

Simon Minks



National Senior Public Prosecutor of the Netherlands, Simon Minks, specialises in counter terrorism and war crimes. Since 2015, he has (also) resumed position as Liaison Magistrate with the International Criminal Court (ICC) and MICT. He is an UNODC consultant on terrorism.

Previous to his current position , he was a practising lawyer for ten years and (deputy) judge for 3 years

Simon Minks' list of prosecutions (most of them in the appeal stage) includes five members of the terrorist group Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) for their role in the armed conflict in Sri Lanka (April 2015). In December of that year, nine members of an international terrorist group related to Syria and Iraq, which included recruiters and fighters for IS and Jabhat al-Nusra were also brought to trial. Since 2016 till now he has been prosecuting suspects of terrorism!

Three years in near succession, he prosecuted (in appeal) Somali pirates

Prosecuted in appeal, seven members of a terrorist organisation known as the Hofstad group were convicted by the court of appeal.

Earlier, in 2004, one of his most noteworthy prosecutions (in appeal) was the arrest of Frans van Anraat, first man convicted in connection with alleged war crimes committed against Kurds in Iraq and Iran.

Anraat was found guilty of supplying Saddam Hussein with chemicals in the full knowledge that they would be used in the manufacture of chemical weapons. Alleged in the Halabja massacre is that chemicals killed an estimated 5,000 civilians in a single day.

Minks is a (inter)national trainer of judges, prosecutors and policemen/ military and gives workshops, guestlectures and presentations about international crimes on several (inter) national universities.

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