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THE CHRISTIAN GENOCIDE CONTINUES

While many of us celebrated Christmas with family and friends in the safety of our homes, Christians in the Middle East experienced a different fate. Their persecution by radical Islamists continues and it is not widely reported by the main stream media.

At least 200,000 Christian refugees now live displaced. Few have gained entry to the United States. Through November, the Obama administration had admitted 14,172 Syrian refugees. Of this number, 98.9 percent are Muslims (14,024); 0.71 percent are Christians (101). Why would the Obama administration state that Christians have been singled out for persecution but only admit 101? Is this another piece of Obama's strategy to fundamentally change the U.S.?

Father Douglas Bazi, a Catholic parish priest in Iraq offered his assessment: "There is no life in Iraq for my people," he said. "They call my church the church of martyrs or the church of blood."

"My church in Baghdad been blowed up, blowed up in front of me," Bazi said. "I survived twice. They bombed my car. I got shot in my leg by an AK-47. I was kidnapped for nine days. They used the hammer to broke my teeth, my nose, and my back," Bazi said, adding that he still keeps the shirt he was kidnapped in, holding it up for reporters to see faded blood stains.

"I look to my blood every day, and I remember and this is what happen to my people every day," Bazi said. "I'm lucky. I still look to my blood and remember, but what about my people? They don't have any chance more to talk about our stories. "I'm here to tell you that my people, they feel that we are forgotten and we are alone," Bazi said.

"My people need a future," he said. "I'm begging here--begging people of America to recognize it as a genocide."

The Obama administration seems to believe that its genocide acknowledgement is powerful. That ISIS will heed the call. That it is not just another red line in the sand. A Federal judge has rebuked the administration over the lack of Syrian Christians being admitted to the U.S., calling it "a perplexing discrepancy." The Seventh Circuit of Appeals ruled on a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit filed by the Heartland Alliance's National Immigration Justice Center.

Judge Daniel Manion went on to write: "It is well-documented that refugees to the United States are not representative of that war-torn area of the world. Perhaps 10

percent of the population of Syria is Christian, and yet less than one-half of one percent of Syrian refugees admitted to the United States this year are Christian.”

The American Center for Law and Justice also filed a lawsuit against the State Department to determine what affirmative actions the Obama administration has taken to stop the genocide. The suit also asks what initiatives are underway to honor U.S. international obligations and commitments under the Genocide Convention.

The Islamic State has boldly stated: “We will conquer Rome, break your crosses and enslave your women.” And “we will continue to wage war against the Christians ... thereafter the slave markets will commence in Rome.” One goal of ISIS is the destruction of Christianity and they appear to be well on their way both in the Middle East and northern Africa.

As we enjoy the Holiday Season, the evil of radical Islam continues while the Obama administration pays lip service to an ongoing genocide.