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Human Rights of Shia Children displaced from Nineveh

After the occupation of Iraq and the fall of the pantropic Ba'ath Party in the 9th of April 2016, the Shia of Mosul began to face oppression represented by systematic assassinations targeted the Shia as well as other, particularly those persons working in security systems and the important governmental directorates, in addition to targeting merchants, pharmacists, doctors, and Shia religious figures. The Qaedah and the Islamic State of Iraq were then operating systematic campaigns of taxes levy and blackmail by means of menacing to kill, kidnap, and bomb houses and trade stores.

Shia were successively targeted, especially in Tala'far District, which is regarded as the biggest district in Iraq. The Turkmen of Tala'far, who are indigenous people, were targeted by extremely atrocious bombings. The explosion of Al-Wihdah Quarter in the 27th of March 2007 was among the most appalling ones as it left more than 150 martyrs and 390 wounded persons. Due to its greatness, the explosion effaced about 45 houses from the map of the Quarter. As a result, a prime wave of Shia migration to relatively safe places like Najaf and Karbala took place. After the speech of the so called "Abu Muhammad Al-Adnani" at the 29th of June 2014 in which he declared the establishment of an Islamic Caliphate (as he claimed), the biggest migration wave of Shia, Christians, and Yazidis began. Accordingly, the city was entirely empty from those components. The Christian and the Yazidis migrated to the safe places in Kurdistan; while the Shia migrated to the central and northern governorates of Iraq. The majority of Shia Internally Displaced Persons settled at Karbala, Najaf, Babylon, Diwaniyah, Wasit, and Baghdad. Besides, 19,500 Kurdish Shiites were displaced from Sinjar to Duhuk in Kurdistan.

OCF has registered 97,589 IDPs within 19,801 displaced families. Those families included some Sunni displaced from Anbar Governorate and Christians from Nineveh Plain resided in Najaf Governorate in addition to Yazidi displaced families. In spite of the fact that the Foundation is active in the northern and middle parts of Iraq, it made a coordination with the local administrations in Kurdistan and distributed 6600 foodstuffs baskets to the IDPs there. The overall amount of the stuffs was 72,600 kilograms of foodstuffs. OCF, thus, has overpassed the issues of sects and nationalities to apply the principle that states: "human are of two kinds: either your brothers in religion or your counterpart in humanity."

Analysis of IDPs' complaints that numbered 2,151 official complaints documented by the IDPs Complaints Committee of OCF showed the dimension of violations practiced by Daesh groups against the Shia IDPs from Tala'far, Nineveh Plain, and the rest of the areas in Mosul in which Shia lived. According to this sample of complaints only, the results were as follows:

- 1-The amounts of money that Daesh compensated from the displaced folks were 3,049,501,000 IQD and 183,803 \$.
- 2-The number of properties taken were 4,513 houses.
- 3-The number of trading posts were 164 ones.
- 4-The agricultural lands compensated were 5538 acres.
- 5-The number of vehicles seized was 304 vehicles.
- 6-Regarding the assassination cases mentioned in the complaints, they reached 15 assassination cases.
- 7-Seventy cases of kidnappings and enforced disappearance.
- 9-The number of sheep compensated was 4307 sheep and 723 cows.
- 10- The complaints also showed that the number of gas cylinders compensated by Daesh were 164 cylinders.
- 11-The complaints also showed that the agricultural products compensated were 115 tons of wheat and 300 tons of barley.

Enforced Disappearance

Daesh implemented enforced disappearance to Shia and Yazidi children in addition to mobilizing many to use them as human shields in areas of fatal military activities. After the killing of many Shia men in Mosul, especially Turkmen Shia men in Tala'far, Daesh groups gathered many Muslims of Shia and Yazidi children to prison them in the orphanages they seized. At twitter and the social media of the so called Nineveh State, Daesh posted a photograph in which 31 orphan children, the majority are Shia, appeared carrying the flag of Daesh. The displaced child "A. G.", who lost all her family members: her father, mother, brothers, uncle, aunt, and her young female cousins who were captured by Daesh, says: "praise be to Allah my brother does not hold the flag of Daesh in this picture."

Persecution and Sexual Slavery

Daesh is exploiting, persecuting, and selling the minor Shia girls under 18 years old. They further forced them to donate blood to their wounded fighters. What is more, many married and unmarried girls of the Turkmen Shia were separated from their husbands to get forcibly married to the members of Daesh. Many members of Daesh performed opprobrious sexual assaults against minor girls before they could run with their families to the areas where the families were displaced. Because of what happened to those girls and women, their displaced families left the large displacement camps to flee the scandal. For that reason, organizations could not approach many of those girls since their families refused to contact media or any humanitarian organization. OCF knew for certain that about 200 families in Najaf and Karbala have women under 18 years old and over were raped. It was confirmed that the method that Daesh followed against the minor girls and women of the Shia was represented by raping the girl in group then she was killed or burnt. The Yazidi girls suffered the same tribulation of sexual slavery with the exception they were forced to either change their religion to survive or they would otherwise get enchanted.

School Dropouts

Until the 11th of March 2015, Daesh stopped 57 kindergartens, 1,627 primary schools, and 602 secondary schools in Nineveh Governorate. They changed the curricula of the schools there to fit their fanatic views. They published new school curricula under the name "the Islamic State" that were distributed in the schools they conquered. After the large displacement wave of the Shia of Nineveh, the displaced children arrived at their new residences that were unprepared. The displaced children dropped out of the school or they lost the education opportunity for several reasons like the lack in the infrastructures of the schools in Iraq, particularly in the places where the IDPs were displaced, the remoteness of those schools, and the low economic states of the IDPs, all that generated a great number of children without education.

Displaced Orphans with no ID papers

Daesh compensated the official documents of 7,402 families displaced from Nineveh. After the assassinations, kidnappings, and enforced disappearances that many Shia IDPs faced in Nineveh and the killing cases that happened during the displacement operation, many families did not get death certificates issued for their relatives. When the families approached their new residences, many birth cases took place; they have not been registered yet and hence remained with no birth certificates because of lack of official documents. This issue will cause many problems ahead, such as problems related to pedigree identification and others related to possessions. Many displaced families in Karbala complained to the field detection committees of OCF that their orphans, whose fathers were killed before or during displacement, have not gotten birth certificates.

Conclusions and Recommendations

OCF is anxious indeed about the open violations of child rights that are still continuously happening and no sovereign remedy has been found yet. The psychic shock of all of the orphans have been mentioned earlier in the current report is a real obstruction in the lives of those children. The lack of health, municipal, economic, and educational services as well as lack of essential ID papers, especially for the children and newborn babies, make them a fragile community, vulnerable to smashing since many social services depend on those ID papers. Besides, the IDPs who have the right to vote will be deprived from voting accordingly and hence they will find no one representing them. This was caused by Daesh depriving the IDPs from their official documents or by cause of the ID papers being wasted or damaged during bombing operations besides being left at homes while the IDPs fled terrorism to save their souls.

Orphan Charity Foundation recommends the following:

1. The international bodies and the non-governmental medical organizations and foundations must constitute fixed as well as moveable psycho-clinics to supply psychotherapy to those children and displaced orphans, in addition to providing the medications for transactional and epidemic disease that might infect the IDPs in the displacement camps, with special focus of attention should be given to children due to being more vulnerable to those disease. Additionally, they have to provide the IDPs with certificates of birth for the newborn babies or death certificates for the victims of terrorism.
2. The international bodies, the non-governmental organizations and foundations concerned in legal affairs, and the Iraqi Government should accelerate issuance of official documents (like birth certificates, death

certificates, and passports) to all of the IDPs with no official documents in order to help them get the various social services easily.

3. The International bodies and institutions concerned in child education should cooperate to treat the lack of schools and kindergartens so as to receive and help those children and displaced orphans who are school dropouts to complete their education.
 4. The international bodies and the concerned foundations in Iraqi Ministries of Justice and Finance should count all of the properties and possessions of the IDPs to help the families access the data of their possessions easily. Besides, a high national committee should be constituted to follow up the properties of the IDPs that Daesh compensated.
 5. The Iraqi Government and all its ministries should be committed to fulfill their responsibilities, to protect all its civilians and their properties. They should afford all life necessities, education, security, and rights protection; especially for the orphans, widows, Needy and destitute people, and the IDPs as they are the weakest classes in the Iraqi fabric. Moreover, a high national committee should be formed to compensate the victims and their relatives.
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