

Good evening ...I hope you are all doing well.

Thanks to Jiyon Foundation for Human Rights for inviting me to speak at this event...

I am an Iraqi Shabak Shiite woman. An ISIL survivor, A member of the C4JR Survivors Council

I am not an expert or a law specialist, But I fully realize the role of law in applying and establishing justice and fairness, where without which everyone's lives would be at risk and conflict, just as I and thousands like me living those who have been subjected to injustice and have not been given justice fairly by either under the Iraqi national law or the international law.

I was kidnapped as thousands of women and children were also abducted.

After going through a dark period during my kidnapping, I went out into the world expecting that the persecution of ISIL members in all their shapes and categories would be something that could be accomplished quickly because this is simply a common-sense thing to happen.

What I mean here is in all their shapes and categories, not only those who carried arms and committed crimes with their own hands but also those who supported them, Those who provided them with funds and weapons and were accomplices with them in facilitating ISIL to access to goals.

Today, eight years later...

I see the exact opposite; after all the tragedies that ISIL caused to our societies, I feel as if the issue of justice has become a point of view and may often be forgotten by the local and international community, despite the existence of many opportunities and resources that make achieving accountability and justice possible.

Where we have the international investigation team (UNITAD) present and working on the ground. And while many institutions work to document crimes and preserve memory.

However, even the idea of justice is still absent, which makes the affected communities live in a kind of resentment and sometimes even a desire for revenge.

Therefore, achieving justice is essential to lay peace and societal stability. It is excruciating for the survivors and the families of the victims that they have not been treated fairly and rehabilitated after all they have gone through.

So, in my role as a survivor, I call on everyone, decision-makers, influencers, and co-workers, to intensify and accelerate efforts and coordinate at the international level with the competent authorities to establish a specialized and impartial court to hold ISIL members accountable to Iraqi law.

Also, I call on the international community to advocate this issue, coordinate efforts with the local government, and provide friendly solutions that suit the survivors and the families of the victims.

Once again, I stress that the absence of justice is the absence of social peace and security. Since everyone is threatened as long as there is no justice, ISIS is not only a threat to Iraqi society, but it can pose a threat to the peace of other societies.

Thank you very much; stay safe.