Special Event
Towards Prosecuting Core International Crimes Committed by ISIL/Da’esh Members

The Pattern of Mass Killing: ISIL crimes against Tikrit Air Academy Personnel

New York, 10th June 2022
1:15 pm to 2:30 pm
Trusteeship Council – United Nations Secretariat

Co-hosted by
The Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations,
The Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations,
and the United Nations Investigative Team to promote accountability for Crimes Committed by Da’esh / Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (UNITAD)

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The massacre committed against cadets and personnel from Tikrit Air Academy, also known as “Camp Speicher”, was the single worst mass killing carried out by ISIL/Da’esh during its campaign of violence in Iraq during 2014-2017. Up to 1700 unarmed Iraqi Air Force cadets and personnel from the Tikrit Air Academy were killed by ISIL/Da’esh, in June 2014, as they fled the group’s advance on the city of Tikrit.

In this special event, UNITAD, in partnership with the Iraqi Judiciary, will present investigations into international crimes committed by ISIL/Da’esh members in the Tikrit Air Academy. UNITAD has completed a case brief with detailed evidence that can be used to support prosecutions of ISIL members for these crimes, with the aim of holding perpetrators accountable in evidence-based judicial processes and ensuring justice for the survivors and the families of the victims.

The video to be presented at the special event was produced by SITU Research, as a special production aiming at bringing the crime scene to viewers. The video synthesizes testimonial, documentary, digital and forensic evidence into a compelling narrative that tells the story of the core international crimes committed by ISIL/Da’esh members in Tikrit.

AGENDA

Event moderated by Ms. Sherine Tadros, Head of Amnesty International’s UN Office

1:15 - 1:25

Opening Statements

- Mr. Christian Ritscher,
  Special Adviser and Head of UNITAD
- H.E. Mr. Mohammad Hussein Bahr al-Uloom,
  Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations

1:25 - 1:35

Video Screening

Video providing a visual representation of the case of ISIL/Da’esh’s crimes at Camp Speicher. This includes witness testimony, satellite imagery, forensic evidence, and open-source exploitation. The video is produced by SITU Research, an inter-disciplinary team based in New York specializing in spatial analysis and platform development.

(NB: The video contains some upsetting scenes. Viewer discretion is advised)

1:35 - 2:00

Overview and Presentation on the Case

- Ms. Vega Iodice,
  Head of the Tikrit Air Academy/ Camp Speicher Investigative Unit - UNITAD
- Honourable Judge Yasser Al Khozaa’i,
  Investigative Judge at the Rusafa Court in Baghdad (video message)

2:00 - 2:10

Expert insight

- Mr. Sarhang Hamasaeed,
  Director, Middle East Programs, United States Institute of Peace

2:10 - 2:25

Q&A and interventions

2:25 - 2:30

Concluding Remarks

- H.E. Ms. Miia Rainne,
  Deputy Permanent Representative and Chargé d’Affaires a.i