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Military Topics: “ISIL/ISIL” Note Sheet

* So, What’s Up With The Black Flags?
	+ Taken from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a collection of words, actions, or habits of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Muhammed
		- “The black flags will come from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, led by mighty men, with long hair and beards. Their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are taken from the names of their home towns and their first names are from a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (honored person).’”
		- “If you see the Black Banners come from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, go to them immediately, even if you must crawl over ice, because indeed amongst them is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Al Mahdi (THE END TIMES).”
	+ Groups like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ believe their “Black Banners” will trigger the final battle between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ near the town of Dabiq, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and bring about the Day of Judgment
* ISIS/ISIL’s Origins
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Abu Musab al-Zarqawi forms Jamāʻat al-Tawḥīd wa-al-Jihād (“The Organizatin of Monotheism and Jihad”)
	+ 2004: al-Zarqawi swears \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, changes name to Tanzim Qaidat al-Jihad fi Bilad al-Rafidayn (unofficially known as “Al-Qaeda in Iraq”)
	+ January, 2006: AQI joins other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ groups, forms the “Mujahideen Shura Council”
	+ June, 2006: al-Zarqawi killed by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in strike
	+ October, 2006: “Mujahideen Shura Council” joins other insurgent groups, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ad-Dawlah al-ʻIrāq al-Islāmiyah (Islamic State of Iraq)
	+ April, 2010: ISI’s leaders, Abu Ayyab al-Masri and Abu Omar al-Baghdadi killed in a raid near \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_t; Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi becomes leader
	+ Spring, 2011: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” comes to Syria, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ war breaks out
		- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ majority revolting against dictator Bashar al-Assad and his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ minority
		- Baghdadi sends his forces to help in the revolt
	+ June, 2013: Tension between al-Qaeda and ISI
		- Al-Zawahiri and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ supporting the al-Nusra Front; want ISI in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ only
		- Baghdadi and his ISI forces reject this
	+ February, 2014: Al-Zawahiri kicks \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out of al-Qaeda
	+ June, 2014: ISI captures \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (and the American equipment held at the base there), al-Baghdadi announced group name change to Islamic State of Iraq and Syria and the establishment of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Islamic empire)- DIRECT challenge to al-Qaeda and other terrorist groups
* The Name
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Islamic State of Iraq and Syria
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (all of the eastern Mediterranean Sea)
* Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi
	+ Very little known about his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life
	+ Believed to be born in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Believed to be born in Samarra, near \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Has a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Islamic studies in Quranic studies
	+ Highly organized and intelligent
	+ Arrested in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, February 2004
	+ Given access to up to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ inmates at Camp Bucca; de facto terrorist university?
	+ Released in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2004 as a “low level prisoner”
* ISIS/ISIL’s Goal and Strategy
	+ Goal
		- Establish a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Islamic State
		- Eventually conquer the world and establish a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ caliphate
			* Target Muslim lands first
			* Following that, non-Muslim lands
	+ Strategies
		- Drive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between Muslims and non-Muslims in countries; drive the Muslims towards ISIS/ISIL
		- Use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tactics to scare all non-ISIS/ISIL supporters
* ISIS/ISIL’s Government
	+ Capital is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in Syria
	+ Al-Baghdadi assisted by a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of advisors
	+ Local governors control smaller territories in held territory
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ council makes sure they follow the Quran (their interpretation of it)
	+ Economy
		- Control of banks, oil and gas reservoirs, taxes, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and robbery
		- Kidnappings
		- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from other countries
		- Support from fighters
		- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through social networks
* Life in the Islamic State
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ oppressed
		- Must always be covered from head to toe
		- Many forced as “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”
		- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are considered fair game for rape
	+ Education
		- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ based
		- No art, music, evolution, national history, literature, Christianity
	+ Minority groups \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
		- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ punishable by death
		- Yazidi \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ specifically targeted
		- Non-Muslims forced to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or pay high tax
	+ Religious police wander cities enforcing policies
	+ Seek to erase \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ history and cultural history
	+ Leadership hides near \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (human shields)
* ISIS/ISIL’s Propaganda
	+ Publishes a magazine, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Runs a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ network, Al-Bayan
	+ Social Media
		- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mainly
		- Other social media that is harder to track
	+ Goal of propaganda
		- Reach out to alienated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
		- Specifically \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Muslims
	+ Propaganda slicker and more professional looking than that of other jihadi groups
* “Jihadi John”
	+ Real name: Mohammed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Born in Kuwait, moved to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at 6
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ some time in his late teens
	+ Symbolic of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ struggle with Islamic radicalization
	+ Became the visual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of ISIS and their atrocities
	+ Killed in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, November 12, 2015
* ISIS/ISIL Going Global
	+ Use of shocking videos on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to keep name known globally
		- Beheadings
		- Being thrown off buildings
		- Being burned alive
		- Drownings
		- Shootings
	+ Other groups have pledged \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to ISIS/ISIL
	+ Seeks to inspire “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” sympathizers to conduct attacks on the West
		- Paris, France
		- San Bernadino, California
		- Brussels, Belgium
* The United States’ Response to ISIL/ISIL
	+ Military aid to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Airstrikes
	+ Drones
	+ Military \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Arming and training “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” rebel forces in Syria