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Islamic State: A Growing Threat to National Security



INTRODUCTION

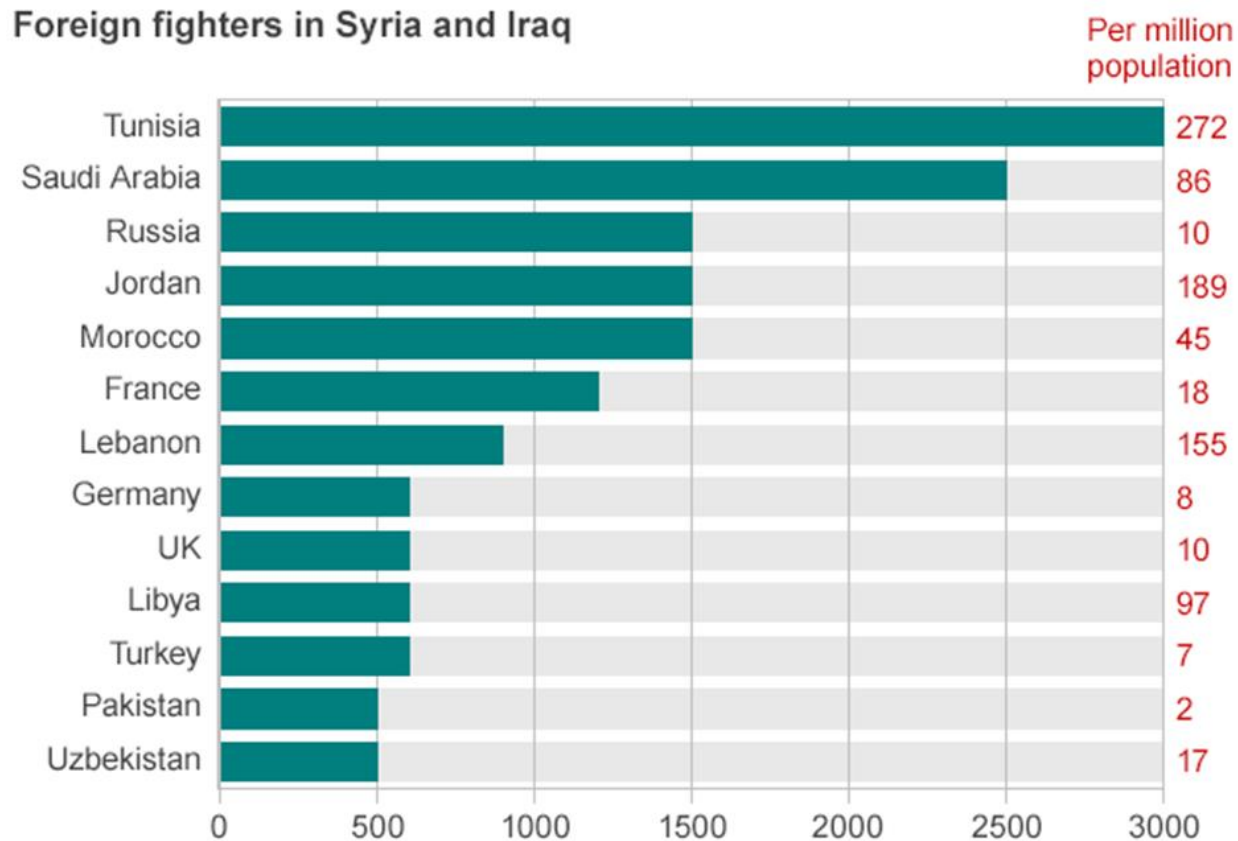
- Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant-ISIS (الدولة الإسلامية في العراق والشام); Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ash-Sham)- ISIS); *Daesh* (داعش)
- Salafi Extremist Movement – a jihadist?



Intro

- "...enforcement of shari'a, dispensation of justice, maintenance of law and order."
- Interpreting, reinterpreting, or more properly, misinterpreting al-Quran
- Jihad only from the "qital" (physical warfare perspectives)
- Ability to lure foreign jihadists
- Image creation problem – Why Islamic State?

FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT IS

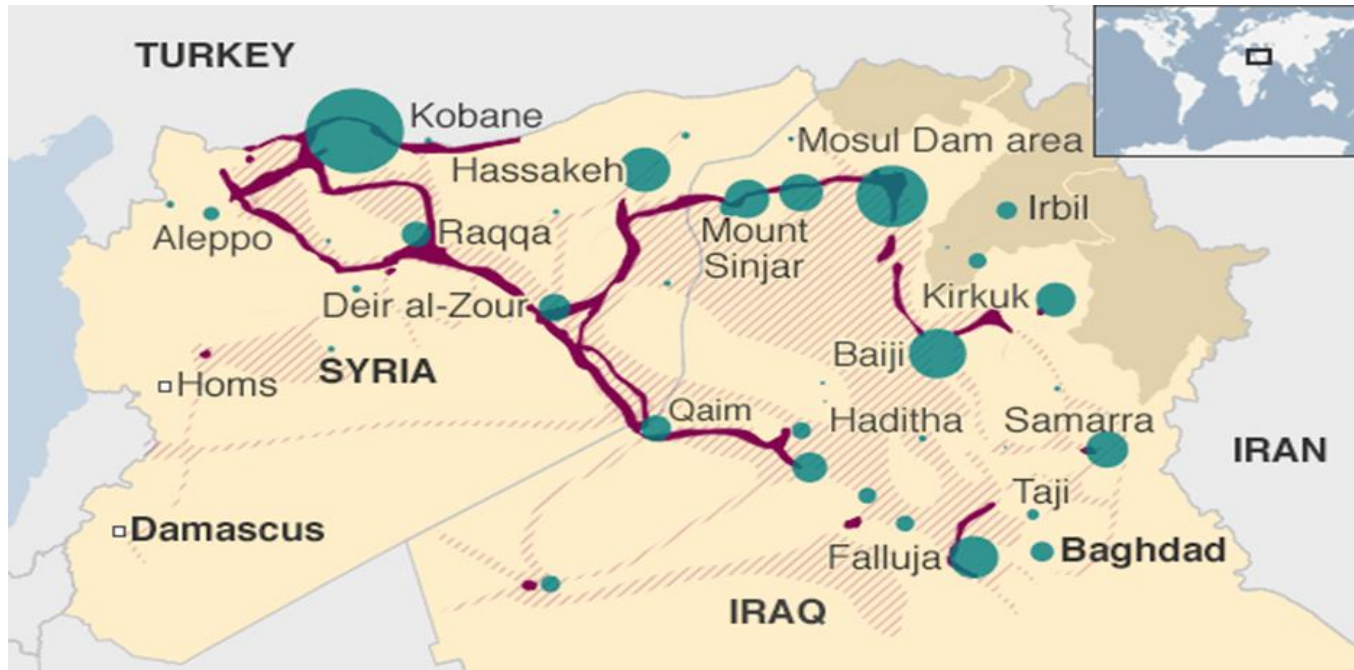


Note: Upper estimates used. Countries with fewer than 500 fighters not included

Source: ICSR, CIA World Factbook

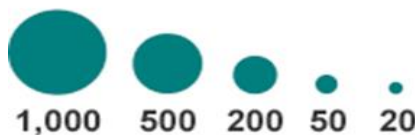


Facts and Figures...



Confirmed air strikes up to 17 June 2015

IRAQ 2,656 SYRIA 1,617



■ IS control ▨ IS support

■ Kurdistan Government-administered

100 km 50 miles

Note: Strikes have not been mapped when the precise location was not given or was unclear.

Source: Institute for the Study of War, US Central Command

BBC



A GROWING THREATS?



WHY MILITANCY/TERRORISM?

- Growing discontent in Muslim countries
 - An ideal Islamic governance and the reality
 - Corruption
 - Authoritarianism
- Economic Deprivation
 - Rich resources; but unequal distribution
 - Extreme poverty
- Global Structural Problems – Who're behind all this phenomenon?



IS's REVOLUTIONARY APPROACHES

- Seek divine answer; use of Force to change social discontent and structural inequality
- Associated with terrorism, appearance of more religious terrorist groups
- Resources- self-sufficient in financing themselves through charity, donation and other legal/illegal activities
- Structure - shifted from being top-down hierarchical and pyramidal to less hierarchical and loosely connected



IS's Revolutionary...

- Recruitments and Tactics - through the modern technologies of internet to enrich their human resources.
- Motivations- Islam as black and white; Anti-West?
- Objectives – jihad, the caliphate system

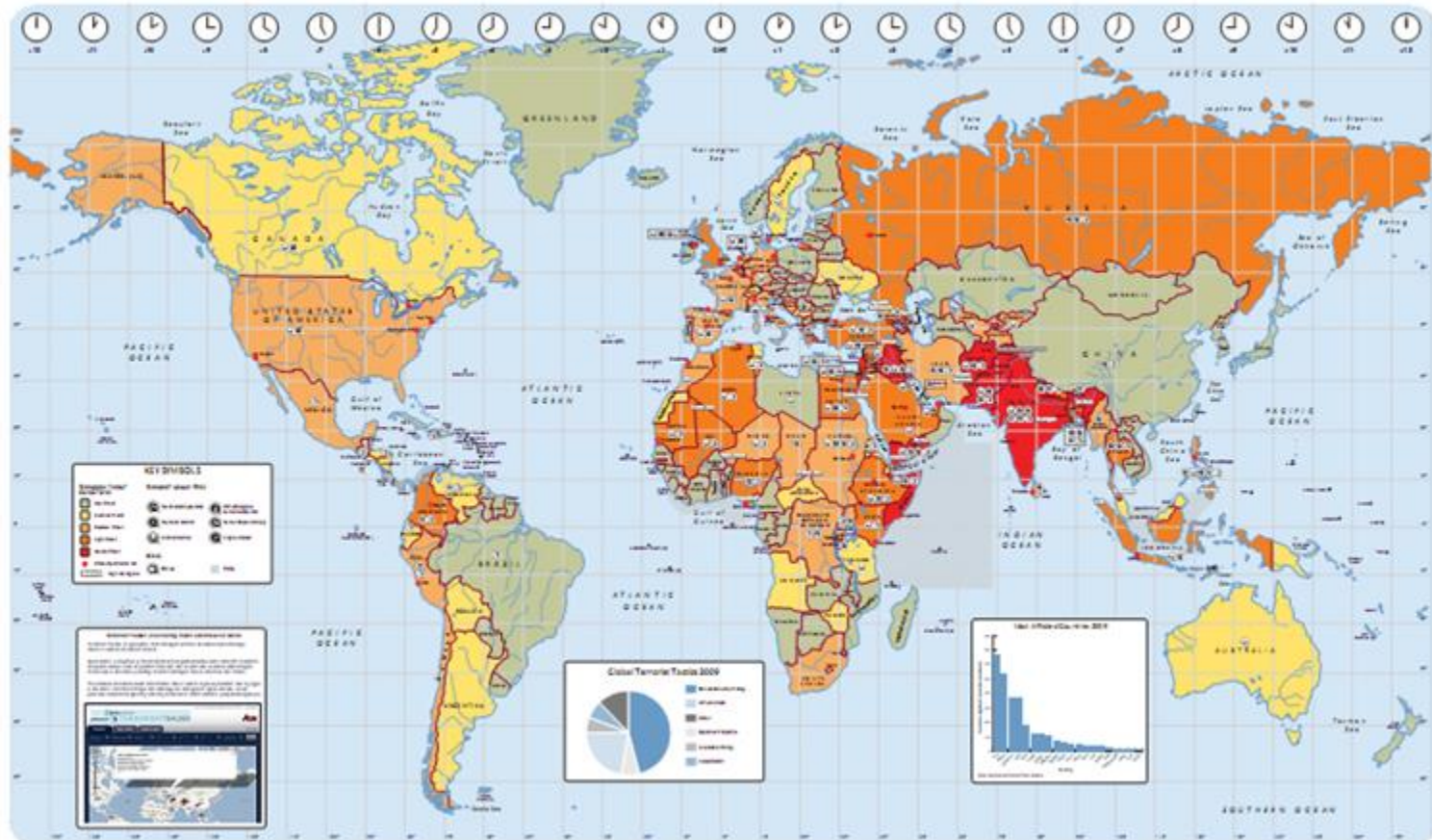


IS's Revolutionary...

- Targets – Muslim and non Muslims governments, Individuals, groups
- Lethality - indiscriminate killings (compared to that of al-Qaeda and JI)



TERRORISM THREAT MAP



Aon Global Corporate Marketing and Communications (2014)



THE SECURITY DIMENSIONS



SECURITY IMPLICATIONS?

- WARFARE CAPABILITY/ EXPERIENCES
 - Former Taliban/Al-Qaeda veterans
 - Professional military ability
 - Man Portable air defence System (MPADS)
 - US-made Stinger (USD38,000); Russian-made (USD1500)



Security...

- GLOBAL INTER-RELIGIOUS RELATIONS
 - IS, Terrorism, Islam- general assumption related to Muslim community
 - Discrimination Against Muslims worldwide
 - Ignited religious hatred and misunderstanding – Europe and US
 - Islam = authoritarianism ; =poverty; =political and economic discrimination



Security...

- STATE'S DILEMMA-UNKNOWN SECURITY THREATS
 - Nature of recruitment; Surprise attacks
 - New approaches in managing security threats
 - Rely on concerted intelligence gatherings
- HUMAN SECURITY
 - Humanity Consequences
 - Displaced people
 - Refugees Crisis – European case



THANK YOU

