

Nadia Murad

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Thank you for your interest in Nadia Murad and the opportunity to highlight her work and experience. Please find below some materials on Nadia and her work for your use in preparing for and advertising your event.

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Human rights activist and recipient of the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize, [Nadia Murad](#) is a leading advocate for survivors of genocide and sexual violence. Her *New York Times* bestselling memoir, *The Last Girl: My Story of Captivity, and My Fight Against the Islamic State*, is a harrowing account of the genocide against the Yazidi people of Iraq and Nadia's imprisonment by the so-called Islamic State (ISIS).

Nadia grew up in a small farming village in the Sinjar region of Northern Iraq. In 2014, ISIS attacked her village and killed thousands of Yazidis, including her beloved mother and several of her brothers. Nadia was taken to Mosul and forced, along with thousands of other Yazidi girls, into sexual slavery. After escaping captivity, Nadia relocated to Germany as a refugee and began raising awareness of the ongoing plight of the Yazidi community and the need to end the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war.

Nadia is the Founder and President of [Nadia's Initiative](#), a non-profit dedicated to rebuilding communities in crisis and advocating for survivors of sexual violence. Nadia's Initiative's current work is focused on the sustainable re-development of the Yazidi homeland in Sinjar, Iraq, and pursuing holistic justice for survivors of ISIS atrocities.

Prior to founding Nadia's Initiative, in 2016, Nadia became the first [United Nations](#) Goodwill Ambassador for the Dignity of Survivors of Human Trafficking. That year, she was also awarded the [Council of Europe Václav Havel Award](#) for Human Rights and [Sakharov Prize](#) for Freedom of Thought. In 2018, she won the [Nobel Peace Prize](#) with Dr. Denis Mukwege. Together, they founded the Global Fund for Survivors of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence. In 2019, Nadia was appointed as a UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Advocate.

In her capacity as a member of France's Gender Advisory Council, Nadia has also advocated G7 member states to adopt legislation that protects and promotes women's rights. Nadia worked with the German Mission to the United Nations to pass UN Security Council Resolution 2467, which expands the UN's commitments to end sexual violence in conflict. Nadia was also a driving force behind the drafting and passing of UN Security Council Resolution 2379, which established the United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/ISIL (UNITAD). Since 2015, Nadia has been working with human rights lawyer Amal Clooney to bring ISIS before the International Criminal Court on charges of genocide and crimes against humanity.

Social Media

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Promotional Materials

Nadia Murad Full-Length Event [Bio](#)

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Nadia's Initiative

[Nadia's Initiative](#) is dedicated to rebuilding communities in crisis and advocating globally for survivors of sexual violence. Nadia's Initiative's current work is focused on the sustainable re-development of the Yazidi homeland in Sinjar, Iraq, where Nadia Murad grew up. When ISIS launched their genocidal campaign, they not only killed and kidnapped Yazidis, but also destroyed the Yazidi homeland to ensure the community could never return.

Nadia's Initiative works with the local community and a variety of implementing partners on the ground in Sinjar to design and support projects that promote the restoration of education, healthcare, livelihoods, WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene), and women's empowerment in the region. All Nadia's Initiative programs are community-driven, survivor-centric, and work to promote long-term peace-building. Nadia's Initiative advocates for governments and international organizations to support efforts to rebuild Sinjar, seek justice for Yazidis, improve security in the region, and support survivors of sexual violence worldwide.

Promotional Materials

Nadia's Initiative Organization [Bio](#)

Nadia's Initiative Program [Photos](#)

Murad Code

[The Murad Code Project](#) is a global initiative aimed at building and supporting a community of better practice for, with, and concerning survivors of systematic and conflict-related sexual violence. Its key objective is to respect and support survivors' rights and to ensure work with survivors to investigate, document and record their experiences in safer, more ethical, and more effective ways that uphold their

human rights. It is currently available in the following languages: English, French, Spanish, Arabic, and most recently, Ukrainian.

The code was developed by Nadia's Initiative, the Institute for International Criminal Investigations (IICI),

and the Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative (PSVI) of the United Kingdom. Visit the Murad Code website for tips on how to ethically engage and support survivors of sexual violence in your work.

Help us challenge world leaders to push past the status quo and assume a responsibility

to act – to make “never again” a reality, not an empty promise.