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ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA

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TURKEY

Kobani

Raqqa

SYRIA

Damascus

Baghdad

IRAQ

 CONTESTED OR CONTROLLED BY ISIS

ISIS – Many Names

- Islamic State in Iraq (ISI)–2006
- Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS)
- Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS)
 - Arab geographical term for Damascus
- Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)
 - US reference
- al-Dawla al-Islamiya fil 'Iraq wal-Sham (Da'ish)
 - Arab reference
- State of the Islamic Caliphate (SIC)

INTRODUCTION

- The **Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)** is a Wahhabi/Salafi jihadist extremist militant group. It is led by and mainly composed of Sunni Arabs from Iraq and Syria.
- ISIS has control over territory in Iraq and Syria with an estimated population of 2.8 million to 5.3 million people.
- ISIL is adept at social media, posting internet videos of beheadings of soldiers, civilians, journalists and aid workers, and is known for its destruction of cultural heritage sites.
- Muslim leaders around the world have condemned ISIL's ideology and actions

ORIGIN OF ISIS

The ISIS organization didn't start as a new terrorist group, most of them were former al-Qaeda members since 2004. As the group started to reduce in size and number, a new group was formed by a terrorist named Abu Ayyub al-Masri, which later named as ISIS

What does IS want?

- Jihadist wants to establish a Islamic state which to be ruled according to Sariyat laws.
- Most of the IS fighter(muzahids) are Sunni Muslims.
- Abu-Bakar-al-bagdadi claimed himself as Caliphate. Caliphate means the political successor of Prophet Mohammad.
- IS members are Jihadist and they consider themselves only true believers and rest others as enemies of their religion(Kafirs)

Head Of Islamic State- Abu Bakr El Bagdadi



Who is Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi?



- Born 1971 in Samara, Iraq
- Claims descent from Prophet Muhammed
- Doctorate in Islamic Studies?
- Preacher?
- Detained by US 2004/2005
- Appointed IS Emir by Shura Council in 2010
- Broke with Zawahiri

Funding

- *ISIS has been recognized as the richest terrorist organization in the world*
- *Oil and extortion*
- *Robbery*
- *Private funding (Money for Jihad)*



The ISIS rejects any Western interpretation of religious and political policies. It promotes religious violence to whoever stands against its Sunni extremist ideologies.



The struggle for innocent people to live through grotesque violence is absurd. International awareness is essential to stop any more human rights violations and war crimes allegedly committed by ISIS.

KIDNAPPING OF JOURNALIST

Lots of journalists have been kidnapped by ISIS terrorist and have been killed brutally by beheading them and shooting them





In August and September 2014, the ISIS released two propaganda video showing the beheading of US photojournalists they kept in hostage, saying that it was carried out in revenge for US bombings.

5 YEAR PLAN OF ISIS

Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) plans to take control of the Middle East, North Africa, most of the Indian subcontinent and parts of Europe, within the next five years (2020)



INFLUENCE OF ISLAMIC STATE AMONG INDIAN MUSLIMS

ISIS is rapidly spreading in the social media with a message to Kill all Hindus in India.



ISIS/ISIL

Islamic state of Iraq and Levant/
Islamic state of Iraq and Syria

MISSION

- A Salafi Jihadist militant group that follows a fundamentalist, Wahhabi doctrine of Sunni Islam
- Wahhabism is named after an Eighteenth Century preacher and scholar, Muhammad ibn Abd al-Wahhab (1703-1792)
- Local leader Muhammad bin Saud joined together promising that protection and propagation of the Wahhabi movement mean “ Power and glory” and rule over “Land and men”
- Pact continued and eventually proclamation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in 1932

ISIS evaluation and progress

1999 – 2006 - Jordanian Jihadist Abu Musab – al – Zaraqawi and his militant group Jama'at al- Tawhid WalJihad existing since 1999 , after invasion of Iraq in 2003 took active part in insurgency in Iraq and carried out attacks and bombings on Shia mosques,civilians, Iraqi govt set ups and Multi -Nation Force .

Al- Zaraqawi group pledged allegiance to Osama bin Laden's al- Qaeda in October 2004 and formed al Qaeda of Iraq.

2006 onward - Al- Qaeda then Deputy leader Ayman Al- Zawahiri draw special plan of action as , expel US troop and clash Israel.

In 2010, Abu Bakr al- Baghdadi was appointed new leader of the Islamic state of Iraq. He replenished the killed leadership with former Ba'athist military and intelligence officers served during Saddam Hussein rule.

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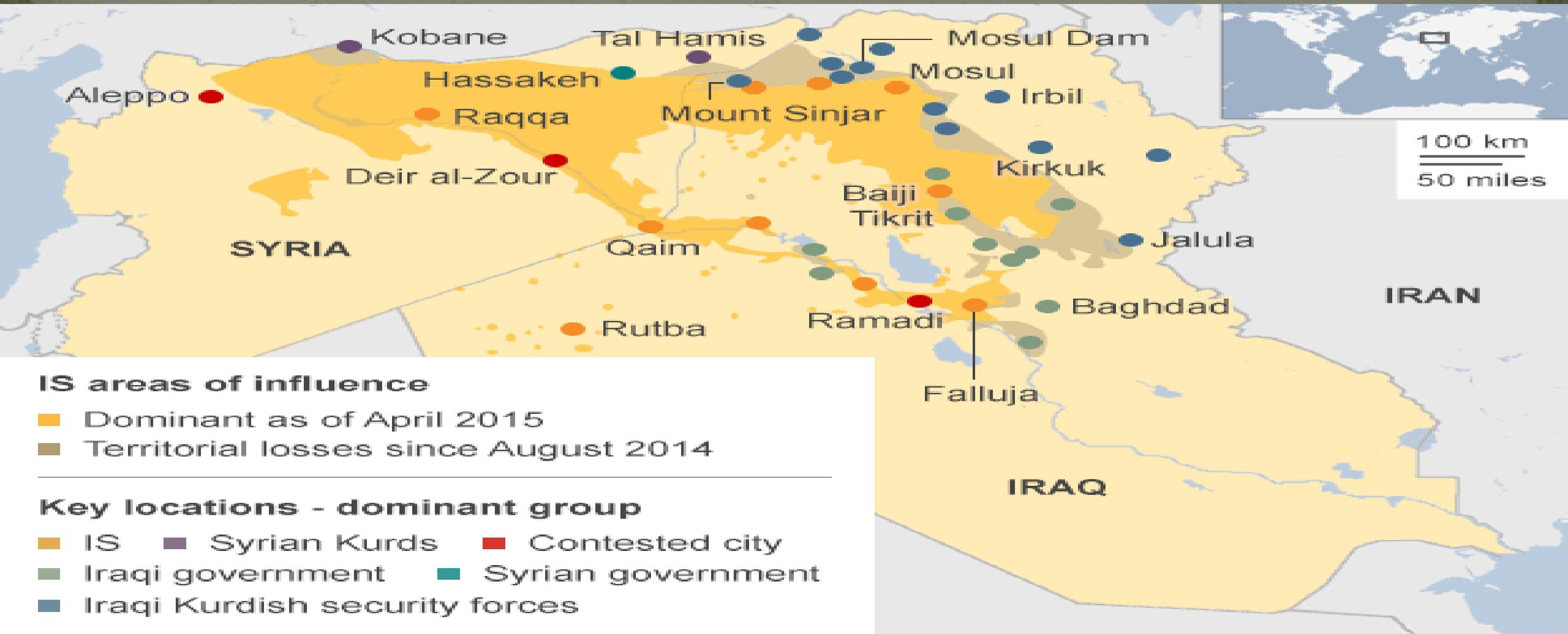
- As caliph, he demands the allegiance of all devout Muslims worldwide, according to Islamic jurisprudence
- ISIL has detailed its goals in its *Dabiq* magazine, saying it will continue to seize land and take over the entire Earth until its Blessed flag...covers all eastern and western extents of the Earth, filling the world with the truth and justice of Islam and putting an end to the falsehood and tyranny of jahiliyyah [state of ignorance], even if American and its coalition despise such.

- According to German journalist who spent ten days embedded with ISIS in Mosul, the view he kept hearing was that ISIS wants to "conquer the world", and that all who do not believe in the group's interpretation of the Koran will be killed.
- The ISIS fighters' belief that all religions who agree with democracy have to die and by their "incredible enthusiasm" – including enthusiasm for killing "hundreds of millions" of people.
- A map was circulated around the internet purporting to show historical areas of former Muslim states in Europe, Asia, and Africa into which ISIS plan to expand.

- When the caliphate was proclaimed, ISIS stated: "The legality of all emirates, groups, states and organizations becomes null by the expansion of the khilafah's [caliphate's] authority and arrival of its troops to their areas.
- This was a rejection of the political divisions in Southwest Asia that were established by European countries during World War-I.
- All non-Muslim areas would be targeted for conquest Muslim lands were dealt with according to their manual *Management of Savagery*.

ISIS AREA OF INFLUENCE





Source: US Department of Defense. Tikrit was retaken from IS in April 2015



ISIS' Implication On India's Internal Security



IS INDIA A PRIMARY TARGET OF ISIS?

- More than 7million Indians live and work in the gulf region, which is the volatile region in world.
- Their safety and welfare is of overriding importance for India.
- India is dependent for over 70% of its oil and gas supplies on the gulf region.
- Thousands of Indians need to be rescued.
- Remittance also affects.
- 40 Indians workers were kidnapped by the suspected ISIS militants from Mosul during mid June 2014.
- 16 Indian nurses taken by ISIS militants from city of Tikrit.

Pakistan- India-ISIS

- Pakistan's role behind the ISIS threat to India also needs to be considered.
- The ISIS flags which are frequently seen in Kashmir nowadays and also the activities which are visible in the name of ISIS in India can have a contribution and encouragement from the Pakistan secret agency ISI.
- Pakistan is nowadays infamous as an exporter of Terrorism.
- Pakistan wants to show the world that the Muslim youths from India are increasingly attracted to ISIS.
- Pakistan can undertake such actions to keep away from getting its image spoiled.
- ISIS has turned its attention toward India is the hunt for volunteers and fighters.

ATTRACTED?

- Radicalisation.
- Illiteracy and unemployment.
- Social media.
- Adventurism and mercenary gain.
- Influence of extremist sects (Wahhabism,Salahfism,Deobandi sects etc.)
- Fear of alienation among Muslim minority.
- Sectarian ridge.
- Inducement through various Muslim outfits like SIMI,IM.

ISIS' intention toward India

- Want India(Indian subcontinent) to be a part of Khurasan region to establish its Caliphate.
- Giving rise to Sectarian ridge- As Shia(Indian) wants to go protect their Kufa & Karbala(their pilgrims) can escalate problems between Shia and Sunni in India.
- In search of new recruits(jihadist)
- Al Baghdadi in his ramzan speech 2014 vowed war against several countries including India(*al hind*)

Way ahead for India

- Establishment of robust intelligence sharing networks with Persian gulf countries, for instance deportation of youth from UAE, Intelligence and information sharing on agenda
- Time has come to look middle-east not only for oil and energy and commercial angle but also for military and security arena too.
- India joining US(NATO) led attacks not feasible option.
- Inclusive policy of development domestically.
- Regular conversation between government authorities and mainstream Muslim leaders (Ulemas).
- De-radicalisation process and mainstream inclusion as well as rehabilitation
- Authorities to plan sensitization measure.
“We will not prosecute those radicalised”- HM
- By Strengthening Cyber security.
- Contingency arrangement in event of sudden supply disruption instead of doing this when and after disruption take place.

How India can aid in Syrian solution?

- To adhere Panchsheel policy and to broad foreign policy.
- Humanitarian assistance for Internally Displaced Person(IDP) and Syria refugees.
- Fully support to the UN Mission for solution in Syria.