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Russian Citizen Jailed in Norway for Ties to Islamic State

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A Norwegian court has sentenced a Russian citizen to seven years and a half years in prison for ties with the Islamic State (IS), local news website Verdens Gang reported Wednesday.

Adam Magomedov, 23, was working in IS in order to commit terrorist attacks, Verdens Gang reported. Magomedov had been living in Oslo since 2008, but left for Syria in 2014 to fight alongside IS.

Magomedov returned to Norway less than a year later, but denies the fighting in Syria.

Norway is set to hand over Magomedov to the Russian authorities, the TASS news agency reported.

Russia's Prosecutor General Yury Chaika announced in June that 3,500 Russians had joined terrorist groups in the Middle East.

The Islamic State is a terrorist organization banned in Russia.

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