

SYRIAN CIVIL/CRIMINAL CASES & INVESTIGATIONS OF WAR CRIMES (2011-PRESENT)

Cases Involving the Assad Regime

JURISDICTION	CASE/MATTER	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
U.S.	Colvin <i>et al.</i> v. Syrian Arab Republic (2016) ¹	Federal lawsuit filed against the Assad Regime for the extrajudicial killing of Marie Colvin. Case filed under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act.	Assad regime found liable for extrajudicial killing by U.S. district court for the District of Columbia, ordered to pay over \$300 million in damages in January 2019. ²
France	Baba Amr Media Case ³ (2012)	Preliminary investigation into the Baba Amr Media Center attack opened in 2012, initially for assassination and attempted assassination; focus shifted in 2014 to war crimes. ⁴	<i>Pending</i> An eyewitness to the planning of the attack testified before French investigators. As of 2018, however, French authorities have taken no formal steps against the suspected perpetrators. ⁵
France	The Dabbagh ⁶ Case (2016)	Human rights groups, FIDH and LDH, filed complaint against Assad Regime for war crimes. French judge opened investigation into disappearance of father and son with dual French and Syrian citizenship in Syria.	<i>Pending</i> ⁷

¹ CJA: <http://cja.org/what-we-do/litigation/colvin-v-syria/>

Washington Post:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/war-reporter-marie-colvin-was-tracked-targeted-and-killed-by-assads-forces-family-says/2016/07/09/62968844-453a-11e6-88d0-6adee48be8bc_story.html?utm_term=.1929e345f690

New York Times: https://www.nytimes.com/2016/07/10/world/middleeast/marie-colvin-family-sues-syria.html?_r=0

² Guardian: <https://www.theguardian.com/media/2019/jan/31/us-court-finds-assad-regime-liable-marie-colvin-death-homs-syria>

Daily Telegraph: <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/01/31/us-court-finds-assad-government-liable-veteran-war-reporter/>

³ FIDH: <https://www.fidh.org/en/region/north-africa-middle-east/syria/war-crimes-against-journalists-in-homs-fidh-and-victims-families-call>

⁴ TRIAL International Universal Jurisdiction Annual Review 2018: <https://trialinternational.org/latest-post/make-way-for-justice-4-momentum-towards-accountability/> ; <https://trialinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/UJAR-Make-way-for-Justice-2018.pdf>

⁵ FIDH: <https://www.fidh.org/en/region/north-africa-middle-east/syria/war-crimes-against-journalists-in-homs-fidh-and-victims-families-call>

⁶ FIDH: <https://www.fidh.org/en/impacts/syria-french-judges-open-enquiry-into-disappearance-of-franco-syrian>

Reuters: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-france-judge/french-judge-to-investigate-disappearance-of-franco-syrians-in-syria-idUSKCN12R2HE>

Al-Araby: <https://www.alaraby.co.uk/english/news/2016/10/28/syria-war-crime-plea-accepted-by-french-court>

⁷ TRIAL International Universal Jurisdiction Annual Review 2018: <https://trialinternational.org/latest-post/make-way-for-justice-4-momentum-towards-accountability/> ; <https://trialinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/UJAR-Make-way-for-Justice-2018.pdf>

		In October 2018, France issued three international arrest warrants against security chief Ali Mamlouk, head of Airforce Intelligence Jamil Hassan, and senior Airforce Intelligence official Abdel Salah Mahmoud. Warrants bring charges including collusion in torture, forced disappearances, crimes against humanity and war crimes.	International arrest warrants issued against three senior Syrian intelligence and government officials. ⁸ Despite the warrants, Mamlouk has continued traveling internationally, appearing in Tehran, January 5 th 2020, ⁹ and in Moscow, January 13 th , 2020. ¹⁰
France	Qosmos Corporate Complicity Case (2012) ¹¹	FIDH and LDH filed a complaint in July 2012 urging the French judiciary to investigate the involvement of French companies, especially Qosmos, in supplying the Bashar al-Assad regime with surveillance equipment. French judicial investigation was subsequently opened against Qosmos (company). Alleged complicity in acts of torture. Assigned to specialized unit in crimes against humanity and war crimes.	<i>Pending</i> In 2015, Qosmos was designated as an assisted witness (<i>témoign assisté</i>), a status that can precede formal indictment. ¹² In July 2015, five Syrian victims testified anonymously as witnesses in this case. All five witnesses had been identified, arrested and tortured by the Syrian regime because of surveillance of their electronic communications. ¹³ In January 2018, the examining magistrate in charge of the case expressed his intention to close the investigation. Shortly after, the FIDH and the LDH filed an application to hear a new witness, which was accepted by the examining magistrate. ¹⁴
France	Caesar Investigation (2015) ¹⁵	Crimes against humanity and war crimes investigation opened by the Paris Prosecutor based on 45,000 photos taken by “Caesar”, a former forensic photographer for the Syrian military police. Two suspected former secret service officers from the Syrian government were arrested in Germany on allegations of carrying out	<i>Pending</i> ¹⁸ While there is not yet information on the unnamed suspect arrested in France, charges were brought by

⁸ Reuters: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-syria-crisis-france/france-issues-arrest-warrants-for-senior-syrian-officials-idUSKCN1NA11L>.

⁹ Al-Monitor: <https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/01/soleimani-assassination-impact-iran-strategy-syria.html>.

¹⁰ Al-Araby: <https://www.alaraby.co.uk/english/news/2020/1/14/turkish-syrian-regime-intelligence-chiefs-meet-in-moscow>.

¹¹ FIDH: <https://www.fidh.org/en/region/north-africa-middle-east/syria/FIDH-and-LDH-ask-French-judicial>;
<https://www.fidh.org/en/region/europe-central-asia/france/15116-france-opening-of-a-judicial-investigation-targeting-qosmos-for-complicity>.

¹² FIDH: <https://www.fidh.org/en/region/europe-central-asia/france/designation-of-qosmos-as-assisted-witness-constitutes-an-important>.

¹³ TRIAL International: <https://trialinternational.org/latest-post/qosmos/>.

¹⁴ TRIAL International: <https://trialinternational.org/latest-post/qosmos/>.

¹⁵ FIDH: <http://insearchofjustice.fidh.org/#cesar>.

		or aiding torture and crimes against humanity in February of 2019. They were identified only as Anwar R, 56, and Eyad A, 42, by German prosecutors, but are being widely reported to be Anwar Raslan and Eyad Al-Gharib. ¹⁶ As part of an operation coordinated with police in France, another Syrian alleged to have worked for the secret service was arrested by Parisian prosecutors. His name was not revealed. Substantial evidence against the men was gathered as a result of the exhibition of the Caesar photographs in the UN Headquarters in New York in March 2015. ¹⁷	the German Federal Prosecutor's Office against Anwar and Eyad. ¹⁹
France	Rahman Case (2016) ²⁰	Criminal complaint lodged in Paris High Court against Assad regime alleging torture, forced disappearance and homicide for death of brother in Damascus prison in 2014.	Case officially closed in 2016. ²¹
France	Arrest of Former Syrian Intelligence Member (2019)	A 30-year-old Syrian citizen was arrested in Paris in February 2019 on allegations of crimes against humanity. He was a former member of the Assad regime's security services, and is suspected of committing crimes against humanity between 2011 and 2013. ²² The arrest was done in coordination with German officials arrests of two former Syrian officials, and is tied to the Caesar Investigation. ²³	<i>Pending</i>
Italy	AREA S.p.A. Investigation (2016)	Italian government investigating AREA S.p.A. for allegedly exporting surveillance technology to the Syrian Telecom Establishment in 2010 and 2011, knowing it would be used by Assad's secret service. AREA had partnered with the French company Qosmos in their Syria project.	<i>Pending</i>

¹⁸ TRIAL International: <https://trialinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/UJAR-Make-way-for-Justice-2018.pdf>.

¹⁶ NPR: <https://www.npr.org/2019/09/24/754863320/how-europe-has-become-the-epicenter-for-syrian-war-crimes-cases>; ASIL: <https://www.asil.org/LIB/german-public-prosecutor-indicts-two-syrian-nationals-crimes-against-humanity>

¹⁷ The Guardian: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/feb/13/germany-arrests-two-suspected-syrian-secret-service-officers>

¹⁹ Federal Attorney General, Germany: <https://www.generalbundesanwalt.de/de/showpress.php?newsid=858>.

²⁰ TRIAL International Universal Jurisdiction Annual Review 2018: <https://trialinternational.org/latest-post/make-way-for-justice-4-momentum-towards-accountability/> ; <https://trialinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/UJAR-Make-way-for-Justice-2018.pdf>

²¹ Human Rights Watch: https://www.hrw.org/sites/default/files/report_pdf/annex_issyria_report_web.pdf

²² Syrian Observer: <https://syrianobserver.com/EN/news/48609/france-arrests-former-regime-intelligence-member.html>

²³ Reuters: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-germany-syria/two-syrians-arrested-in-germany-for-suspected-crimes-against-humanity-prosecutors-idUSKCN1Q21FO>

		Italian police raided AREA's offices in December 2016, suspecting violations of European embargoes and breaches of foreign trade law. ²⁴	
Belgium	Criminal Export of Sarin by Belgian Companies (2018)	Criminal case filed against three Belgian firms - AAE Chemie, Danmar Logistics and intermediary Anex Customs – for violating EU sanctions and exporting, in addition to other chemicals, 96 tons of isopropanol, a chemical used to produce sarin gas, to Syria between 2014 and 2016 without the required permits. ²⁵	Three businesses found guilty and fined between €75,000 and €500,000 in February 2019. Rolf Rippen, manager at AAE Chemie, was sentenced to four months in jail. Herman Van Landeghem, manager for Anex Customs and Danmar Logistics, received a 12-month prison sentence. ²⁶
Spain	Abdulmuemen Alhaj Hamdo (Caesar Photos) Case (2017) ²⁷	Criminal proceeding against high-level Syrian officials in Spain's National Court on allegations of state terrorism - enforced disappearance, torture and killing of victim at a government detention center. Case dismissed in July 2017 after public prosecutor argued court lacked jurisdiction to hear the case. Dismissal appealed; December 2017, appeal was rejected. In February 2018, the NGO Guernica 37 requested the Spanish Supreme Court admit their claim to reopen the investigation. ²⁸	<i>Pending</i> Appeal rejected in late 2017. Request to the Spanish Supreme Court pending.
Germany	Universal Jurisdiction against Syria for Crimes in Aleppo (2016) ²⁹	Attorneys filed criminal complaint against Bashar al-Assad for alleged war crimes perpetrated in Aleppo between April and November 2016.	N/A

²⁴ Motherboard: https://motherboard.vice.com/en_us/article/gv5knx/italian-cops-raid-surveillance-tech-company-area-spa-selling-spy-gear-to-syria ;

Privacy International: https://privacyinternational.org/sites/default/files/2017-12/OpenSeason_0.pdf

²⁵ BBC: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-43811614>

²⁶ Politico: <https://www.politico.eu/article/belgian-exporters-found-guilty-of-sending-chemicals-to-syria/>

²⁷ TRIAL International Universal Jurisdiction Annual Review 2018: <https://trialinternational.org/latest-post/make-way-for-justice-4-momentum-towards-accountability/> ;

<https://trialinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/UJAR-Make-way-for-Justice-2018.pdf>

New York Times: https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/02/world/europe/spain-syria-torture-case.html?_r=0

France 24: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8qlxCG-vrS0>

*4/17 UPDATE: Judge has agreed to open criminal inquest.

New York Times: <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/27/world/middleeast/syria-crime-torture-assad-war.html>

²⁸ TRIAL International: <https://trialinternational.org/latest-post/ali-mamlouk-marie-colvin-case/>

²⁹ Al-Jazeera: <http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2016/11/german-lawyers-seek-criminal-case-syria-assad-161128141943783.html>

Associated Press via Arab News: <http://www.arabnews.com/node/1016746/middle-east>

Germany	Structural Investigation (2011) ³⁰	Ongoing structural investigation into crimes against humanity and war crimes perpetrated by the Syrian government since 2011.	<i>Ongoing</i> Structural investigation has led to subsequent investigations of at least 10 Regime officials.
Germany	March 2017 Torture Case (2017) ³¹	First criminal complaint filed (March 1, 2017) against seven suspected high-level officials of Syrian intelligence for war crimes / crimes against humanity. The complaint was directed at Defense Minister Lieutenant General Fahd Jassem al-Freij, Military Prosecutor Brigadier General Mohammed Hassan Kenjo, the head of the military police, and Saydnaya prison. Federal prosecutors agreed to hear witness testimony.	<i>Pending</i>
Germany	September 21 Caesar Photos Case (2017) ³²	Criminal complaint filed by the “Caesar-Files Support Group” and ECCHR against senior officials of intelligence and military for crimes against humanity and war crimes.	<i>Pending</i> German Attorney General’s office confirmed that investigations are ongoing. ³³
Germany	Nov 6, 2017 Torture Cases (2017) ³⁴	Two criminal complaints filed on November 6, 2017 with the Office of the German Federal Public Prosecutor in Karlsruhe alleging crimes against humanity and war crimes perpetrated in military and intelligence detention facilities, particularly the Saydnaya Military Prison. Directed against ten high-ranking officials of the National Security Office and Air Force Intelligence. In June 2018, the Germany Federal Court of Justice issued an arrest warrant against Jamil Hassan, head of the Syrian Air Force Intelligence Service. ³⁵	<i>Pending</i> International arrest warrant issued against Jamil Hassan in 2018, and extradition request submitted to Lebanon when it was suspected that Hassan was in Beirut being treated at American University Hospital. ³⁶

³⁰ TRIAL International Universal Jurisdiction Annual Review 2018: <https://trialinternational.org/latest-post/make-way-for-justice-4-momentum-towards-accountability/> ; <https://trialinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/UJAR-Make-way-for-Justice-2018.pdf>

³¹ ECCHR: <https://www.ecchr.eu/en/international-crimes-and-accountability/syria/saydnaya-air-force-intelligence.html>; Washington Post: https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/for-syrian-victims-the-path-to-justice-runs-through-europe/2017/03/01/1b947f4c-fe8e-11e6-9b78-824ccab94435_story.html?utm_term=.c2945bb42bb0.

³² ECCHR: <https://www.ecchr.eu/en/international-crimes-and-accountability/syria/saydnaya-air-force-intelligence.html>

³³ El Pais: https://elpais.com/elpais/2018/06/12/inenglish/1528799235_796657.html

³⁴ ECCHR: <https://www.ecchr.eu/en/international-crimes-and-accountability/syria/saydnaya-air-force-intelligence.html>; TRIAL International Universal Jurisdiction Annual Review 2018: <https://trialinternational.org/latest-post/make-way-for-justice-4-momentum-towards-accountability/> ; <https://trialinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/UJAR-Make-way-for-Justice-2018.pdf>

³⁵ ECCHR: <https://www.ecchr.eu/en/case/german-authorities-issue-arrest-warrant-against-jamil-hassan-head-of-the-syrian-air-force-intelligence/>

³⁶ Spiegel International: <https://www.spiegel.de/international/world/syrian-general-hassan-receives-treatment-despite-warrant-a-1280876.html>

Germany	Arrests of Former Syrian Regime Members (2019) ³⁷	In February 2019, German officials arrested two alleged former secret service officers: Anwar R., a high-ranking member of Syria's General Intelligence Directorate, and Eyad A., a former officer that manned checkpoints around Damascus. ³⁸ While the German prosecutors are not releasing the defendants' full names, their names have been widely reported to be Anwar Raslan and Eyad Al-Gharib. ³⁹ Both are accused of carrying out or aiding crimes against humanity. Arrests were done in correspondence with French officials, who arrested another Syrian suspected of participating in acts of violence against civilians in Syria. ⁴⁰ This is related to investigations around the Caesar Photos.	<i>Pending</i> Anwar and Eyad were arrested in Germany in February, 2019, and are in pre-trial detention. Charges were brought in October, 2019, by the German Federal Prosecutor's Office against Anwar for crimes against humanity, and against Eyad for aiding and abetting in crimes against humanity. ⁴¹ Trial in Koblenz is expected to begin in 2020. ⁴²
Sweden	Syrian soldier guilty of war crime ⁴³	Syrian soldier, Mohammad Abdullah, found guilty of war crimes, for violating human dignity by posing for pictures with his foot on a corpse. ⁴⁴	Sentenced to 8 months in prison on September 25, 2017.
Sweden	Criminal Complaint against Assad Regime Intelligence Officials (2019)	In February 2019, nine torture survivors submitted a criminal complaint in Stockholm against 25 named intelligence officials in the Assad regime. The allegations include crimes against humanity, war crimes, torture, degrading treatment, rape, ⁴⁵ severe bodily injury and illegal abduction.	<i>Pending</i> Swedish prosecutors responded, and four of the nine survivors have provided testimony to the Swedish War Crimes Unit. ⁴⁶

³⁷ ECCHR: <https://www.ecchr.eu/nc/en/press-release/torture-in-syria-senior-ex-official-from-assad-government-arrested-in-germany/>

³⁸ Washington Post:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle_east/germany-arrests-2-suspected-syrian-ex-secret-police-members/2019/02/13/0fbc3d2a-2f8d-11e9-8781-763619f12cb4_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.51a79d948c57

³⁹ NPR: <https://www.npr.org/2019/09/24/754863320/how-europe-has-become-the-epicenter-for-syrian-war-crimes-cases>; ASIL:

<https://www.asil.org/ILIB/german-public-prosecutor-indicts-two-syrian-nationals-crimes-against-humanity>

⁴⁰ Justice Info: <https://www.justiceinfo.net/en/tribunals/national-tribunals/40307-germany-france-arrest-3-syrians-for-crimes-against-humanity.html>

⁴¹ Federal Attorney General, Germany: <https://www.generalbundesanwalt.de/de/showpress.php?newsid=858>

⁴² ECCHR: <https://www.ecchr.eu/en/case/first-criminal-trial-worldwide-on-torture-in-syria-to-start-2020-in-germany/>

⁴³ NY Times: <https://mobile.nytimes.com/2017/10/03/world/middleeast/syria-war-crime.html?referer=https://www.google.com/> ; TRIAL International: <https://trialinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/UJAR-Make-way-for-Justice-2018.pdf>

⁴⁴ New York Times: <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/03/world/middleeast/syria-war-crime.html>

⁴⁵ ECCHR: https://www.ecchr.eu/en/case/sweden-criminal-complaint-against-assads-intelligence-officials/#case_context

⁴⁶ Civil Rights Defenders: <https://crd.org/2019/02/20/syrians-in-sweden-are-demanding-redress-for-torture/>

Austria	Criminal Complaint against Assad Regime by Torture Survivors (2018)	Sixteen Syrian torture survivors filed a criminal complaint with the prosecutor in Vienna against 24 senior officials in the Assad regime. Allegations include torture as a crime against humanity and as a war crime. ⁴⁷	<i>Pending</i>
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*Cases Involving Syrian Rebels/Opposition Armed Forces*⁴⁸

JURISDICTION	CASE/MATTER	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
Austria	Alleged Farouq Brigade member charged and convicted (2017) ⁴⁹	Unnamed former member of Farouq Brigade charged with murder as a war crime and violations of the 1949 Geneva Conventions. Alleged to have murdered twenty unarmed and injured Syrian government soldiers in Homs between 2013 and 2014.	Sentenced to life imprisonment in 2017. Defense lawyer appealed conviction.
Germany	Case of Ibrahim Al. F., former member of militia group Ghurabaa al-Sham (2016) ⁵⁰	Ibrahim Al F. accused of leading militia group Ghurabaa al-Sham (allegedly fighting government forces as part of Free Syrian Army). Arrested on April 6, 2016 near Dortmund and formally charged with war crimes and abduction for the purpose of blackmail at the Higher Regional Court of Dusseldorf on October 27, 2016.	Trial started on May 22, 2017. ⁵¹ Convicted for torture and killing persons protected under international humanitarian law, in addition to murder, extortionist kidnapping and the commission of war crimes. ⁵² Sentenced to life in prison on September 25, 2018.
Germany	Free Syrian Army member convicted of war crimes (2019)	FSA member Mohamed K. charged and convicted of war crimes for torturing captured members of Syrian government forces.	Sentenced to 4.5 years imprisonment on April 4, 2019. ⁵³

⁴⁷ ECCHR: <https://www.ecchr.eu/nc/en/press-release/16-torture-survivors-from-syria-file-criminal-complaint-in-austria-against-senior-officials-in-assad-government/>

⁴⁸ As of March 2017, European prosecutors had started more than 20 cases against individuals for war crimes – all focused on low-ranking perpetrators from opposition armed groups or jihadist forces. See <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/27/world/middleeast/syria-crime-torture-assad-war.html>

⁴⁹ TRIAL International Universal Jurisdiction Annual Review 2018: <https://trialinternational.org/latest-post/make-way-for-justice-4-momentum-towards-accountability/>; <https://trialinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/UJAR-Make-way-for-Justice-2018.pdf>

⁵⁰ TRIAL International Universal Jurisdiction Annual Review 2018: <https://trialinternational.org/latest-post/make-way-for-justice-4-momentum-towards-accountability/>; <https://trialinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/UJAR-Make-way-for-Justice-2018.pdf>

⁵¹ Human Rights Watch: <https://www.hrw.org/report/2017/10/03/these-are-crimes-we-are-fleeing/justice-syria-swedish-and-german-courts#>

⁵² TRIAL International: <https://trialinternational.org/latest-post/ibrahim-al-f/>

⁵³ TRIAL International: <https://trialinternational.org/latest-post/muhamad-k/>

Sweden	Syrian Rebel Sentenced to Life for Mass Killing Caught on Video (2017) ⁵⁴	Former rebel, Haisam Omar Sakhanh, involved in mass killing of Syrian soldiers caught on video sentenced to life in prison for war crimes. Swedish Supreme Court denied his leave to appeal in July 2017. ⁵⁵	Sentenced to life in prison on February 16, 2017; confirmed by court of appeal on May 31, 2017. ⁵⁶
Sweden	Syrian Rebel Sentenced to Five Years for War Crime (2015) ⁵⁷	Former FSA fighter, Mouhannad Droubi, convicted of war crime caught on video.	Sentenced to 8 years in prison by Stockholm Court of Appeal on August 5, 2016. Additionally, the Court ordered his deportation as soon as he has served his sentence and banned him from Sweden for life. ⁵⁸

Cases Involving Jihadists or ISIS

JURISDICTION	CASE/MATTER	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
France	LaFarge Corporate Accountability Case (2017)	Proceedings against cement company Lafarge (now LafargeHolcim) for financing terrorism, complicity in war crimes and crimes against humanity perpetrated by ISIS, deliberate endangerment of lives, exploitative labor practices, forced labor, and violation of EU embargo on oil purchases. In December 2017, former chief executive of Lafarge group and three former directors, with two former French directors of its subsidiary, were formally indicted for financing of terrorism and endangering people's lives. ⁵⁹	<i>Ongoing</i> On June 28, 2018, multinational company Lafarge was indicted on charges of complicity in crimes against humanity, financing of a terrorist enterprise, and endangerment of people's lives. In November 2018, a group of Yazidi women kidnapped as sex slaves by ISIS applied to join the criminal case against LaFarge. ⁶⁰ In October 2018, the investigative magistrates seized part of Lafarge ex-executives' severance payments, about 2,475 million euros. ⁶¹ In October, 2019, the Paris Court of Appeals rejected the admissibility of the

⁵⁴ New York Times: <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/16/world/europe/syrian-rebel-haisam-omar-sakhanh-sentenced.html>

⁵⁵ TRIAL International: <https://trialinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/UJAR-Make-way-for-Justice-2018.pdf>

⁵⁶ Human Rights Watch: <https://www.hrw.org/report/2017/10/03/these-are-crimes-we-are-fleeing/justice-syria-swedish-and-german-courts#>

⁵⁷ BBC: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-31639378>

⁵⁸ Human Rights Watch: <https://www.hrw.org/report/2017/10/03/these-are-crimes-we-are-fleeing/justice-syria-swedish-and-german-courts#>

⁵⁹ ECCHR: <https://www.ecchr.eu/en/business-and-human-rights/lafarge-syria.html> ; TRIAL International Universal Jurisdiction Annual Review 2018: <https://trialinternational.org/latest-post/make-way-for-justice-4-momentum-towards-accountability/> ; <https://trialinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/UJAR-Make-way-for-Justice-2018.pdf>

⁶⁰ Reuters: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-yazidi-lafarge/yazidi-women-seek-to-join-case-against-french-company-accused-of-funding-islamic-state-idUSKCN1NZ2AS>

⁶¹ Business and Human Rights Resource Center: <https://www.business-humanrights.org/en/lafarge-lawsuit-re-complicity-in-crimes-against-humanity-in-syria>

			two organizations that filed the initial claims, ECCHR and SHERPA, as civil parties in the case. The organizations have appealed to the French Supreme Court. ⁶² In November, 2019, the French appeals court revoked the previous indictment for complicity in crimes against humanity; this decision has also been appealed. ⁶³
Germany	ISIS Structural Investigation ⁶⁴	Ongoing structural investigation in Germany for serious crimes under international law (incl. war crimes) committed against the Yazidi minority in Syria and Iraq since 2014. In December 2016, the Supreme Court of Germany issued an arrest warrant against a high-ranking IS commander allegedly responsible for genocide and war crimes, including abduction and sexual enslavement of Yazidi women in Syria and Iraq.	<i>Ongoing</i> Structural investigation spurred subsequent investigations of at least 27 specific individuals involved in crimes committed by the IS.
Germany	Former al-Nusra Fighters Arrested for War Crimes (2017) ⁶⁵	Abdalfatah H. A., Abdul Jawad A.K., and Abdoulrahman A.A. (alleged members of Jabhat al-Nusra) arrested in Dusseldorf on March 2, 2017. Accused of membership in terrorist organization and war crimes for involvement in murder of 36 Syrian civil servants in March 2013. ⁶⁶	<i>Pending</i> All are currently in custody.

⁶² SHERPA: <https://www.asso-sherpa.org/10533-2>

⁶³ ECCHR: <https://www.ecchr.eu/en/case/lafarge-in-syria-accusations-of-complicity-in-grave-human-rights-violations/>

⁶⁴ TRIAL International Universal Jurisdiction Annual Review 2018: <https://trialinternational.org/latest-post/make-way-for-justice-4-momentum-towards-accountability/> ; <https://trialinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/UJAR-Make-way-for-Justice-2018.pdf>

⁶⁵ DW: <http://www.dw.com/en/germany-arrests-syrian-national-on-war-crimes-murder-charges/a-37778123> ; TRIAL International Universal Jurisdiction Annual Review 2018: <https://trialinternational.org/latest-post/make-way-for-justice-4-momentum-towards-accountability/> ; <https://trialinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/UJAR-Make-way-for-Justice-2018.pdf> ;

Independent: <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/germany-refugees-arrested-terror-syria-jabhat-al-nusra-massacre-36-civilians-war-crime-isis-attacks-a7607226.html>.

⁶⁶ Federal Attorney General, Germany: <https://www.generalbundesanwalt.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/2017/Pressemitteilung-vom-17-05-2017.html>

Germany	Former al-Nusra Fighter Arrested for War Crimes (2016) ⁶⁷	Alleged former member of the Jabhat al-Nusra, Suliman A.S, arrested on January 21, 2016 for suspicion of aiding war crime for kidnapping of a U.N. observer. On June 27, 2016, charged with war crimes, abduction for the purpose of blackmail, unlawful imprisonment, attempted blackmail, use of force or threats against life and membership in a terrorist organization abroad.	Sentenced to 3.5 years in prison on September 20, 2017. ⁶⁸ Charges of membership in a terrorist organization were lifted. On appeal, the sentence was extended to 4 years and 9 months. ⁶⁹
Germany	Former ISIS fighter charged with war crimes (N/A) ⁷⁰	Aria L., German national and ISIS fighter, charged with the war crime of treating a person protected under IHL in a degrading or humiliating manner. ⁷¹	Sentenced to 2 years in prison on July 12, 2016.
Germany	Former ISIS fighter charged with war crimes (2016) ⁷²	Abdelkarim El. B., ISIS fighter and German national, charged with the war crime of treating a protected person in a gravely humiliating or degrading manner. ⁷³ Additional charges against him were brought in 2017 for being an accessory to a war crime.	Sentenced to 8.5 years in prison on November 8, 2016. In September, 2018, he was convicted of additional war crimes and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment, including his 8.5-year sentence. ⁷⁴
Germany	Four Syrian brothers (former members of Jabhat-al Nusra) accused of war crimes (2017) ⁷⁵	Mustafa K., Abdullah K., Sultan K. and Ahmed K. (four brothers) arrested and accused of perpetrating war crimes. Allegedly forced civilians to leave city of Ras al-Ayn while plundering their possessions.	On 13 December 2018, war crimes charges were dropped against Mustafa K. and Sultan K., while terrorism charges were upheld. Ahmed K. was acquitted of all charges. The investigation against Abdullah K. is still ongoing. ⁷⁶

⁶⁷ Telegraph: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/germany/12115037/Suspected-Syrian-jihadist-arrested-in-Germany-for-war-crime.html> ; TRIAL International Universal Jurisdiction Annual Review 2018: <https://trialinternational.org/latest-post/make-way-for-justice-4-momentum-towards-accountability/> ; <https://trialinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/UJAR-Make-way-for-Justice-2018.pdf>

⁶⁸ Human Rights Watch: <https://www.hrw.org/report/2017/10/03/these-are-crimes-we-are-fleeing/justice-syria-swedish-and-german-courts#>

⁶⁹ TRIAL International: <https://trialinternational.org/latest-post/suliman-al-s/>

⁷⁰ Human Rights Watch: <https://www.hrw.org/report/2017/10/03/these-are-crimes-we-are-fleeing/justice-syria-swedish-and-german-courts#>

⁷¹ Journal of International Criminal Justice: <https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/356a/8a59d90885eaf9e5e79f21072a7be3bfbb39.pdf>

⁷² Human Rights Watch: <https://www.hrw.org/report/2017/10/03/these-are-crimes-we-are-fleeing/justice-syria-swedish-and-german-courts#>

⁷³ International Crimes Database: <http://www.internationalcrimesdatabase.org/Case/3297>

⁷⁴ AP: <https://apnews.com/e59595178415490e8cb7444eacb3c598/German-convicted-on-war-crime-charge-over-IS-stint-in-Syria>

⁷⁵ TRIAL International Universal Jurisdiction Annual Review 2018: <https://trialinternational.org/latest-post/make-way-for-justice-4-momentum-towards-accountability/> ; <https://trialinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/UJAR-Make-way-for-Justice-2018.pdf>

⁷⁶ TRIAL International: <https://trialinternational.org/latest-post/four-siblings-suspected-of-war-crimes/>

Germany	Two alleged jihadists (Jabhat-al Nusra and ISIS) charged with war crimes. ⁷⁷ (2017)	Mousa H. A.(Anas Ibrahim A.S.) and Abdulmalk A. arrested on May 9, 2017 for membership in terrorist organizations. Abdulmalk A. accused of murder as a war crime. They both remain in custody pending investigations. ⁷⁸	<i>Pending</i> Investigation against Abdulmalk for murder terminated. ⁷⁹
Germany	Alleged ISIS member accused of perpetrating war crime. ⁸⁰ (2017)	Akram A. arrested on February 7, 2017 in northeast Germany and taken into custody on suspicion of belonging to ISIS. Also accused of a war crime for raping a Syrian woman. On 12 June 2017, federal prosecutor requested investigating judge waive arrest warrant and release suspect due to new findings questioning the validity of original charges.	Suspect released due to lack of evidence.
Germany	Harry Sarfo Case (2017)	In July 2017, Sarfo (German national and former ISIS member) was charged with six counts of murder and war crimes following release of video by Washington Post showing Sarfo taking part in execution of six prisoners in Syria. Currently detained, he is awaiting the decision whether additional accusations are legitimate and would not constitute a second punishment based on the same facts ⁸¹	<i>Pending</i> Previously sentenced to three years in prison for belonging to a terrorist organization; investigation ongoing for war crimes and crimes against humanity. ⁸²
Germany	Former ISIS member charged with committing a war crime (2018)	Nils D., a 27 year old German citizen, was charged with killing of a person protected under international humanitarian law and for torture carried out in an IS controlled prison in Manbij. Federal Court of Justice issued an arrest warrant on March 23, 2018 for these charges, but the accused was already serving a 4 year prison sentence in connection to his role in the administration of the prison in Manbij. ⁸³	<i>Pending</i> The new charges alleging war crimes, and direct participation in torture which led to the death of at

⁷⁷ TRIAL International Universal Jurisdiction Annual Review 2018: <https://trialinternational.org/latest-post/make-way-for-justice-4-momentum-towards-accountability/> ; <https://trialinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/UJAR-Make-way-for-Justice-2018.pdf>

⁷⁸ Trial international: <https://trialinternational.org/latest-post/four-siblings-suspected-of-war-crimes/>

⁷⁹ Federal Attorney General, Germany: <https://www.generalbundesanwalt.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/2017/Pressemitteilung-vom-11-12-2017.html>

⁸⁰ TRIAL International Universal Jurisdiction Annual Review 2018: <https://trialinternational.org/latest-post/make-way-for-justice-4-momentum-towards-accountability/> ; <https://trialinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/UJAR-Make-way-for-Justice-2018.pdf>

⁸¹ TRIAL International: <https://trialinternational.org/latest-post/harry-sarfo/>

⁸² TRIAL International: <https://trialinternational.org/latest-post/harry-sarfo/>

⁸³ The Higher Regional Court of Dusseldorf: https://www.olg-duesseldorf.nrw.de/behoerde/presse/archiv/Pressemitteilungen_aus_2016/20160304_PM_Urteilsverkuendung-Nils-D_/index.php

			least 3 prisoners, were rejected on the basis of double jeopardy concerns. The decision is now on appeal. ⁸⁴
Latvia	Martins Grinbergs Case (2016)	Grinsbergs, a Latvian national, was convicted of illegal participation in an armed conflict on the side of ISIS and sentenced to four years in prison. He was acquitted of participation in a criminal organization's crimes against humanity or war crimes. ⁸⁵ On the appeal, he was found guilty of involvement in crimes committed by a terrorist organization and his prison sentence was increased from 4 years to 10, with an additional 3-year probationary period. ⁸⁶ His lawyer stated his intention to appeal to the Supreme Court. ⁸⁷	Sentenced to 10 years in prison in November 2017.
Netherlands	Cases of Oussama A. and Reda N.	Oussama A. and Reda N. are Dutch nationals that were involved in terrorist organizations in the FSA. They are both charged with membership in a terrorist organization and of recruiting. ⁸⁸ In addition, Oussama A. is suspected of committing a war crime for posing with a dead body and posting the photo on Facebook. ⁸⁹ In May of 2018, the two defendants were sentenced to 6 year jail sentences for belonging to a terrorist organization in Turkey. They were only in custody there for 18 months.	In July 2019, Oussama A. was jailed for 7.5 years by judges in the Hague for being a member of a terrorist organization and for committing crimes against humanity. Reda N. was jailed for 4.5 years on terrorism charges. Their defense lawyer said he will appeal against the sentences because they have already been found guilty in Turkey. ⁹⁰

⁸⁴ Beth Van Schaack: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3327676

⁸⁵ LSM.LV: <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/society/latvian-man-sentenced-to-four-years-for-fighting-in-syria.a234681/>

⁸⁶ LSM.LV: <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/crime/latvian-daesh-volunteer-gets-sentence-increased-to-10-years.a257657/>

⁸⁷ LSM.LV: <https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/crime/latvian-daesh-volunteer-gets-sentence-increased-to-10-years.a257657/>

⁸⁸ NL Times: <https://nltimes.nl/2018/10/16/dutch-jihadist-charged-war-crime-posing-body>

⁸⁹ Dutch News.nl: <https://www.dutchnews.nl/news/2018/10/dutch-jihadi-guilty-of-war-crimes-public-prosecutor-says/>

⁹⁰ Dutch News.nl: <https://www.dutchnews.nl/news/2019/07/jihadis-jailed-by-dutch-judges-despite-earlier-turkish-conviction/>