What should be known about the Christians in Middle East

- Sending financial and humanitarian aid is welcomed but not sufficient and little is reaching the Christians. Any aid without structural solutions is not sufficient.
- Many Christians are not going in the refugee camps as they fear retaliation and are afraid to tell their true stories to the camp coordinators. Therefore most of Christians and & other minorities remain out of refugee camps and as such do not benefit of humanitarian aid.
- Raffaella Iodice, head of department of DG Development and Cooperation of the European Commission stressed that "*Christians were not always received with the same level as others in the refugee camps.*"
- The Christians of Middle East countries and elsewhere are not fleeing for financial reasons but only to save their lives and those of their relatives. They could have done so when the dictators were still in place for decades but they didn't flee because they could benefit from a kind of tolerance and security which does not exist since the regime changes.
- The Christians were holding real estate and shops and are among the most educated people in Middle East countries. However since the conflicts they are expropriated, all their belongings are taken by the extremists and when not simply killed by the extremists or forced conversion to Islam, they are obliged to pay *jizyia* (heavy tax by second class citizens: *dhimmi*).
- If we take the example of the current Iraq, the Assyro-Arameans and all Iraqi Christians in general are the most educated people compared relatively to other ethnic groups. The same applies for the other Middle East countries like Syria, Lebanon, etc.
- Since the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in 2003, Muslim extremists have continued to attack systematically Christians, destroyed their homes, shops and churches across Iraq and killings their priests in addition to abductions, beheadings, rapes, etc.
The Christian population in Iraq, mainly Assyro-Arameans, has dropped from 1.5 million to at most 200,000 in the last decade.
- **In Syria the number was estimated to around 2 to 2.5 million of Christians before the conflict. One third, some sources say even more than half, of the Christians already fled Syria** due to the conflict and specifically due to the systematic attacks against the Christians and other minorities. Syria became a second Iraq for the Christians.
- After the Arab invasion of Mesopotamia in the 7th century A.D. and onwards, it is the Assyro-Arameans who translated all the Mesopotamian and Greek knowledge into Syriac (Aramaic) and then to Arabic in order to be taught and learned by the Arab people. Then most of this knowledge reached Europe with the Arab conquest of Spain in the 8th century and onwards.
- The Christians and other minorities living in Middle East, although being indigenous people, are considered and treated as foreigners in their homeland Mesopotamia. Nonetheless all the Middle East Christians and other minorities would prefer to stay in their homeland and participate to all State and society activities including public administration.

Some proposals to help the Christians in Middle East

- In the case of Syria, all international governments and bodies should stop immediately providing weapons and support to the rebels, jihadists & take all necessary steps to take back those already provided.
- In parallel, a ceasefire should be negotiated by the UN with the help of Arab and NATO nations, EU institutions and Russia with the Syrian government. The ceasefire should remain under the supervision of the UN and its peacekeepers.
- UN with the help of Arab and NATO nations, EU institutions should cooperate with Russia to provide assistance and structural solutions for all Syrians and specifically for the Middle East Christians and other minorities in Syria, Iraq, Iran, Egypt, etc.
- Taking the example of Iraq where the government did not succeed over the past decade to protect its minorities including the Christians, the main priority for all Middle East countries is to have a protected zone(s) for all Christians and minorities where UN peacekeepers should maintain security and safety. UN peacekeepers are essential because Middle East governments are not willing or not capable to protect those minorities.
- Ensure provision of means for people to live in this/those zone(s) (e.g. food, clothes, schools, doctors, medicines, etc. everything needed for a 'normal' life).
- UN with the help of Arab and NATO nations, EU institutions and Russia should perform a close follow up to ensure that all human rights in general are respected in all Middle East countries.
- All minorities and indigenous people rights, as specified in the *UN declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, should be endorsed by Middle East government's agenda and constitution of each Middle East country. All these rights shall be guaranteed and enforced in law and practice by the actual and any new government of each country. Those rights shall be provided in full accordance with the country's central government and with the latter's full cooperation and collaboration.
- In the case of Syria, if a government change is foreseen, a multicultural, secular and non-sharia driven government should take place. When the new government is in place, all the necessary steps should be taken for the return of people that exiled to save their life. The Assyro-Arameans should be officially recognized as indigenous people of Syria and Aramaic should be recognized as the second official language of Syria.
- The return of all refugees, especially the minorities including the Christians, their security, safety and relocation shall be guaranteed and supported by the UN and the respective Middle East countries.
- It should be emphasized that the Christian Assyro-Arameans are indigenous people of Mesopotamia (Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Israel, Southeast Turkey and East Iran) and the country's name of Syria is derived from the Syrian (Syriac) people, another name of the Assyro-Aramean people. Therefore every steps and actions shall be undertaken to guarantee the Christian Assyro-Arameans fair representation in any new government and with rights for auto-determination as specified in the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (09/13/2007)*. This should be applicable in every Middle East country.

- Enforce minorities and indigenous rights during cooperation, collaboration and support programs with Middle East countries.
- The UN with the help of Arab and NATO nations, EU institutions and Russia should take all possible and necessary actions to not allow foreign fighter to reach Middle East countries. Those foreign fighters are among the most radical and extremist fighters.
- Arab-Muslim countries and their governments, representatives and religious leaders should openly and loudly condemn the attacks against the Christians and other minorities and take concrete actions to show that they do not agree with these crimes and those who perpetrate them.
- In case of failure of international support for the above points, the minimum should be to support and provide weapons & humanitarian aid to the minorities including the Christians to allow defending themselves.
- In the case of Syria, everything should be done to avoid making the same mistake of the '*Treaty of Peace with Turkey signed at Lausanne, July 24, 1923*' and where the Assyro-Arameans were not recognized as indigenous people. Moreover, until today, the Assyro-Arameans of Turkey never benefited from the rights given to non-Muslim minorities as stated in Lausanne Treaty's articles 37 to 45.
- Providing any type of autonomous area to Assyro-Aramean Christians & other minorities to allow them to have self-determination like specified in the UN declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. This will allow those minorities to remain & live in their homeland and perpetuate many millennia presence in Mesopotamia with their history, culture and faith.
- Take all necessary actions to protect all historical monuments and sites, to prevent losing invaluable mankind heritage. Many of those sites and monuments go back to the Antiquity: old Mesopotamia.

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**It is the international community and governments' responsibility to take the necessary actions to prevent this extermination.**

***"It is what you do in the present that will redeem the past and thereby change the future." (Paulo Coelho)***

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