

National Jurisprudence summary

Dutch case no. 09/748012-19 and 09/748012-19-P

The accused was found guilty of various terrorist offences as well as the war crime of outrage upon personal dignity for spreading ISIS ideology through Telegram groups. The accused notably distributed a video showing ISIS prisoners being burned alive, adding her own dehumanizing comments. In doing so, she acted in line with the strategy of ISIS as a '*media mujahedin*' and furthered the outrage upon the personal dignity of the victims while the conflict was still ongoing in Syria and Iraq. This represents a nexus between the behaviour of the accused and the conflict.

The accused was sentenced to 6 years' imprisonment and the Court imposed a hospital order for compulsory psychiatric treatment.

This case is unique in two ways: this is the first time that a person is convicted for **committing war crimes from within the territory of The Netherlands**, and this is the first time that the Court reached the conclusion that ISIS was not only a terrorist organisation, but also a **criminal organisation with an aim to commit international core crimes**.