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Egypt

July 16: Egypt pardons 42 indebted women

"Egyptian President Abdel Fattah ElSisi

“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 United States is uncertain because the Iraqi government could object to her extradition and seek to put her on trial.” [Washington Post](#)

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

“A documentary screened on Channel Four details the incredible story of those who brave the fanaticism of Islamic State to rescue kidnapped women and children in Iraq. Escape from ISIS, a Dispatches special, details the kidnap of some 3,000 Yazidi (an Iraqi ethnic minority) women and children following an ISIS attack last August in the Sinjar region of northern Iraq.” [Yahoo News](#)

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

“Nine years ago, Zind Ruken packed a bag and left her majority Kurdish city in Iran, escaping a brutal police crackdown and pressure to marry a man she'd never met. Now she is a battle-hardened guerrilla, using machine guns and 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

