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## **IRAQ COURT CONDEMNS TO DEATH 'DEPUTY OF DAESH LEADER'**

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BAGHDAD: An Iraqi court on Wednesday sentenced a prominent militant described as a deputy of Daesh group leader Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi to death on terrorism charges.

The Karkh criminal court in Baghdad sentenced to death by hanging one of the most prominent leaders of Daesh, who served as a deputy of Baghdadi, judicial spokesman Abdel Sattar Bayraqdar said.

Ismail Alwan Salman Al-Ithawi was extradited from Turkey earlier this year having fled Syria as the groups self-proclaimed caliphate crumbled.

He was tracked and detained through cooperation between Turkish, Iraqi and US intelligence agencies, a senior Iraqi official told AFP in February.

A native of the Iraqi city of Ramadi, Ithawi was accused of holding several positions including Daesh minister in charge of religious edicts.

Iraq declared victory over Daesh In December after a three-year war against the extremists who once controlled nearly one third of the country as well as swathes of neighboring Syria.

Baghdadi has been pronounced dead on several occasions, but an Iraqi intelligence official said in May that he remained alive in Syrian territory by the Iraqi border.

The Daesh chief called on Muslims to wage jihad in a purported new audio recording released last month.

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