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The Yazidis, an ancient community that forms an integral part of Iraq's and Syria's rich social and cultural fabric, endured unimaginable suffering as a result of the atrocities committed by Da'esh, which the EU has repeatedly and unequivocally condemned, including through the commemoration of the Yazidi tragedy of 3 August 2014¹. Since 2016, the EU has listed Da'esh as a terrorist organisation.

The EU welcomes the commitment of the Government of Iraq to protecting and improving the situation of vulnerable communities, including the Yazidis, and reiterates its call to advance with the implementation of the 2020 Sinjar Agreement to improve living conditions in Sinjar and enable the return of displaced Yazidis.

The EU stands in solidarity with the Yazidi community, providing substantial financial support, including EUR 21.1 million in 2025, focusing primarily on supporting the most vulnerable internally displaced people (IDP), IDP returnees and refugees.

The EU stands firmly behind Iraq's unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity and will continue to contribute through its EUR 165 million Multiannual Indicative Programme for Iraq (2021–2027)² aimed at strengthening inclusive governance with the participation of women, youth and diverse ethnic and religious communities. Similarly, in its engagement with the Syrian Transitional Authorities, the EU advocates for a sustainable and inclusive transition, that meets the aspirations of all Syrians.

Victims and survivors deserve justice, including members the Yazidi community. The EU welcomes all actions undertaken by the Iraqi authorities and the international community to advance accountability and ensure that those responsible for these crimes are brought to justice.

¹ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/iraq/european-union-commemorates-yazidi-victims-and-renews-its-call-justice_en ; https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/iraq-statement-high-representative-10th-anniversary-yazidi-tragedy_en.

² https://north-africa-middle-east-gulf.ec.europa.eu/multiannual-indicative-programme-2021-2027-iraq-annex_en.