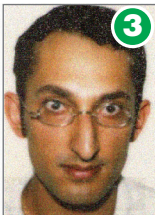


Foreign hostages in Iraq

Thousands of civilians have been kidnapped since the ousting of Saddam Hussein, including over 200 foreigners seized by gangs seeking ransom or insurgents trying to force the withdrawal of foreign troops from Iraq. More than 50 foreign hostages, and many more Iraqis, have been killed



1 Seized January 7: Jill Carroll, American, 28. Freelance journalist working for **Christian Science Monitor** and **Jordan Times**. Kidnappers threaten to kill her unless U.S. releases all Iraqi female prisoners in custody within 72 hours. Iraq's ministry of justice says six of eight women are to be released

2, 3, 4, 5 All seized November 26: (left to right) **James Loney**, from Canada, 41; **Harmeet Singh Sooden**, Canadian, 32; **Tom Fox**, American, 54; **Norman Kember**, British, 74 – all members of **Christian Peacemaker Teams**. Last seen on video released Dec 7 – captors threatened to kill group if U.S. and Britain did not free all detainees in Iraq by Dec 10

OTHER ABDUCTIONS

Dec 9: Ibrahim al-Sayyid al-Hilali, Egyptian, 46. Translator for U.S. army found dead near Tikrit two days later

Dec 6: Ronald Schulz, American, 40. Kidnappers shoot dead security consultant after deadline to release all U.S.-held Iraqi prisoners expires

Nov 29: Four Iranians – fate unknown

Nov 25, freed Dec 18: Susanne Osthoff, German, 43. Archaeologist and charity worker

FOREIGN HOSTAGES

Currently held: 24

Killed: 55

Released or escaped: 158

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