Mullah Krekar is convicted in Italy and arrested in Oslo

From <u>Rawti Shax recruited</u> foreign terrorist fighters to be sent to Iraq and Syria and provided logistical and financial support, according to the Italian prosecutors who spearheaded the probe. They alleged that Krekar was the leader.

Italian authorities issued a new arrest order for Krekar and called for his extradition to Italy once again. Norway's PST (Politiets sikkerhetstjeneste) announced just before midnight Monday that it had followed through, seizing Krekar in line with "an international warrant and decision on arrest from Italian authorities."

Meling (Brynjar Meling, a Norwegian attorney who has defended Krekar for years at taxpayer expense in the many cases brought against him over the years) told NRK that Krekar has already appealed Monday's court verdict in Italy, delaying an extradition case. Krekar has constantly criticized Norway and western lifestyles but nonetheless has fought to remain in the country, and will likely resist extradition once again if his conviction and prison term are confirmed.