

Ex-jihadi housewife jailed in Norway for joining IS

From the [testified \(during her trial\)](#) that she was radicalised and left for the war-torn country in 2013 after falling in love and marrying Bastian Vasquez. Vasquez was a Chilean-Norwegian jihadist who converted to Islam and was fighting at the time for an Al-Qaeda-linked group. He later joined the Islamic State group and died while making explosives.

“I was so in love that I believed everything he said,” The woman said she quickly became disillusioned on arriving in Syria and on several occasions tried in vain to return home.

She ended up marrying two other foreign fighters during her time in Isis-controlled territory and had two children, one from Vasquez.

Prosecutors, however, have challenged her account accusing her of trying to recruit other women to join the terror group.

“During her marriage to Vasquez, she spoke highly of the Islamic State and of life in Syria to women in Norway with the aim of getting them to marry foreign men fighting for the group,” according to the charge sheet. Vasquez died in 2015 and the woman subsequently married an Egyptian man with whom she had her second child. But he also died in combat and she married one of his friends, also a fighter for Isis.