



PRESS RELEASE

Title: Update Hasna A. case: Register to Livestream the Appeal Hearings (9-12 February 2026)

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Netherlands: The Court of Appeal at the Schiphol Judicial Complex will review the Hasna A. case, a landmark case involving crimes against the Yazidi community. The court made its first decision in December 2024. The defense has asked for the decision to be reviewed, hence the appeal hearings are scheduled to take place from 9 to 12 February 2026.

Hasna A., a 33-year-old Dutch woman, travelled from the Netherlands to Syria in 2015 with her young son, where she married an ISIL member. She was repatriated to the Netherlands in late 2022 along with other women and children from camps in northern Syria, then arrested and charged under Dutch law.

Hasna A.'s trial began in the Hague in October 2024. On 11 December 2024, the Court of First Instance delivered its verdict, sentencing her to ten years' imprisonment for: 1) Crimes against humanity of enslavement; 2) Membership in a terrorist organisation (ISIL); 3) Participation in and promotion of terrorist crimes; and 4) Child endangerment. The case marked a milestone, as it was the first time an individual was prosecuted and convicted in the Netherlands for crimes committed against the Yazidi community.

The forthcoming appeal hearings will be open to the public in person at the Court of Appeal at the Schiphol Judicial Complex and via livestream in Dutch with interpretation in Kurmanji.

To request access to the live stream, please send an email to info@yazda.org with the subject line "**Hasna A. case Livestream**". Once registered, you will be sent a secure link that will allow you to watch the screening. If you face any issues receiving the link, you can reach out to us at the same email address.

Natia Navrouzov, Executive Director at Yazda, commented:

"For Yazidi survivors, following justice processes can be deeply meaningful, but also emotionally difficult. By making the appeal hearing accessible, just as during the first-instance proceedings, through livestream, the Netherlands has taken an important step toward survivor-centered justice, one that for now remains rare. This access allows survivors to stay informed in ways that respect their choices and well-being. Yazda is committed to supporting survivors and affected communities to follow these proceedings safely, with language access, and with proper explanations."

Further updates, including the outcome of the appeal, will be shared with the community in due course.

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About Yazda:

Yazda is a non-governmental, non-profit organization that was established in 2014 in response to the genocide committed by the self-declared Islamic State (ISIS) against the Yazidis and other minorities in Iraq. Yazda manages a portfolio of humanitarian, justice, advocacy, and development-related projects, all of which are community and survivor-centered in terms of design and implementation. Since its inception, Yazda has been working with local and international partners to provide humanitarian, accountability, and advocacy services to vulnerable minority groups in Iraq in their post-genocide recovery. The organization has been operating in Iraq since October 2014 and has main offices in Duhok in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq and a branch office in Sinjar in Nineveh Province. Yazda is registered as a non-profit organization in the United States, the United Kingdom, Iraq, Kurdistan Region of Iraq. Over the past 8 years, Yazda has grown to employ around 80 staff on average, received support from numerous donors, both institutional and individual, and has reached tens of thousands of direct and indirect beneficiaries through its programs and initiatives.