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Iraq: Don't Legalize Marriage for 9-Year-Olds



Pending legislation in Iraq would restrict women's rights in matters of inheritance and parental and other rights after divorce, make it easier for men to take multiple wives, and even allow girls to be married from age nine.

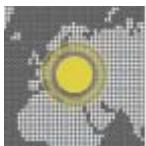
Passage of the law would be a disastrous and discriminatory step backward for Iraq's women and girls.

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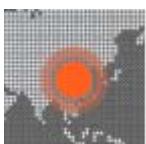


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