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Jihadists Targeting Christians in Iraq; Female Jihadists Using Social Media to Recruit Women; Obama to Go Ahead on Executive Actions

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(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

CAROL COSTELLO, CNN ANCHOR: And good morning. I'm Carol Costello. Thank you so much for joining me.

Breaking news out of Iraq, where people are fleeing from a brutal offensive by ISIS -- the Islamic state, that terrorist group. Ivan Watson is in Irbil, Iraq. I also want to bring in our senior correspondent Nic Robertson from London.

But of course, I want to start in country right now. Ivan, are you there?



IVAN WATSON, CNN CORRESPONDENT: Hi, Carol. That's right. I'm coming to you from an unfinished high rise where I estimate there are probably more than 100 refugees, displaced people here, women, children, sleeping on the pavement here, they are but a fraction of the estimated more than 10,000 people who have streamed into this city, in towns around Mosul, in the last 24 hours. Some of these people moving by foot all fleeing an offensive by the ISIS militants.

They've shown up and they've basically moved into any place they can find that has a little bit of shade from temperatures more than 100 degrees Fahrenheit. It's hot, it's August in Iraq and they don't have a plan in mind at all. They've fled their homes. They've fled this offensive. And there's no plan really for meeting these people and the ones that I'm looking at in this unfinished building, they're just a drop in the bucket, about 100 people in this unfinished construction site.

You can imagine in the cement from the dirt, with the children, it's not a good situation -- Carol?

COSTELLO: So in other words, this terror group, ISIS, is -- I mean you either change to the religion that they prefer that this terrorist group prefers or you're being forced out of the country?