

In the Shadow of the Caliphate: A Decade of Islamic State Gendered Violence

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To hold the group accountable for its victimization of women and children and ongoing fragmentation of communities in Iraq, Syria, and beyond, countries need to make better use of international law and repatriation strategies.

Throughout its rule, the Islamic State employed an ideologically driven system of control and persecution, resulting in widespread gendered violence perpetrated by and against men, women, and even children. On the [tenth anniversary \(https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/countering-islamic-states-gendered-violence-and-minority-persecution\)](https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/countering-islamic-states-gendered-violence-and-minority-persecution) of the start of the group's genocidal campaign against the Yazidi community, Islamic State ideology persists, and its members have yet to be held fully accountable for crimes against civilian and minority populations. This article explores the group's gendered violence during and since its caliphate years, exploring how a diverse spectrum of responses from local and international actors have aided or hampered efforts to achieve justice, peace, and security...

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