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In Peshkhabour, on the Iraq-Syria border, an exodus is taking place. Walking through the arid heat and the desert dust are the Yazidi, who have escaped from Mount Sinjar and the forces of Islamic State.

Kurdish Peshmerga fighters have helped guide these refugees toward a secure pontoon bridge and back into safer areas of northern Iraq.

CNN's Ivan Watson speaks with some of those making the crossing, carrying all they own on their backs, crossing the river toward relative safety.

Disturbingly, it seems that it is not only ISIS militants that the Yazidi are fleeing. Jamil Jamir, a student and refugee, tells Watson "Our neighbours, they are Arab, since terrorists came they joined them. And actually they kill us - do you understand me?"

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