

The Netherlands Police's International Crimes Team is looking for information about Dutch perpetrators of war crimes committed by IS against the Yazidi community.

The Dutch government wants to see perpetrators of war crimes and international crimes identified and tried. To serve justice, prevent perpetrators from finding shelter in the Netherlands and living here unpunished, and to prevent situations in which victims of war crimes who fled to the Netherlands are confronted with the criminals they fled from.

Together with the Public Prosecution Service, the International Crimes Team (Team Internationale Misdrijven; TIM) of the Netherlands Police tries to find and prosecute these criminals. In recent years, the team investigated war crimes and other international crimes in Rwanda, Afghanistan, Syria, Liberia and Iraq. As a result of these investigations, perpetrators of war crimes, genocide and torture were convicted by the Dutch court and received prison sentences.

The TIM investigates whether and how Dutch nationals were involved in the very serious crimes committed against the Yazidi community in Syria and Iraq. Starting in August 2014, persons who were part of terrorist organisation IS committed very serious crimes against Yazidis on a large scale. They executed people, forced Yazidi children to fight for IS as child soldiers, and forced Yazidi women and girls to be (sex) slaves. IS women also played a part in the commission of these crimes. Since 2012, hundreds of Dutch nationals have travelled to Syria and Iraq and joined terrorist organisation IS. Some of them have spoken about their experiences in the media. There are indications that Dutch nationals were involved in the commission of crimes against the Yazidi community in Syria and Iraq.

The International Crimes Team would like to get into contact with Yazidi people or others who can provide information on the involvement of Dutch nationals in these crimes. Did you witness these war crimes or do you know what role was played by the Dutch nationals who had joined IS at that time? Please contact us so we can see how your information may be of use to our investigation.

We understand that contacting us may take a lot of courage. Please know that we will handle this process with care and keep your information and personal details confidential. Please contact us using the information below:

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