Nadia Murad Basee Taha

Nadia Murad Basee Taha was born on March 10, 1993, in the village of **Kocho**, located in the Sinjar District of northern Iraq. Murad was the first in her family to attend high school in Sinjar; however, her studies were violently interrupted by the ISIS invasion in 2014. After being abducted and surviving the 2014 Yazidi genocide during which she was held as a sex slave by ISIS for three months, eventually escaping to become a global voice for the marginalized.

In 2018, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her tireless efforts to end the use of **sexual violence as a weapon of war.** The committee honored her for refusing to accept the social codes that require women to remain silent and ashamed of the abuses they have suffered

Beyond her advocacy, she is a dedicated scholar, graduating with a degree in **Sociology** from American University in 2024. As the founder of **Nadia's Initiative**, she continues to lead the reconstruction of her homeland and fight for the dignity of survivors worldwide.