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Egypt

July 16: Egypt pardons 42 indebted women "Egyptian President Abdelattah ElSisi

July 21: Sexual harassers in 340 reports released after girls failed to sign

"Perpetrators of sexual harassment in 340 incidents, mostly verbal, have been tedeas se no girls arrived to sign police reports, Youm7 reported Tue, day 21. The Morality Police issued 340 reports during the first day of Eid affitr; most of the perpetrators are boys and teens. The department also commended the work of I Saw Hassment, a grassroots movement that releases reports on sexual harassment and includes volunteers that intervene in such cases on \$Tilee (Sairo Po).

July 22: A Win for Women in Egypt's Courts

"Last month, Egypt swore in twenty new female judges in the largest appointment of women to the judiciary since 2007. This brings the total number of female judges in Egypt to around eighty. Shortly leaders congratulated each other over a historic nuclear agreement with Iran. But diplomatic sources said a corps of other women also played crucial roles in the long process of forging a deal, including Helga Schmid, Mogherini's deputy; Wendy Sherman, a top U.S. State Department official; and Catherine Ashton, the previous EU foreign policy chief Politico

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July 24: Rape of young girl in Iran met with muted response

"In late June, the Reformist Iranian paper Ghanoon reported an eyewitness account of a gang rape of an 11-year-old girl under a bridge in Tehran. Due to pressure from judicial officials, news outlets have not been able to follow up on the case and the crime was unfortunately largely overshadowed by the nuclear negotiations between Iran and world powers. Nevertheless, this tragic incident once again brought the issue of violence again stomento the Iranian public's attention (AI-Monitor)

Iraq

July 15: U.S. prepares charges against woman accused of holding American in Syria

"Federal prosecutors are preparing criminal charges against an Iraqi woman suspected of taking an American aid worker as a hostage of the Islamic State terrorist group in Syria, U.S. officials said. But officials cautioned that her possible relocation to the UnStates is uncertain because the Iraqi government could object to her extradition and seek to put her on trial "Washington Po"st

<u>July 16: Incredible documentary tells the story of those who rescue women and children from Islamic State</u>

"A documentary screened on Channel Four details the incredibler brotherose who brave the fanaticism of Islamic State to rescue kidnapped women and children in Iraq. Escape from ISIS, a Dispatchesspecial, details the kidnap of some 3,000 Yazidi (an Iraqi ethnic minority) women and children following an SIS attack last August in the Sinjar region of northern Iraqahoo News

July 24: A Personal War: America's Marxist Allies Against ISIS

"Nine years ago, Zind Ruken packed a bag and left her majethityic-Kurdish city in Iran, escaping a brutal police crackdown and pressure to marry a man she'd never met. Nowytebeer 2kt is a battle hardened guerrilla, using machine grams rocket propelled grenades to fight Islamic State extremists in Syria and Iraq." remist1(he)4(')3(d 4 5C /CS2 cs 0 0 1 scn 22.77.9Td [(IS)-Tha)4(et)]T0(e)6(W(a)4(la a

Palestinian Territories

July 22: Palestine Among Lowest Female Labor Participation in the World