

National Jurisprudence summary

German case no. (2A) 172 OJs 26/16 (3/16)

The defendant, an Iraqi citizen, was convicted to a suspended sentence of 1 year and 8 months imprisonment, on two counts of war crime against persons. A lieutenant in the anti-terrorism unit of the Iraqi army in March 2015, following the Second Battle of Tikrit, he had been pictured holding the severed heads of two IS fighters killed during the clashes, while wearing his combat gear. Held only by their hair, the facial features of the victims were clearly recognizable, hence amounting to mocking and degrading the dignity of an enemy *hors de combat* soldier.