

FBI Arrests American Woman in Syria for Planning ISIS Terrorism in US

A Kansas woman was arrested Saturday for her role in organizing and leading an all-female battalion in support of ISIS.

According to the Justice Department, Allison Fluke-Ekren was apprehended in Syria, then transferred into the custody of the FBI in Alexandria, Virginia. She made her first appearance in a federal court Monday in Alexandria to meet her court-appointed attorney.

The 42-year-old is a former resident of Kansas and allegedly traveled to Syria several years ago for the purpose of encouraging terrorist activities.

In their complaint, federal prosecutors allege six separate eyewitness individuals observed Fluke-Ekren's activities. Prosecutors say Fluke-Ekren sought operatives for an attack against a college campus in the U.S. and even discussed a terrorist attack on a shopping mall.

She reportedly told one witness that "she considered any attack that did not kill a large number of individuals to be a waste of resources," according to an FBI affidavit.

First Assistant U.S. Attorney Raj Parekh wrote in a memo that Fluke-Ekren showed children as young as five years old how to use AK-47 assault rifles, grenades and suicide belts. {eo}

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