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Press Conference with the presence of Lamya Haji Bashar

The [Press conference](#) “*Human rights violations against the Yazidi community by the Islamic State (IS)*” with the presence of **Lamya Haji Bashar, 2016 Sakharov Prize Laureate awarded by the European Parliament**, will take place 14 June 2017 at 12 pm at EIUC / GC premises Monastery of San Nicolò - Riviera San Nicolò 26, Lido-Venice.

The following EIUC representatives and the speakers of the Venice School of Human Rights will attend the press conference:

- **Lamya Haji Bashar**, 2016 laureate of the [Sakharov Prize](#) for Freedom of Thought, public advocate for the Yazidi community in Iraq, a religious minority which has been subject of a genocidal campaign by IS militants
- **Letitia Anderson**, Office of the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict
- **Manfred Nowak**, EIUC Secretary General
- **Kalliope Agapiou-Josephydes**, Professor at the University of Cyprus

About the Venice School of Human Rights:

The EIUC [Venice School of Human Rights](#), is an educational programme born in 2010 with the goal of studying today's challenges in the field of human rights allowing its participants coming from all over the world to list these challenges and examine their reasons and possible solutions to deploy.

Sexual Violence is a prevalent feature of armed conflicts which transcends continents, countries and cultures. Universally underreported by victims on many grounds, ignored by politicians on the basis of

other priorities, conflict related sexual violence has, and to a large extent still is shrouded in silence and remains one of the most pervasive human rights violation of our time.

As breaking the circle of silence is an important step in combating and ending the phenomenon, this year's Venice School proposes to critically assess the issue of sexual violence in conflict and stimulate reflection on key challenges worldwide.

Please confirm your attendance to pressoffice@eiuc.org by 9 June.

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