

Norway will 'not pay ransoms' for man held hostage by IS

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Reuters reports that a Norwegian man has been held hostage in Syria since January and is now believed to be in the hands of Islamic State.

Prime Minister Erna Solberg said she would not yield to the group's demand for a ransom payment.

"Our goal is to get our citizen home. Let me be very clear - this is a very demanding case," she told a news conference, Reuters said.

"The government is taking this very seriously," she said. "We cannot and will not give in to pressure from terrorists and criminals. Norway does not pay ransoms. That is a principle we cannot give up in meetings with cynical terrorists."