

Islamic State beheads first women civilians

Jihadists have beheaded two women in Syria for sorcery, an extension of the punishment which is normally reserved for men.

The case marks the first time a woman civilian is recorded as having been beheaded, though the punishment has been inflicted on women soldiers from the Kurdish militia, the YPJ, the female version of the YPG.

Women have been stoned to death for adultery. Sorcery, in Islamic countries, usually means fortune-telling, a practice that is specifically outlawed in the Koran but remains popular.