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First Sentence Against Islamic State Militant Comes Into Force in Moscow

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The first sentence against a former Islamic State militant has come into force in Moscow, with the defendant sentenced to four years in a penal colony followed by two years of partial house arrest, Russian media reported Tuesday.

Tural Ragimov, the owner of a car repair shop in the Russian capital, was found guilty of participating in hostilities in Syria as part of an IS unit known as "Turkish House," the Rosbalt news agency reported.

Upon his return to Moscow, Ragimov helped run a recruitment operation and supply the terror group with ammunition, until his detention by counterintelligence forces in the autumn of 2014, according to the report.

He pleaded guilty soon after his capture and cooperated with the investigation, which led to the a relatively light sentence. Ragimov did not appeal the verdict, which subsequently

went into force early this week.

In addition to the prison sentence and house arrest, he has been barred from taking part in large public gatherings, according to the RBC news website.

IS, also known as Daesh, is banned in Russia as a terrorist organization.

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