

Iraqis free one of two German hostages

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BAGHDAD -- Iraqi Islamic militants on Wednesday in Baghdad released a German woman kidnapped in February but the fate of her adult son remained uncertain. German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier told reporters in Berlin that Hannelore Krause, 61, was released to the German embassy in Baghdad after 155 days of captivity, but did not elaborate. Her 20-year-old son, Sinan, was not released, CNN reported. Krause is married to an Iraqi doctor and has lived in the country for many years, German media said. The pair were abducted by a militant Islamic group called the Arrows of Righteousness that posted Internet videos of the mother and son along with demands that some 3,000 German troops leave their NATO mission in Afghanistan. "Muslims are all one nation and have one religion," one militant posting said. "It is not acceptable that Germany leads the coalition troops in Afghanistan and attacks the secured villages and claim it is not fighting in Iraq."

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