

## **'You had the Nobel prize? For what, ' prez asks Yazidi activist Nadia Murad**



US President Trump on Wednesday appeared unfamiliar with the work and cause of Nobel laureate Nadia Murad as she pleaded with him to help the Yazidis of Iraq. Murad, one of thousands of women and girls from the ancient faith abducted by the Islamic State as they overran swathes of Iraq in 2014, joined a group of survivors of religious persecution who met Trump. After Murad explained how her mother and six brothers were killed and that 3,000 Yazidis remained missing, Trump said, "And you had the Nobel Prize? That's incredible. They gave it to you for what reason?" With little pause, Murad, who was jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize last year, repeated her story. "I didn't give up. I make it clear to everyone that IS raped thousands of Yazidi women," she said. Trump, who has boasted of crushing IS in Iraq and Syria, also appeared at a loss when Murad asked him to press the Iraqi and Kurdish governments to create safe conditions for the Yazidis to return. "But ISIS is gone and now it's Kurdish and who?" Trump asked, before later telling her, "I know the area very well." AFP