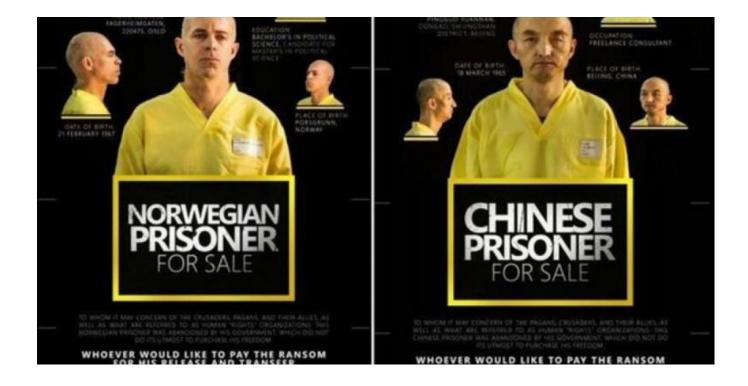


ISIL claims Norwegian and Chinese captives killed

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ISIL had two months ago demanded a ransom for the release of the men.

The announcement came in the latest issue of the group's English-language magazine on Wednesday, which contained a page that appeared to show the bodies of the two captives. A caption on the image said: "executed after being abandoned by kafir nations and organizations." "Kafir" is the Arabic word for infidel.

The group had earlier identified the Norwegian man as Ole Johan Grimsgaard-Ofstad, 48, from Oslo, and the Chinese man as Fan Jinghui, 50, a freelance consultant from Beijing. It did not say when or where the two were captured. ISIL controls large areas of Iraq and Syria.

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