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### Germany's position on the prosecution of fighters for the so-called 'Islamic State' (ISIS)

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While Germany's foreign policy in general follows an approach of multilateralism, the Federal Government has not yet (June 2018) defined its policies or expressed its views on the matter of a possible international tribunal for the crimes committed by fighters for / members of the so-called 'Islamic State' (ISIS).

When it comes to the prosecution and sentencing of ISIS members of German citizenship in Iraq, Germany has, in the past, tried to use its diplomatic influence to achieve a commutation of death sentences to life imprisonment. It is also a stated policy that very young children of German ISIS members in Iraq shall be brought back to Germany. However, on the matter of prosecution and sentencing of ISIS fighters per se – including those of German citizenship – by the Iraqi judicial system, Germany has neither intervened nor expressed a preference for an international tribunal.

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