

# Jordan vows retaliation against IS militants

Jordan's armed forces have promised that air strikes launched against Islamic State (IS) targets in Iraq and Syria are "just the beginning" of the country's retaliation for the killing of a captured Jordanian pilot

## HOSTAGE TIMELINE

- Dec 24, 2014:** Jordanian pilot **Lt. Muath al-Kasasbeh** captured by IS after his plane crashes in Syria
- Jan 20, 2015:** IS threatens to kill two Japanese hostages unless Japan pays \$200m ransom within 72 hours
- Jan 24:** IS releases video claiming it has killed Japanese hostage **Haruna Yukawa**. Group calls for release of **Sajida al-Rishawi** – Iraqi militant sentenced to death in Jordan
- Jan 28:** Jordan offers to release Rishawi in exchange for Kasasbeh
- Jan 31:** IS video shows body of Japanese hostage **Kenji Goto**
- Feb 3:** Video appears to show Kasasbeh burnt alive in cage. Jordanian media suggests he was killed weeks earlier
- Feb 4:** Jordan executes Rishawi and second prisoner



Clockwise from top left:  
Lt. Muath al-Kasasbeh,  
Kenji Goto, Haruna  
Yukawa, Sajida  
al-Rishawi

Jordanian  
F-16



IS control / support

**Feb 5, Raqqa**  
20 Jordanian  
F-16s hit IS  
weapons and  
training camps

**Feb 4, Mosul**  
Jordanian strikes  
kill 55 militants,  
including top IS  
commander

**Trebil:** Large number of Jordanian  
troops reportedly moving closer to  
Iraqi border crossing

Damascus

Amman

Baghdad

IRAQ

JORDAN

TURKEY

SYRIA

Kurdish control

200km  
120 miles

