

National Jurisprudence summary

Dutch case no. 2200392619

The Court of Appeal sentenced the accused, a Dutch national, to 7 years' imprisonment for participation to a terrorist organisation (IS), and war crime of outrage upon personal dignity. While in Syria, the accused posed next to a man dressed in orange overalls who had been executed by IS and tied to a cross. In the photo, later posted by the accused on Facebook, he appeared to be proud and actively posing. The Court found that by posing next to the body and sharing the photo on Facebook, the accused contributed to the further deepening of the humiliation and degradation of the deceased person (person placed *hors de combat*). According to the Court, he therefore expressed the sentiment that the deceased's body should be viewed as a trophy and ensured that a large number of people would see the photograph, thus further continuing the outrage.