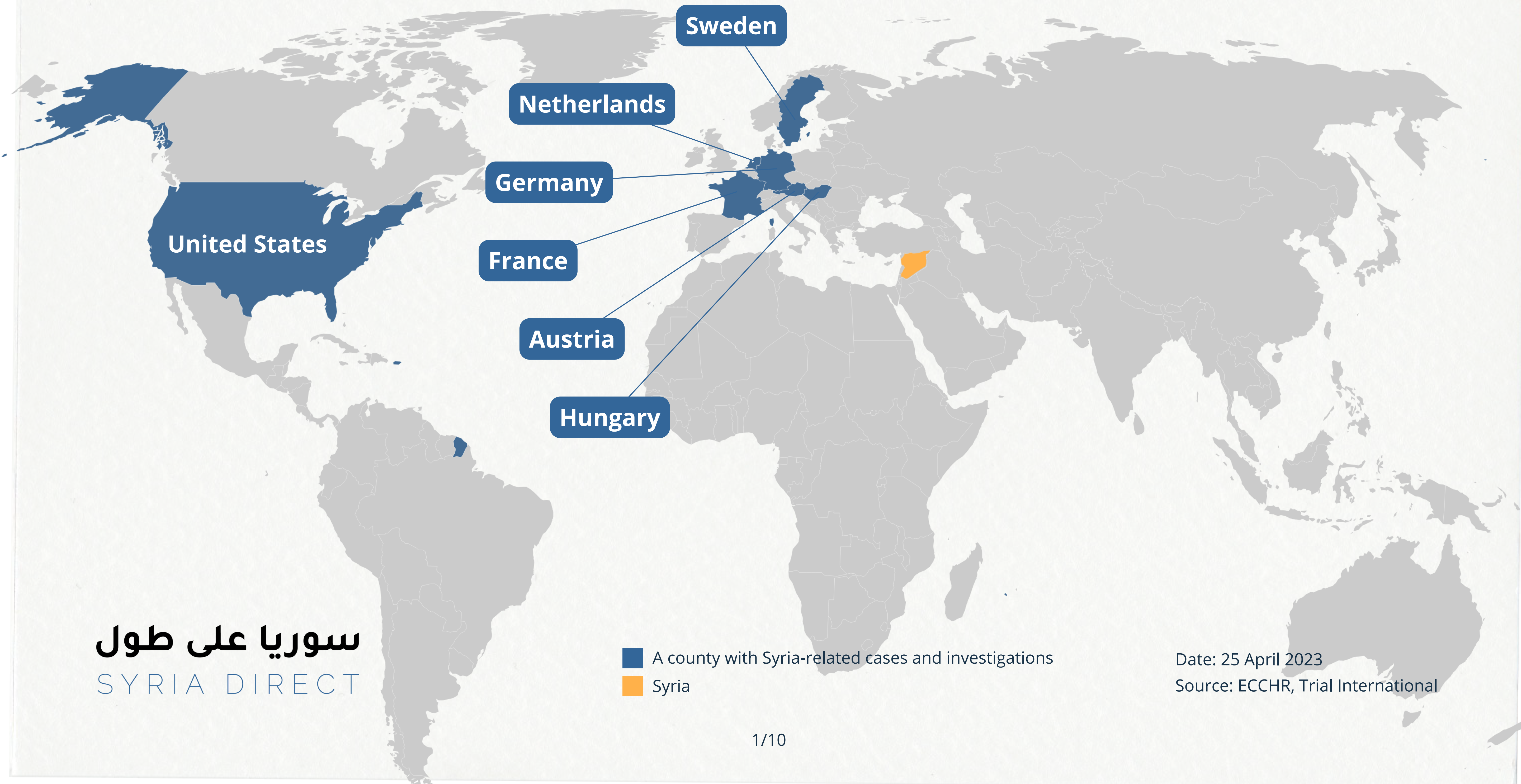


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This non-exhaustive map highlights the main countries investigating and trying members of the Assad regime, Islamic State, Islamist factions and armed opposition groups for wartime atrocities.

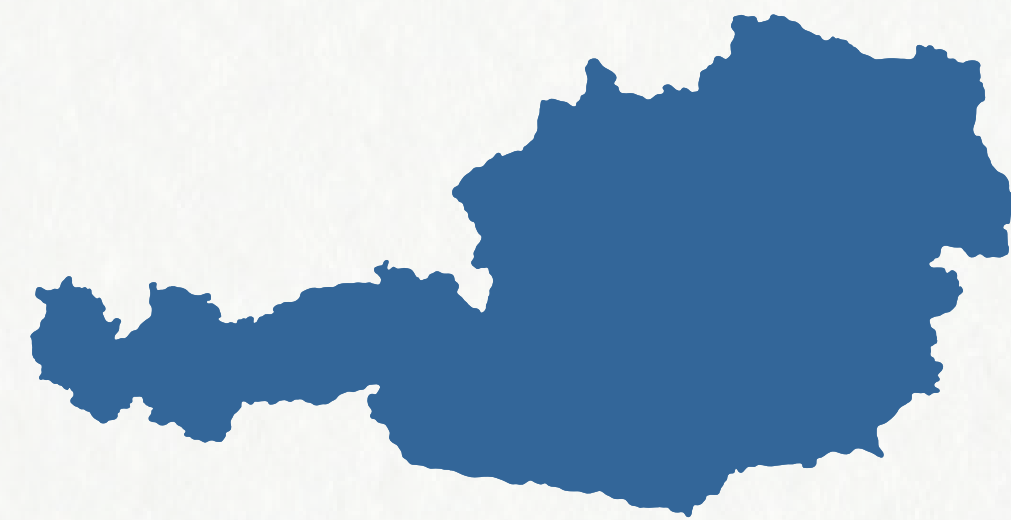




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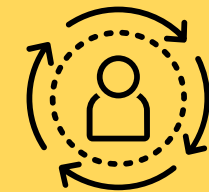
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## Austria



### Khaled al-Halabi and other Syrian government officials

Al-Halabi, former General of the General Intelligence Services in Raqqa, and other officials are accused of crimes against humanity and war crimes. Austrian officials have been indicted for manipulating the national asylum procedure in order to hide Khaled H. in Austria for Israel's Mossad.



Ongoing investigation.

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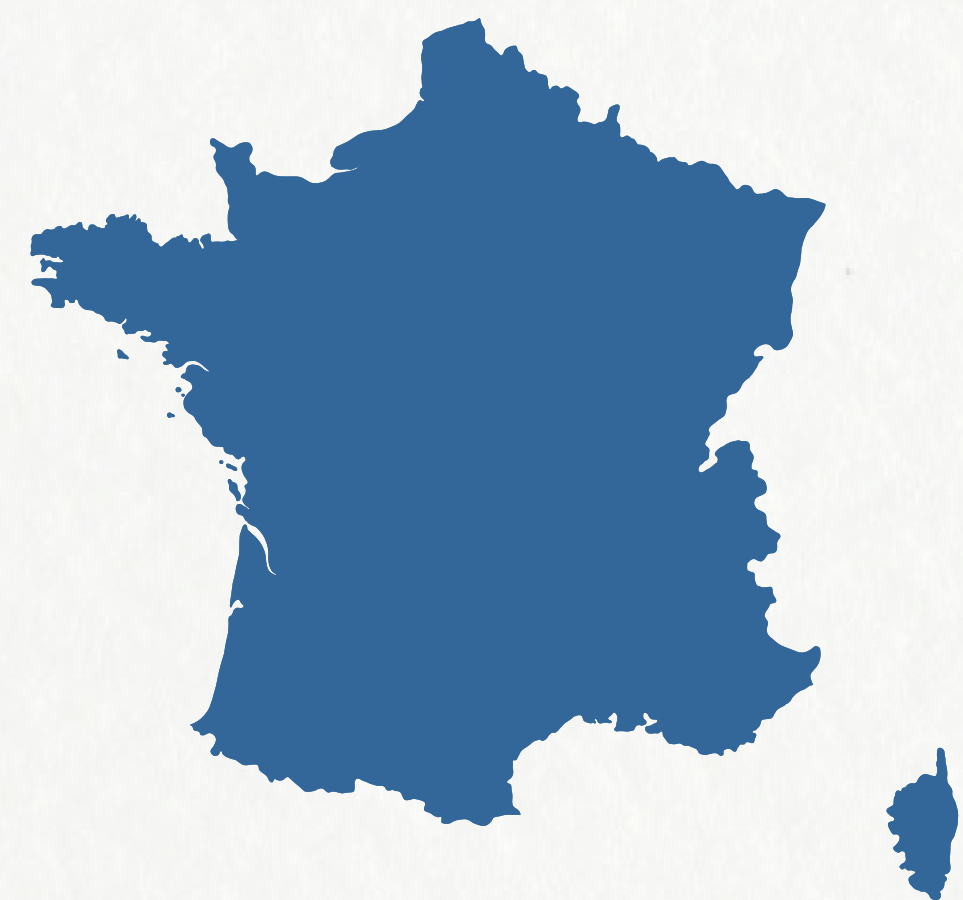
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### Sabri Essid and Nabil Greseque

French nationals who allegedly joined the Islamic State. They are accused of crimes against humanity and genocide against Yazidis.



Ongoing investigation. An arrest warrant was issued for Essid in 2020.

### Islam Alloush

Former spokesperson and senior official of Syrian opposition faction Jaish al-Islam. He was allegedly involved in kidnapping, torture and the forced conscription of children in the armed group.



Ongoing trial. Alloush was arrested in 2020 and indicted for war crimes, torture, enforced disappearance and complicity in these crimes.

### Syrian state and military officials

French authorities are investigating the use of chemical weapons against the East Ghouta suburbs of Damascus in 2013.



Complaint filed in 2021. Ongoing investigation.

### Ali Mamlouk, Jamil Hassan and Abdel Salam Mahmoud

French-Syrian nationals Mazen and Patrick Abdelkader Dabbagh were forcibly disappeared by Syrian Air Force Intelligence in 2013. Syrian authorities later issued their death certificates stating they had died in 2014 and 2017, respectively. Three high-ranking regime officials will be tried in absentia for their role in these two deaths.



In March 2023, Mamlouk, Hassan and Mahmoud were indicted for complicity in crimes against humanity and war crimes. They will be tried in absentia.

### Abdulhamid Chaban

Former member of Syria's General Intelligence Services (GIS). He has been charged with complicity in crimes against humanity



Chaban was detained in 2019 but released in 2021 after the Supreme Court decided it did not have jurisdiction because crimes against humanity are not punishable under Syrian law. That decision is under review.

### Syrian government

In 2012, Syrian army bombardment of Homs city killed French photojournalist Rémi Ochlik and American journalist Marie Colvin. The attack also injured other journalists, including French national Edith Bouvier.



Case opened in 2012. Under investigation.

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### Eyad al-Gharib

In the historic Koblenz trial, former Syrian intelligence officer al-Gharib was found guilty of aiding and abetting crimes against humanity in 30 cases of torture.



Convicted in 2021 and sentenced to four-and-a-half years in prison for complicity in crimes against humanity.

### Alaa M.

Doctor who worked in Syrian state-run military hospitals and allegedly tortured 18 detained civilians, leading to the death of two. He faces accusations of crimes against humanity.



Trial began in January 2022.

### Nurten J.

German citizen who joined IS in 2015.



In 2021, she was convicted of membership in a foreign terrorist organization, war crimes against property and aiding and abetting a crime against humanity by enslavement. She was sentenced to four years and three months in prison.

### Anwar Raslan

Raslan headed the investigation unit of Syria's notorious al-Khateeb security branch. As part of the Koblenz trial, he was the first high-ranking Syrian regime official to be convicted of crimes against humanity.



Convicted in 2022 and sentenced to life imprisonment for crimes against humanity in the form of killing, torture, severe deprivation of liberty, rape and sexual assault.

### Leonora M.

German citizen who joined IS in Syria in 2015 when she was a minor. She faced charges of membership in a foreign terrorist organization and aiding and abetting a crime against humanity for enslaving a Yazidi woman.



In 2022, she was sentenced to two years in prison for membership in a terrorist organization but was acquitted of the charges of crimes against humanity.

### Omaima A.

German-Tunisian national who joined IS in 2015 and enslaved a 13-year old Yazidi girl.



In 2020, she was convicted of membership in a foreign terrorist organization and a crime against humanity by enslavement. She was sentenced to four years of prison.

### Moufak al-D.

Member of the Syrian Free Palestine Movement who threw a grenade into a group of civilians in Yarmouk camp.



In February 2023, he was sentenced to life in prison for committing war crimes.

### Carla-Josephine S.

German national who joined IS in Syria in 2015 with her three children.



In 2020, she was convicted of a war crime (child theft resulting in death).

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## Kassim A.

In 2012, he joined an armed rebel group in Daraa province. He was later filmed posing with a severed head of a combatant.



In 2020, he was convicted of a war crime (demeaning and degrading treatment) and sentenced to one-and-a-half years in prison.

## Mustafa K., Abdullah K. and Sultan K.

The three joined Jabhat al-Nusra, captured a regime official who was later found dead and forced his family to leave the city of Ras al-Ain.



Ongoing investigation.

## Abdul Jawad A. K., Abdulrahman A. A., Abdoufatah A. and Abdalfatah H. A

Members of Jabhat al-Nusra accused of killing 36 Syrian civil servants in 2013.



In 2020, the four were convicted of membership in a foreign terrorist organization. Abdul Jawad A. K. was also found guilty of a war crime and received a life sentence.

## Ibrahim al-F.

Leader of the Ghurabaa al-Sham militia, part of the Free Syrian Army, in 2016. He was accused of war crimes and abduction.



In 2018, he was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment for war crimes, torture and killing persons protected under international humanitarian law.

## Mohamad K.

Member of the Free Syrian Army who was filmed torturing a detainee and accused of committing war crimes in Idlib.



In 2019, he was convicted of war crimes and sentenced to four-and-a-half years in prison.

## Abdulmalk A. and Mousa H. A.

In 2012, the two joined Jabhat al-Nusra in Syria. Mousa is accused of taking part in the conflict. Abdulmalk is accused of murdering a member of the Syrian army in 2013 and later joining IS.



In 2017, both were arrested and accused of membership in a terrorist group. Abdulmalk is also accused of a war crime. Ongoing investigation.

## Suliman Al S.

Member of Jabhat al-Nusra who participated in the abduction of a Canadian UN worker. He was charged with a war crime against humanitarian operations.



In 2019, he was sentenced to four years and nine months in prison for aiding and abetting in the kidnapping of a UN employee.

## Kheder A.K. and Sami A.S.

Both joined Jabaht al-Nusra and participated in the execution of a prisoner in 2012.



In 2021, Kheder A. K. was found guilty of war crimes by murder and membership in a terrorist organization and sentenced to life imprisonment. Sami A.S was sentenced to nine years in prison for aiding in these crimes.



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## **Sarah O.**

**German-Algerian citizen who joined IS in Syria, when she was a minor, and enslaved Yazidi girls.**



In 2021, she was convicted of a crime against humanity by enslavement resulting in the death of a victim, and aiding and abetting rape. She was sentenced to six-and-a-half years in prison under juvenile law.

## **Raed E.**

**He joined IS in 2014 and allegedly participated in the torture of members of the al-Shayat tribe in Deir e-Zor.**



In 2022, he was indicted on charges of crimes against humanity, war crimes and membership in a foreign terrorist organization.

## **Monika K.**

**German national who joined IS in 2014, first in Syria and then in Iraq. She allegedly ran a donation network for female IS members.**



In 2022, she was indicted on charges of war crimes and membership in a foreign terrorist organization.

## **Nils D.**

**German national who joined IS in 2014, worked as a prison guard in Manbij and tortured prisoners.**



In 2021, he was convicted of war crimes, murder and membership in a foreign terrorist organization and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

## **Amin M.**

**Member of the Free Syrian Army who, when he was 18, was filmed kicking the dead body of a combatant.**



In 2022, he was convicted of war crimes and sentenced to one year and six months in prison under juvenile law.

## **Jalda A.**

**German national who joined IS in Syria in 2014 and enslaved a Yazidi woman.**



In 2022, she was convicted of the crimes against humanity of persecution, enslavement, aiding and abetting genocide and rape. She was sentenced to five-and-a-half years in prison.

## **Nadine K.**

**German national who joined IS in 2014. She lived in Syria and Iraq and allegedly ran a reception center for female IS members. She also allegedly enslaved a Yazidi woman, who was raped by her husband.**



In 2022, she was indicted on charges of genocide and the crimes against humanity of torture, rape and enslavement. She was also charged with the war crimes of forcible population transfer. Her trial began in January 2023.

## **Romiena S.**

**German national who joined IS in 2014 with her children, against the will of her husband. In Syria, she enslaved a Yazidi woman.**



In 2022, she was convicted of membership in a foreign terrorist organization, abetting crimes against humanity and severe child abduction. She was sentenced to three years and three months in prison.

## **Kim Teresa A.**

**German national who joined IS in Syria in 2014 and received remuneration for her work as wife of a combatant.**



In 2021, she was convicted of membership in a foreign terrorist organization and war crimes against property. She was sentenced to four years in prison.

## **Stefanie A.**

**German national who joined IS in Syria in 2016 and also joined the jihadist militia Jund al-Aqsa.**



In 2022, she was convicted of membership in a foreign terrorist organization, war crimes and negligent homicide. She was sentenced to six-and-a-half years in prison.



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## Hungary



### Hassan Faroud

He led an IS unit responsible for the public beheading of 26 civilians, including women and children.



In 2021, he was convicted of crimes against humanity and sentenced to life imprisonment.

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## Netherlands



### Abu Khuder

**Jabhat al-Nusra commander who allegedly participated in the execution of a captured colonel in 2012.**



In 2021, he was convicted of a war crime for his involvement in the execution of a prisoner and sentenced to 20 years in prison.

### Name withheld

**Syrian national who was allegedly a member of the pro-regime militia Liwa al-Quds, responsible for crushing dissent and arresting civilians.**



He was arrested in 2022 on suspicion of war crimes and crimes against humanity. Ongoing investigation.

### Ahmad al-Y.

**Ahrar al-Sham commander who took part in an offensive in Hama in 2015.**



In 2022, he was convicted of membership in a terrorist organization and sentenced to five years and four months in prison.

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## Sweden



### Haisam Omar Sakhanh

He joined a rebel group and participated in the execution of seven captured Syrian army soldiers in 2012 in Idlib.



In 2017, he was sentenced to life imprisonment for his role in the killing of captured soldiers, a war crime.

### Lina Ishaq

A Swedish national who travelled with her children to join IS in 2013. She also enlisted her 12-year-old son, who was later killed in combat.



In 2022, she was sentenced to six years in prison for crimes under international law and war crimes, and for being an accomplice to her son's recruitment as a child soldier by IS.

### Mouhannad Droubi

He joined the Free Syrian Army in 2012 and was filmed assaulting a man allegedly affiliated with the Syrian army.



In 2016, he was convicted of a war crime and sentenced to eight years in prison.

### Syrian government officials

Members of the Syrian government are under investigation for the use of chemical weapons in East Ghouta in 2013 and Khan Sheikhoun in 2017.



Ongoing investigation.

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## US



### Syrian government

Syrian-American citizen Obada Mzaik was tortured at the Air Force Intelligence Branch at the Mezzeh Military Airport in 2012. He filed a lawsuit against the Syrian regime under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act.



Ongoing case.

### Syrian government

US journalist Marie Colvin was killed by Syrian army bombardment of Homs city in 2012.



In 2019, a US court held the Syrian government liable for targeting and killing Colvin, and ordered \$302 million in compensation for her family.

### El Shafee Elsheikh and Alexandra Amon Kotey

IS members who participated in the hostage-taking of foreign citizens, resulting in the death of four US nationals: James Foley, Kayla Mueller, Steven Sotloff and Petter Kassig.



In 2022, Kotey and El Sheikh were each convicted of four counts of hostage-taking resulting in death, among other charges, and sentenced to eight terms of life imprisonment.

### Top Syrian officials

The US Justice Department is leading an investigation into the killing of Layla Shweikani, a US aid worker. She was tortured in the Mezzeh Military Airport, Adra prison and Saydnaya prison. She was executed in 2016. High-ranking officials such as Syrian intelligence chief Ali Mamlouk or Jamil Hassan, the head of Air Force Intelligence, could be indicted.



Ongoing investigation.

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