



# International Petition



## for the establishment of a War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague regarding the genocide committed by IS against religious and ethnic groups

**“No justice, no reconciliation -  
No reconciliation, no peace!”**

The “Islamic State” – IS is a perpetrator of atrocious war crimes and genocide against religious and ethnic minorities, and must be brought to justice before an International Criminal Tribunal. In many cases, perpetrators of criminal acts have escaped without punishment. The establishment of tribunals for those responsible for the Rwanda and Yugoslavia massacres were a welcome development. This principle must be upheld by the establishment of a Tribunal to ensure that those guilty of genocide, war crimes and violations of human rights in Syria and Iraq will not go unpunished.

The arrest, judgment, and punishment of responsible parties is fundamental in promoting international justice. Justice can lead to reconciliation and peace. Furthermore, a War Crimes Tribunal will act as a deterrent against future perpetrators. Prevention is always better than healing.

### THE HAGUE APPEAL

To: the UN Secretary General  
His Excellency Ban Ki-Moon

We, the undersigned, appeal to the United Nations for the establishment of a War Crimes Tribunal to which all cases of war crimes, genocide and/or violations of human rights against religious and ethnic minorities committed by the IS will be brought to trial.

Name and function

Address

Signature

All signed appeals will be presented to the United Nations in Geneva on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 – the International Anti-War Day. Please return the ORIGINALLY signed petition by August 3<sup>rd</sup> – the beginning of the IS-genocide against the Yazidis in Shingal/Sinjar in 2014 - to:

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