
ISLAMIC STATE RELEASES VIDEO SHOWING EXECUTION OF IRAQ 'ELECTION ADVOCATORS'

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(Reuters) - Islamic States Amaq News Agency released a video on Friday showing what they said was Islamic State militants shooting two advocates for next months Iraqi parliamentary elections in the town of al-Tarmiyah, in the Salah al-Din governorate north of Baghdad.

Islamic State said earlier this week that it would attack polling stations in Iraq during parliamentary elections next month and that anyone who participated in the vote would be considered an infidel.

In an audio message released on April 22, the militant groups spokesman accused Iraqs Shiite-led government of being a proxy of Iran and warned that anyone who runs or votes in the May 12 election would be targeted.

Iraqi officials have said polling stations will be well protected.

Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi declared victory in December over Islamic State, which seized a third of Iraq in 2014, but the hardline Sunni militants have reverted to insurgency tactics following the crumbling of their self-declared caliphate.

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