



# Iraq 3ed cycle UPR \ pre-session Women's rights and Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

- Al-Namaa Center for Human Rights (long term programme implemented by Iraqi Al Amal Association) works with 650 HRDs from across Iraq.



- mysteries death cases and assassination happened to women Activists and social media influencer.
- Coalition of Women Human Rights Defenders was subjected to a slander campaign.
- female political candidates was subjected to political scandal , sexual exploitation and abuse.
- LGBTQI Activist imposed by hatred and attacks and received death threats
- murder of several LGBTQ individuals and lack of protection from the state.



- 1325 NAP doesn't respond to women and girls needs during conflict and post conflict situation.
- Government failed in providing adequate protection for women in conflict especially the survivors from sexual violence and IDPs.
- Child marriage rate is still high.
- FGM is still practiced in Iraq ,total of 7.4 per cent of girls get mutilated every year.



# Recommendations

- 1- Amend all discriminatory laws, including the Penal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure to remove discrimination against women.
- 2- Adopt policies to put an end to child marriage and marriage outside the courts and increase penalties in this regard.
- 3- Emphasize the necessity that the updated NAP 1325 shall ensure gender-sensitive budgeting, and provide indicators for regular monitoring of the implementation, and establish accountability mechanisms.



4- Establish a “National Council for Women empowerment” as a national mechanism dedicated to follow up on the implementation national policies and plans to improve the situation of Iraqi women.

5- Recognize the specific situation of WHRDs and LGBTIQ activists and introduce protection measures to counter stigmatization against them and publicly condemn such attacks and bring perpetrators justice.

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