

## **Turkey deports US national as it starts returning ISIL fighters! - 11 November 2019**

Turkey has deported a US national who is a member of ISIL, according to a Turkish official, as Ankara said it started repatriating captured fighters belonging to the armed group. In comments carried on Monday by Turkey's state-run Anadolu Agency, interior ministry spokesperson Ismail Catakli said seven German nationals would be returned on November 14. Turkish Interior Minister Suleyman Soylu said last week Ankara would begin repatriating those held by Turkey as of Monday. Soylu did not provide any numbers or say which countries they would be sent back to. He said about 1,200 foreign ISIL fighters were in Turkish prisons and 287 members, including women and children, were recaptured during Turkey's military offensive into northeast Syria last month.