

# **Using Determination as a Contextual Drive for the Actions of ISIS and Their Enslaved Yazidi Women**

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# ISIS' Religious Foundations

- Jama'at al-Tawhid wa'al-Jihad (JTJ) and Al Qaeda in Iraq
- Zarqawi, Salafi-jihadists, and the Qur'an
  - Historical outlook: Emulate the first Muslims
  - Early AQI goals
  - Shari'a Law- strict but subjective

# ISIS' Religious Foundations Continued

- Slavery
  - Based on history and the Qur'an
  - Slavery is a gift from God
  - Qur'anic verses on marital subjugation (Sura 56; 66)
  - Qur'an's approval of rape (Sura 2)
    - Form of worship
    - Subhuman position of slave women
- Disagreements with the Yazidi Religion
  - Peacock God

# Determination Under the Confines of Religion and Passion

- Importance of the Caliphate implies new members
  - New members need incentive: slaves
  - Online and in-person slave auctions
- Virgins
  - “symbol of honor, power and land”
  - Heavenly reward (Sura 56)
  - Immediacy of sexual access

# The Women of ISIS

- The Caliphate and Motherhood
  - Loyal women of ISIS are duty-driven
  - Historical view of slavery like their men
- Al-Khansa Brigade
- Physical abuse
  - Assisting in Rape
  - ISIS woman handcuffed Turko daily
  - Home Labor
- Restraint- disagreement, physical protest

# **Determination under the Confines of Captivity**

- Inside Captivity
  - Escape-attempted and successful
  - Suicide- attempted and successful
  - Physical deformity/ Ugliness
- Outside Captivity
  - Rojava Defense Units
  - Articulating their stories