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Demystifying ISIS: Reality in the Context of Global Power Politics

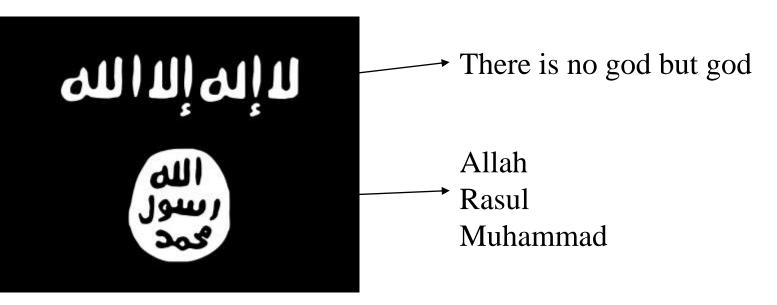
Etymology

الدولة Ad-Daulat الإسلامية الإسلامية fee في i-Iraq العراق wa Sh-Sham

Sometimes we can also call it ISIL, L stands for Levant, which is the translation of "Sham".

*Sh is the sun letter in Arabic language, so shaddah should be put on the consonant after the letter lam, and you can see"sh-sham".

Flag of ISIS



- •This sentence is Kalimah Shahadah, which is one of the pillars and the most important pillar in Islam. They use Kalimah Shahadah as the design of the flag.
- •Its original sentence:

la 'ilaha 'illa-llah, muhammadurrasulu-llah

- •Same sentence could be seen on the flag of Saudi Arabia
- •This sentence could commonly be seen in Islamic world, especially in Masjid, Madrasah and Maahad (Islamic Schools)

Introduction to Islam

Muhammad and Islam

- He was born in A.D. 570 in Makkah, his great-grandfather Hashim bin Abdul Manaf moved from Gaza to Makkah. (Banu Hashim)
- His birthday is so-called as Maulidurrasul
- His grandfather and grandmother: Abdul Muttalib bin Hashim and Fatimah binti Amr
- His parents: **Abdullah** bin Abdul Muttalib and **Aminah** binti Wahb bin Abd Manaf (Aminah: the third cousins of Abdul Muttalib)
- His parents died when he was young and was raised by his uncle-Abi Talib
- Ali, the son of Abi Talib, also the cousin of Muhammad, married to Fatimah, the daughter of Muhammad and Khadijah binti Khuwaylid (Khuwaylid: the cousin of Abdul Muttalib), and fathered two sons—Hussein and Hassan (Ahlul Bait)

The concept of Islamic Politics

The split of Sunnah and Shia

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Sunna	Shia
1.2 Billion (about 87-90%)	200 Million (about 10-13%)
Leaders: chosen by the agreement of Ummah/ Umat	Must be the male descendents of Ali and Fatimah
Mazhabs:	Mazhabs:
•Hanbali-Arabian Peninsula	•Zayidi (5): Northern Yemen
•Hanafi-Central Asia	•Ismaili (7):
•Maliki: Africa	•Twelvers (12): Iran
•Syafii: Somalia, SE Asia	•Druze, Alawi: Levant
Umayyid, Abbasid, Ottoman, Malacca, Aceh	Fatimid, Safavid, Maanid, Shihab, Mutawakilite, Pahlavi

And Sufism could be seen in Turkey, North Africa and Central Asia



Shariah Law/ Qanun Islami

Hukum Allah (Law of Allah)

- Sariqah (Stealing)
- Hirabah (Robbing)
- Zina (Adultery/ Fornication)
- Qazaf (False accusation of Zina)
- Syrub/ Shrub al-Khamr (Drinking wine)
- Irtidad/ Riddah/ Murtad (Apostasy)
- Bughat (Rebel, not part of Qanun, depend on unique situation)

Hukum Muamalat (Law of social activities)

- Nikah (Wedding)
- Istiqdad (Economic)
- Harb (War)
- Waqf/ Waqaf (Inheritance)
- Drawing and monument
- Sihir (Black magic)

Source of Law

- Al-Qur'an
- Al-Hadith
- Ijma/Ijmak (Consenses)
- Qiyas (Analogical Reasoning)
- Urf (Customs)
- Ijtihad

Hukum Ibadah (Law of Worship)

- Solat (Praying)
- Zakat (Donation)
- Sawm (Fasting)
- Haj (Pilgrimage)

Four Sunni Schools of Thought (Figh or Jurisprudence)

Hanbali

Mainly on Arabian peninsula

Qur'an→Hadith→Ijmak

(Consenses of Sahabah)→
Sahabi's opinion→Mursalah or
Dhaeef Hadith→Direct
Maslaha (Public Interest)

Hanafi

- Mainly in Central Asia
- Qur'an→Reliable
 Hadith→Istihsan (Good
 Preference)→Urf (Custom)

Shafi'i/Syafi'i

Mainly in E. Africa & SE Asia

Qur'an→Hadith→Ijma'

(Consensus)→Bid'ah

(Innovation)→Tasdiq

(Confirmation)

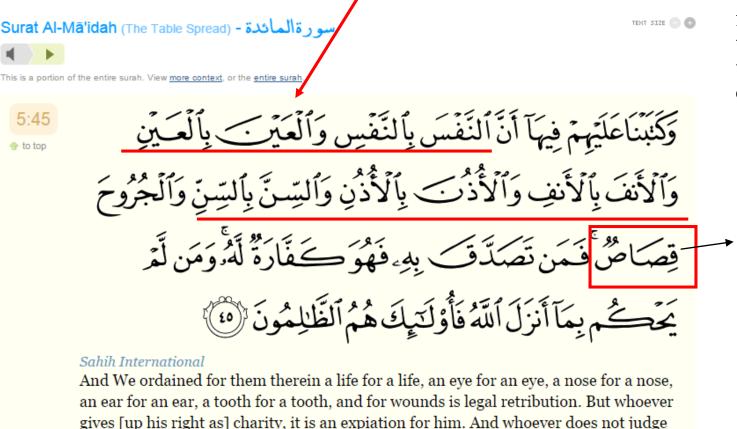
Maliki

- Mainly in Africa
- Qur'an→Hadith→Urf in Madina→Mursalah→Qiyas→ Muslim Maslaha→no conflict with Islamic practice

Different schools have their own different interpretations on Qanun Islami.

Method of Shariah Law (1)

- Hudud: literately means "Limit", its singular word is Hadd, punishment based on Qur'an and Hadith, usually applied on Hukum Allah [Sovereignty of Allah)
- Qisas: Retaliation, i.e *eye for eye, tooth for tooth* (Surah Maidah Ayat 45)



by what Allah has revealed - then it is those who are the wrongdoers.

(In Iran, the victim's family have the right to choose whether they forgive the convict or not.)

"Qisas" in Arabic writing

Method of Shariah Law (2)

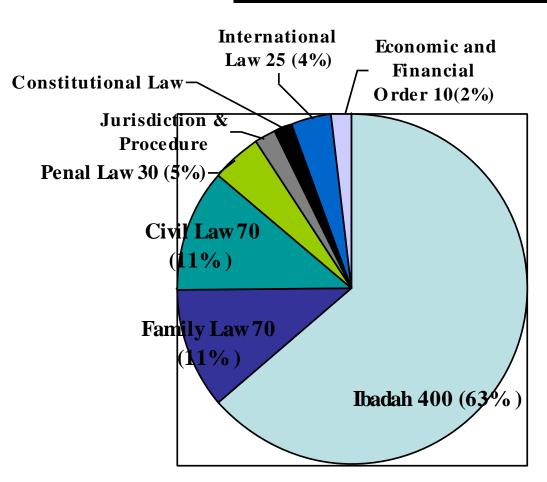
- Tazir: Corporal Punishment, the times of lash depend on Islamic scholar and the choice of mazhab by national leaders
- Diyya: financial compensation in case of murder, bodily harm or property damage





Shariah Law (3)

Jurisprudence Ayats Statistic



- Ibadah
- Family Law
- **■** Civil Law
- **■** Penal Law
- Jurisdiction and Procedure
- Constitutional Law
- International Law
- **□** Economic and Financial Order

Shariah Law (4)

Ibadah Ayats

Mainly sent down
 (Revelation or Wahyu)
 in Makkah, so-called
 "Makkiyah"

Civil Law, Family Law, Penal Law, Constitutional Law, International Law, Economic and Financial Order, Jurisdiction and Procedure...etc

 Mainly sent down in Madinah, so-called "Madaniyah"

But some Ayats sent down in Madinah, and could be seen as Makkiyah

The rise of religious purification

- Hanbalism: Ahmad ibn Hanbal (780-855),born in Baghdad, suggested the following of Dalil (Guidence), Avoidance of Hypothetical Fiqh, Avoidance of Excessive Indulgence in Ra'i, Ease and facilitation in the rulings of worship, transactions and marriage.
- Ibn Taymiyyah (1268-1328): Mongolian invasion destroyed the Islamic culture, and Ibn Taymiyyah suggested Tauhid (Monotheism) to fight against foreign cultural invasion. He aimed to protect the Islamic culture under Mongolian administration
- Muhammad bin Abdul Wahhab (1701-1793): the rise of Wahhabism aimed to solve the problems of Islamic practices and to resist the Turkish suppression. Wahhabism is the national ideology of Saudi Arabia nowadays.
- Jamaluddin Afghani (1838-1897): influenced by Wahhabism and suggested Pan-Islamism, the founder of Islam Modernism (his country faced with British invasion at that time)
- Hassan al-Banna: enlightened by the British colonial ruling and established Ikhwanul Muslimin (Muslim Brotherhood), brought ideological influence in Islamic world. While the Muslim Brotherhood faced with the persecution from Egyptian government in 20th centuries, some of them changed to extremism.

The combination of Salafism

- Salafism is an Islamic movement, it aims at strictly replicating the Islamic practices of their Prophet Muhammad.
- Tauhid is the main concept of Salafism, Allah is the sole creator, sovereign of universe, supreme and unique, has the right to be worshipped.
- The method of replicating islamic practics is to strictly follow the Qu'ran and hold fast to the purity of the Prophet Muhammad's model. (Unchallengeable) → Shariah Law
- They will issue fatwa to claim whether some customs or behaviors are HARAM or not if they discover its dispute.



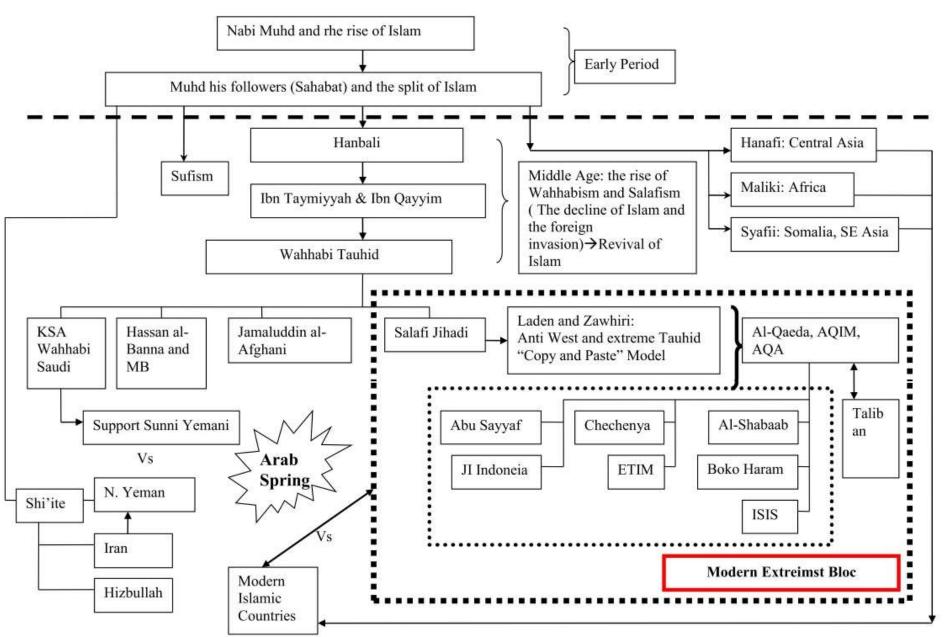
Immediate Events

- European Imperialism activities in Middle East (Sykes-Picot Agreement
- Abolishment of Caliphate (1923)
- Yawmul Nakba/ Catastrophic Day (1947)
- Gamal Nasser/ Jamal Nasser and Muslim Brotherhood (1950s-1960s)
- Seven Days War (1967)
- Iran Islamic Revolution
- Makkah Siege (Nov to Dec, 1979)
- Invasion of Soviet to Afghanistan (Dec 1979 to Feb 1989)

Al-Qaedism and its legacy

- Set up by Osama bin Muhammad bin Awda bin Laden
- Born in Yemen and moved to Saudi Arabia
- Met with Ayman al-Zawahiri (the spiritual leader of Al-Qaeda after the death of Laden) and Sayyid Qutb
- Set up in Afghanistan and became his terror base
- 9/11 was the famous terror attack in USA
- Most of his followers or another Islamists "copy and paste" his development model and generate another similar organization
- ISIS was one of the followers and split to an independent organization in Iraq and Syria while they had logical differences.

Concept map: Internal Political Crisis+Internal Islamic Cultural Crisis+Foreign Invasion→Find the solution from religious philosophies



Development of ISIS

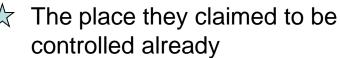
- Most of them had been the member of Al-Qaeda in Iraq (Abu Musab Zarqawi), former officers of Saddam Hussein and foreign warriors
- Extreme Ideological Ruling: implementing Shariah Law with limited religious knowledge and professional education → caused a lot of innocent victims (including Shia Muslim)
- Brutal massacre: Non Muslim could only have three choices-Convert to Islam, escape or being killed (e.g. Yazidi people)
- Raise the international attention by internet and media (& Advertisement): challenge the people of tolerance by brutal killing method (e.g. Jordanian pilot Muaz Kasasbeh)
- Territorial expansion: aimed at building super Caliphate kingdom, including the territories belonged to Islamic world
- Destroyed cultural heritage: they did not tolerate any religious idols or non Islamic building >> the cultural disaster (e.g. Palmyra/ Tadmur in Syria, Mosul in Iraq)
- Brainwashing education: closed secular schools, and opened religious schools > cultivating Tauhid education
- China and Russia veto move to refer in Syria to ICC: Syrian failed to see justice, indirectly led to the catastrophic humanity crisis,

ISIS Joint Alliance: they are not alone?

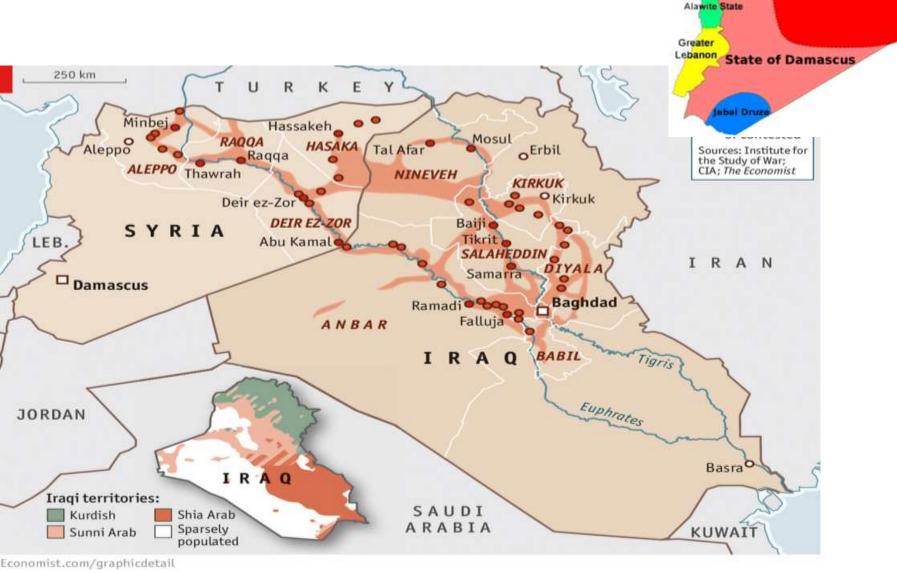
- Abu Sayyaf :in the Southern Philippines
- Harakat al-Shabaab Mujahideen: Somalia, Kenya and Uganda
- Boko Haram: Nigeria and Chad
- Jemaah Islamiah (JI): Nusantara World (SE Asia Malay World)
- Taliban in Pakistan
- Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU)
- Eastern Turkistan Islamic Movement (ETIM, in northwestern China)
- Ansar Bait al-Maqdis
- Caucasus Emirate



Red line: Achieved already



Map of ISIS

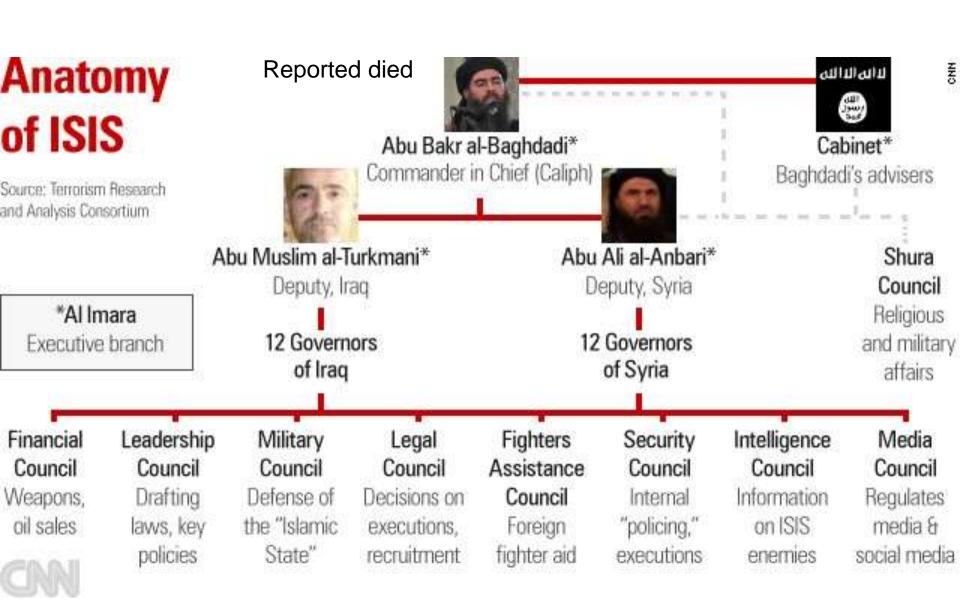


Sanjak of Alexandretta

State of Aleppo

Minor map of Iraq:Religious distrubution/ Minor map of Syria: Historical division

ISIS's bureaucratization



Shura Council/ Majlis al-Shura

*Shura means "Consultation", in Islamic Politics, Consultation is an important component, as it had been mentioned in Al-Qur'an (Surah Ash-shura Ayat 38) "Whose affair is [determined by] *consultation* amony themselves"

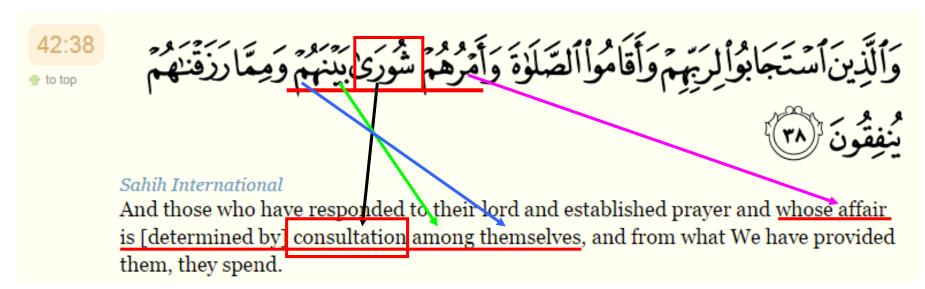
سورة الشورى - (The Consultation) - سورة الشورى



This is a portion of the entire surah. View more context, or the entire surah.

Amru/hum-Their affairs Shura-Consult Bayna/hum-among them





تقرير يكشف هوية الجلاد المقنع العضو في تنظيم داعش

ذكر تقرير أن العضو في "داعش" المعروف باسم "الجهادي جون"، هو اللندي محمد إموازي البالغ 27 عاماً من العمر



Working in Computer Company

Father: Jasem محمد إموازي: بريطاني كويتي المولد يُعتقد أنه من منطقة كوينز بارك في British Kuwati (West London)

> 2009: يتخرج مهندساً في علوم الكمبيوتر من جامعة ويسمنستر

أبار (مايو) 2009: يُعتقد أن إموازي Vinnead Travel تحول إلى التطرف بعد ترحيله بسبب Tanzama ---زيارة قام بها إلى تنزانيا. استجوبه جهاز الاستخبارات البريطالي M15 asked basked الداخلي - MI5 - للاشتباه بتخطيطة Asy-syabaab للسفر إلى الصومال لينضم إلى

مسلحى حركة "الشياب"

 أواخر 2009: ينتقل إلى الكويث للعمل في شركة كمبيوتر investigated by London حزيران (يونيو) 2010: تحتجزه أجهزة الأمن البريطانية من جديد

2012: يسافر إلى سوريا، وينضم بعدها إلى تنظيم داعش Went to Syria-->ISIS

■ 2013: يتم التعرف على إموازي كفرد من فريق يقوم بحراسة الرهائن من المحتجزين الغربين في سجن في مدينة إدلب السورية. In Idib, and be known as Jihadi John يلقيه بعض الرهائن باسم "الجهادي جون" Part of a team guarding Western captives at a prison

الضحابا الذبن شوهدوا في مقاطع فيدبو ظهر فيها محمد إموازي

- 5 16 تشرين الثاني (نوفمبر): يُقطع رأس الرينجر السابق في الجيش الأميركي وموظف الإغاثة بيتر كاسبغ البالغ من العمر 26 عاما. دراسة دقيقة لمقطع الفيديو تقترح Kasang بأن كاسيغ ربما قاوم خاطفيه قبل موته(USA)
 - داعش بقطع رأس المصور الصحاق الأميركي جيمس فولي، البالغ من العمر 40 عاماً، بعد تراجع الولايات المتحدة عن دفع فدية تبلغ قيمتها 132 مليون دولار (American) ا 2 أيلول (سيتمعر): يُقطع رأس الصحافي

الإسرائيلي - الأمركي ستيفن جي سوتلوف

19 آب (أغسطس) 2014: يقوم تنظيم

- 6 20 كانون الثاني (بناير): يُقطع رأس الرهيئة الياباني هارونا يوكاوا البالغ من Haruna Yukawa العمر 42 عاماً. تنظيم داعش يطالب الأردن بالافراج عن المتشددة العراقية ساجدة الريشاوي
- البالغ من العمر 31 عام Arsa Steven Sotloff (150 عام 150 البالغ أيلول: يُقطع رأس موظف الإغاثة البريطاني ديفيد هاينز البالغ من العمر David Hanes (Br)

7 30 كانون الثاني: التنظيم الإرهابي يقطع رأس الرهيئة الباباني الصحافي كينجي Kens Goto lale 47 not like a full species

4 تشرين الأول (أكتوبر): يُقطع رأس موظف الإغاثة البريطاني وسائق سيارة الإسعاف آلان هيئينغ (47 عاما)

الصور: أب، حتى المصدر: Washington Post, BBC

Jihad John

- Original name: Mohammad Emwazi (Clan: Bedoon)
- British Kuwaiti [Iraqi in fact] descendent
- The victim of Saddam Hussein's ruling
- Graduated from university in Westminster
- Visited Tanzania and linked with Islamists at that time
- Killed foreign hostages in front of the video and uploaded on the internet
- Reported escape outside ISIS (Source of the chart: Al-Awsat)

ISIS Alias System

Abu [Abu means "father" in Arabic] +Chosen Islamic Name+Name of Place

(birthplace or working place) or clan name (Red: Iraqi)

For example:

- Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi (Baghdadi is the capital of Iraq)
- Abu Muslim al-Turkmani (Turkman is a Turkic tribe in Central Asia)
- Abu Ali Al-Anbari (Anbar is the province in Iraq)
- Abu Mohammad al-Adnani (Adnan is the clan name on Arabian Peninsula)
- Abu Omar al-Shishani (Shishani is the Arabic writing of Chechen, Arabic does not have alphabet "Ch", and replaced by "Sh")
- Abu Talha al-Almani (Almani is the Arabic writing of "Germany"
- Abu Ali al-Shishani (same as Abu Omar al-Shishani)
- Abu al-Baraa al-Azdi (Azd is the clan name on Arabian Peninsula)
- Abu Fatima al-Jaheishi (Jaheishi is one of the members in Al-Jabouri's clan, it is an Iraqi clan in Northern Iraq)
- Abu Abdulrahman al-Bilawi al-Dulaimi (Dulaimi is the clan name in Iraq)

Foreign fighters in Syria and Iraq Official estimates and analysis from the London-based International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation Western Europe Rest of Europe/Eurasia Middle East and North Africa Rest of the world Origins Denmark Norway 100 50 Canada Sweden Netherlands 100 Ukraine Russia Kazakhstan 100 150 50 800 150 Belgium Finland 300 France Albania 700 140 Britain 500 Kosovo 400 Ireland Turkey 30 400 United Switzerland States 10 Bosnia China Spain 100 Austria 100 100 Pakistan 330 Italy Afghanistan 50 *Upper estimates Lebanon Australia are taken where 900 250 a range has been given Israel/ Palestine Indonesia Tunisia Jordan 120 Kuwait 3,000* 1,500 70 Morocco Algeria Saudi Arabia Bahrain 1,500 200 2.500* 12 Qatar 15 900 Libya Egypt UAE 600 15 Yemen Sudan 110 100 Somalia Numbers include fighters who have returned to their home countries AFP Source : ICSR

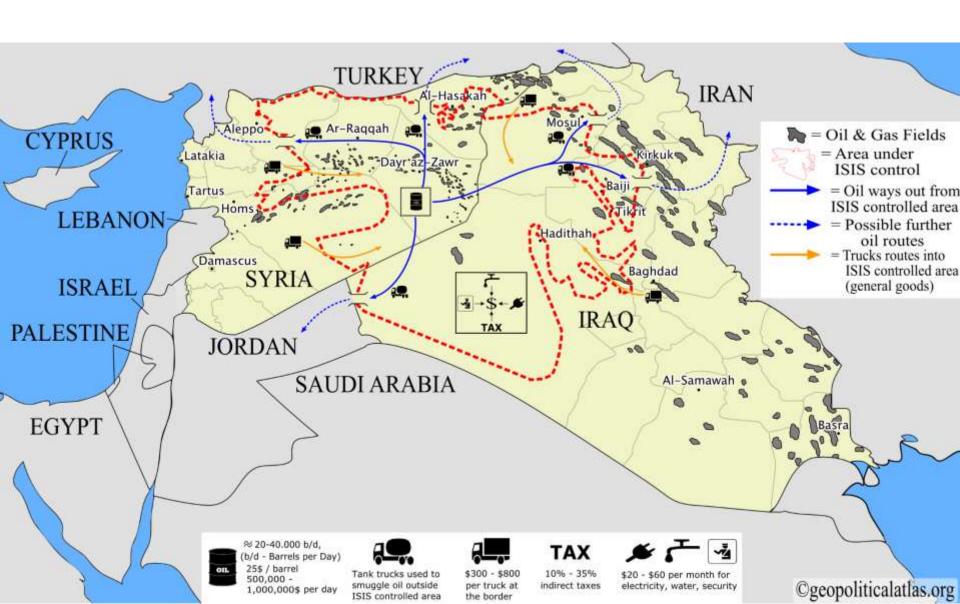
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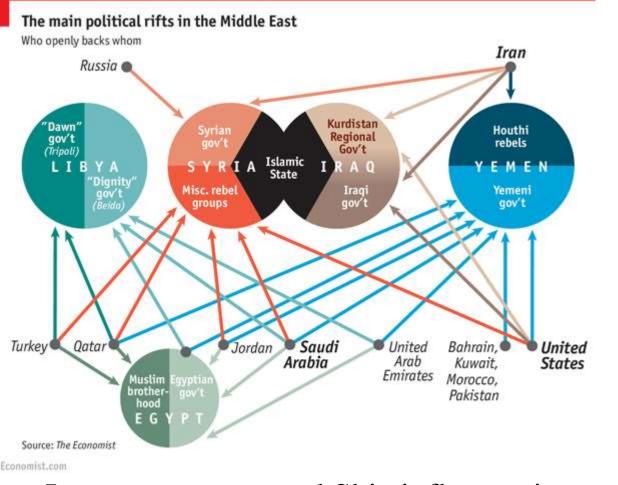
Or you can see the other type of statistical chart. (Source: AFP)

Most of the fighters came from Middle
East and North
Africa, second largest from
Europe and third largest from
Central Asia.

Some fighters came from Asia, such as Indonesia, Malaysia, China.

ISIS Main sources of Income: the chance to cut their financial sources?





- Iran wants to expand Shia influence in Syria and Iraq; Saudi wants to expand Sunni influence in Syria and Iraq
- Russia wants to replace USA as another regional power.

Source of the chart: the Economist

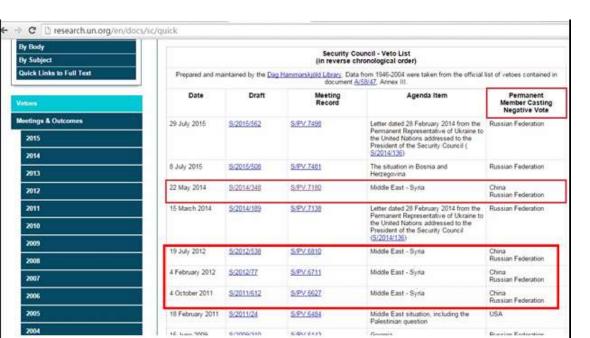
- If you observe the chart, you will see the influence of global powers
- Saudi Vs Iran & USA Vs Russia
- Saudi w/ USA and Iran w/ Russia
- Saudi aids Southern Yemen (Sunni) while Iran aids Northern Houthi Yemen (Zayidi Shia), worsened the Saudi-Iran relationship.
- Foreign rivalries indirectly led to the humanity crisis in Iraq and Syria.



Responsibilities of China and Russia

What did China say in ICC?

- "The Security Council submitting the Syria issue to the International Criminal Court will only *make the situation even more complex and the problem even more difficult to solve*," Hong said in a briefing in Beijing on Thursday.
- "Ultimately, those <u>suffering</u> are the people of Syria and other countries in the region."
- In fact, China & Russia (trade profits) and Iran (Shia Islam) are standing by Syria for a long time.



Source:

http://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick

Effect & Significance of ISIS

- Economic damage: ISIS destroyed the economic activities, most of the people escaped to foreign countries or killed by ISIS if they disagreed the mission of ISIS.
- Loss of life and property: ISIS occupied Syria and Iraq, killed residents brutally and robbed their properties, Iraq and Syria became as dangerous as Somalia, Nigeria and Afghanistan
- Damage of cultural heritage: ISIS do not tolerate any non Islamic heritage, because they defined it as the worship to other religions, most of the pre-Islamic and Islamic heritage damaged by ISIS.
- Refugees problem: thousands of Syrian and Iraqi left their countries and migrate to Europe, led to the social burden and migrate crisis, some of them died on the sea before they reached to Europe (e.g. Aylan Kurdi, Ghalib Kurdi and their mother Rihan) As the European decided to receive the refugees, ISIS will use refugee crisis to infiltrate West, which will cause the terror attack in future.

In Hong Kong.....

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Syrian refugee who fled more than 7,000km to Hong Kong applies for asylum seeker status

But human rights group says the city's policy on the issue is too restrictive

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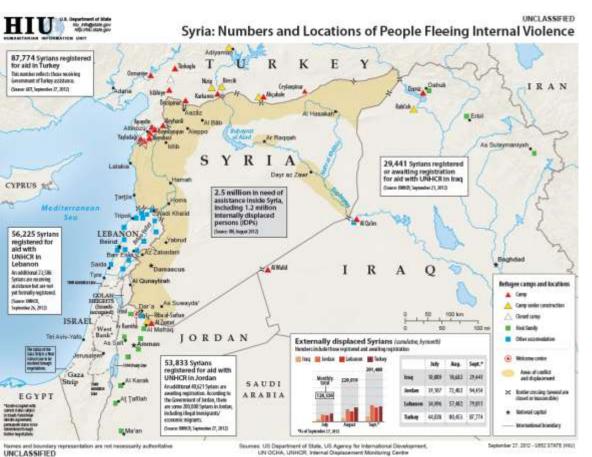
"A Syrian national who fled the country's civil war and made his way to Hong Kong has filed for asylum seeker status.

The Immigration Department confirmed to the Post that the Syrian has filed a non-refoulement claim - including both torture and refugee applications - with the government."

9th September, 2015 (SCMP)

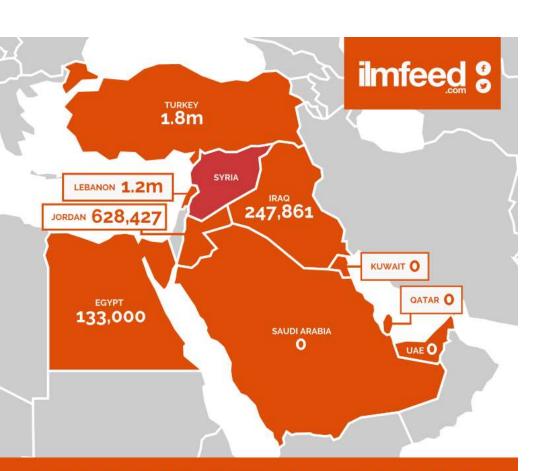
7000km distance=\$\$\$ → It is an unique case. And does this person know the real situation in Hong Kong, like expensive house rents and purchasing prices, deteriorating living standard? Possibly, it will be worse than fled to Europe or stay in Syria?

Refugees around Syria





Why Europe?



Number of **Syrian refugees** taken in by countries in the **Middle East**.

- Turkish received 1.8 million refugees, and Lebanon host the second largest number of refugees, they might have inadequate space to receive refugees in future.
- Iraq had received in the past, but it is no longer safe choice as they are facing with the threat of ISIS now.
- The six wealthy Gulf countries have officially resettled none of them.
- Theoretically, gulf countries have duty to receive refugees as they share the same religious and cultural background.
- Thus, the refugees choose to seek better life in Europe. (with stable and democratic politics and attractive social welfare), most of them chose to Germany.

What difficulties will they face with after the migration to Europe?

- Cultural Conflicts: different culture \rightarrow social arguments (Christianity Vs Islam) Saudi Arabia said that they would build 200 Masjids for the Islamic refugees in Europe, led to the rise of cultural conflicts)
- Different climate and health impact: difficult to adapt new environment and they will delay to find doctor's consultation if they get sick (unemployment and poverty) → risk of public health
- Job opportunities, education system: different background and culture limited their job opportunities or learning
- Social prejustice and negative stereotype in Europe: negative media description widened the communication gap between refugees and Europeans
- Blamed to be the creator of political and social instabilities (especially potential crises)
- Innocent refugees influenced by extremists: if extremists carry out any format of attack and these innocent refugees will get negative public opinion by politicians

How to solve ISIS?

- Receive the refugees is a pessimistic method, because it can not reduce the number of refugees, but ISIS problem is still affecting Syria and Iraq, and will generate a series of social, economic, cultural and political problems in Europe, especially ISIS will send fighters to infiltrate West. New source said that ISIS will send 4000 fighters to Europe via this infiltration trend. European leaders suggested to share the burden of refugees, means to share the risk of ISIS too.
- Carry out the air strike is also not a good solution, the fighters are on the land, and air strike could not understand the real situation. ISIS will not totally be cleant by air strike, innocent people will be the victims and will get the moral condemn from global media.
- Coordinate with Arab countries to fight against ISIS: this is the most suitable and effective method until now. It can recover the political situation in Syria and Iraq, and at least solve the migrant crisis. Of course, the process will be more difficult than the previous wars they had experienced in the past, but it is *the only solution*! We can reduce the victims with the comprehensive plan as soon as possible.

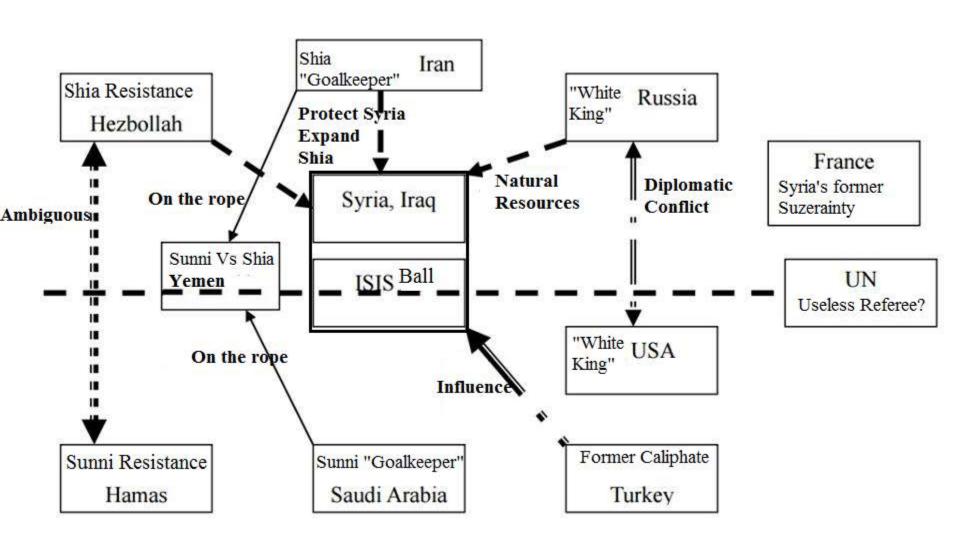
Reuters: Migrant Crisis must be tackled at source in Syria

• George Gideon Oliver Osbome, the Britain's finance minister, said that "You've got to deal with the problem at source, which is this evil Assad regime and the ISIS terrorists, and you need a comprehensive plan for a more stable, peaceful Syria"

Reuter, 5th September 2015

http://in.reuters.com/article/2015/09/05/europemigrants-britain-osborne-idINKCN0R50IN20150905

Recent situation: Two blocs are forming Pro-Shia Vs Pro Sunni and Pro-Russia Vs Pro-America



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شُكْرًا لَكُمْ ا

Thank you!