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Thank you for your generous and continued support of Fair Observer. Your belief in our mission to make sense of the world allows us to inform and educate people from around the world.

Over the past few months, your support has allowed us to achieve the following milestones

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We now publish over 20 articles a week, an increase of more than 50% since last year.



Our articles are now more timely and relevant, giving readers the context and deeper significance of many headlines.



As in the past, we are shining the light on issues and people who are often left in the shadows. Our coverage of the [Yazidis](#) and their [genocide](#) has moved the needle in Iraq and, as per this [Linkedin](#) post, helped over 150,000 Yazidi refugees return home.



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Thanks to the [Fair Observer](#). 150,000 Yazidis have recently returned to [#Sinjar](#) [#Shingal](#), as requested in this article, thanks to [#Iraq](#) PM Mohammed Shia Al Sudani. [Prime Minister's Office, Republic of Iraq](#). I thank him personally.

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This article entails personal stories from a few Yazidi survivors of [#ISIS](#) [#Daesh](#) genocide, I interviewed in a camp in [#Dohuk](#) Northern Iraq [#Kurdistan](#). Some insight into their religion and history, is included also.

Yazidism is an Abrahamic religion that recognizes all prophets of the major monotheistic religions, and they are survivors of 72 historical genocidal campaigns.



Our [events](#), especially in-person ones, are building small communities in major cities. Readers, authors, and team members have come to FO° Meetups in New York, London, and Washington, DC. We are planning on expanding these events in the coming months.



FO° Podcasts [interviewed](#) Antoine van Agtmael, a legendary investor who came up with the term “emerging markets” within the global economy and was the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the National Public Radio (NPR) Foundation. Here are [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#) and [Part 3](#) for your enjoyment. You can follow this podcast on [Spotify](#) and [iTunes](#).



We are redesigning the website and refreshing our logo. Stay tuned for more exciting news in the near future.



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We have recruited and are training 15 young editors from around the world to fact-check and refine arguments of our authors. One of them said that the Saturday workshops are not only great training in editing, but also a crash course in international relations. One of them likened the editing exercises as akin to a fast-track master's degree.

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Thanks to your support, Fair Observer looks at global issues through local lenses. Thanks to you, we are educating young authors, young editors and young readers. Thanks to you, we are making a difference, especially to the likes of the Yazidis around the world.

As flowers bloom in the Northern Hemisphere, we wish you a wonderful summer.

**With gratitude,**

Claire, Atul, Peter, Roberta, Ti and the rest of the FO<sup>o</sup> Team

