IS releases over 200 Yazidi captives in Iraq

KIRKUK, Iraq, April 8 (RHC-Xinhua) -- The Islamic State (IS) militant group released about 216 Yazidis it kidnapped months ago in Iraq, a Kurdish security source said on Wednesday.

The Kurdish security forces, Peshmerga, received all those released Yazidis from the IS militants in the town of al-Rashad, some 40 km southwest of the city of Kirkuk. Since last August, hundreds of Yazidi minority members have been killed or kidnapped when the IS militants seized the town of Sinjar, some 100 km west of Mosul.

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