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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