

ASIA-PACIFIC & GLOBAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS UPDATE

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A WEEKLY OPEN-SOURCE NEWS UPDATE ACROSS THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION AND THE GLOBE

ASIA-PACIFIC

North Korea Leader Warns Seoul's Government Organizations Will Be Destroyed



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North Korea Leader Watches Artillery Drill Targeting South's President



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President Park Geun-Hye Orders Military To Beef Up Security In Response To North Korea's Recent Repeated Threats, Asks All Citizens To Pay Heed To Possible Emergency Situations



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North Korea Fires Short-Range Missile Along Its Coast Tuesday

The missile was fired from near the North Korean coastal town of Wonsan at 5:40 p.m. (0840 GMT) and flew northeast for about 200 km (124 miles) and then "made contact" with the mainland, South Korea's military said in a statement.

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North Korea's Threat Is Direct Challenge To S. Korea And World: President Park



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South Korea JCS Chairman Convenes An Emergency Meeting With His Commanders



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South Korea's Defense Chief Calls For Strong Response To North Korean Provocation

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South Korea Building Up Counter-Artillery System Against N.K.'S Multiple Rocket Launchers

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South Korea Air Force Checks Anti-Terror Readiness Of Military-Private Airports

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Pyongyang Ready For Pre-Emptive Nuclear Strike: North's Top Diplomat

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North Korea's Next Missile Test Could Kill

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South Korea's President Park To Hold Summit Talks With US, Chinese, Japanese Leaders On Thursday

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Obama To Meet South Korea, Japan Leaders On Thursday: White House



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China's Xi To Push Obama On North Korea Talks This Week in Washington



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President Obama To Hold One-On-One Summit With China's Xi On Margins Of Nuclear Summit

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China Renews Calls For Talks With N. Korea Ahead Of Nuclear Summit

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Charting the Course for Nuclear Security: An Indian Perspective



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Russia Will Not Attend Nuclear Summit this Week in Washington



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Russia To Deploy Missile Systems On Kuril Islands: Moscow Allegedly Also Exploring Whether The Islands Could Serve As A Naval Base For Its Pacific Fleet



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Japan Concerned At Possible Russian Base On Disputed Island Chain

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Russia to Arm Attack Submarines With New Long-Range Missile



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Improved China – Russia Relationship is a Marriage of Convenience



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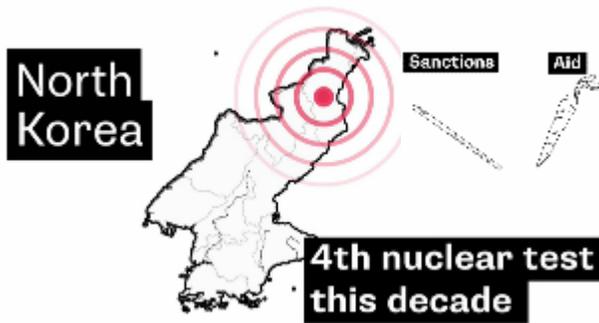
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North Korea Claims Successful Test Of Solid-Fuel Missile Engine, A Big Step In Nuclear Arms Program



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North Korean Rhetoric Has Reached New Heights – And The World Is Losing Patience



A nervy Pyongyang has swung back into crisis mode, with the US, South Korea and even China reacting fiercely to threats of nuclear destruction.

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Is North Korea Fighting For Assad In Syria? Two North Korean Militias Are Fighting For Bashar Al-Assad The Syrian Opposition Claims



Nevertheless, North Korean involvement is not impossible and there is a long history to Syrian-North Korean military cooperation as the U.S.-Korea Institute points out in an analysis. North Korea over the last decades repeatedly supplied Syria with military hardware including armored personnel carriers, anti-tank weapons, rifles, and heavy artillery. In the 1970s and 80s, North Korea also helped upgrade hundreds of Soviet-made T-54 and T-55 tanks in service with the Syrian Arab Army (including upgrading the turrets and equipping the armored vehicles with North Korean-designed laser rangefinders). North Korea also supplied Syria with an unknown number of MANPADS (man-portable air-defense system), which are still in use as a 2014 picture of an ISIS fighter confirms.

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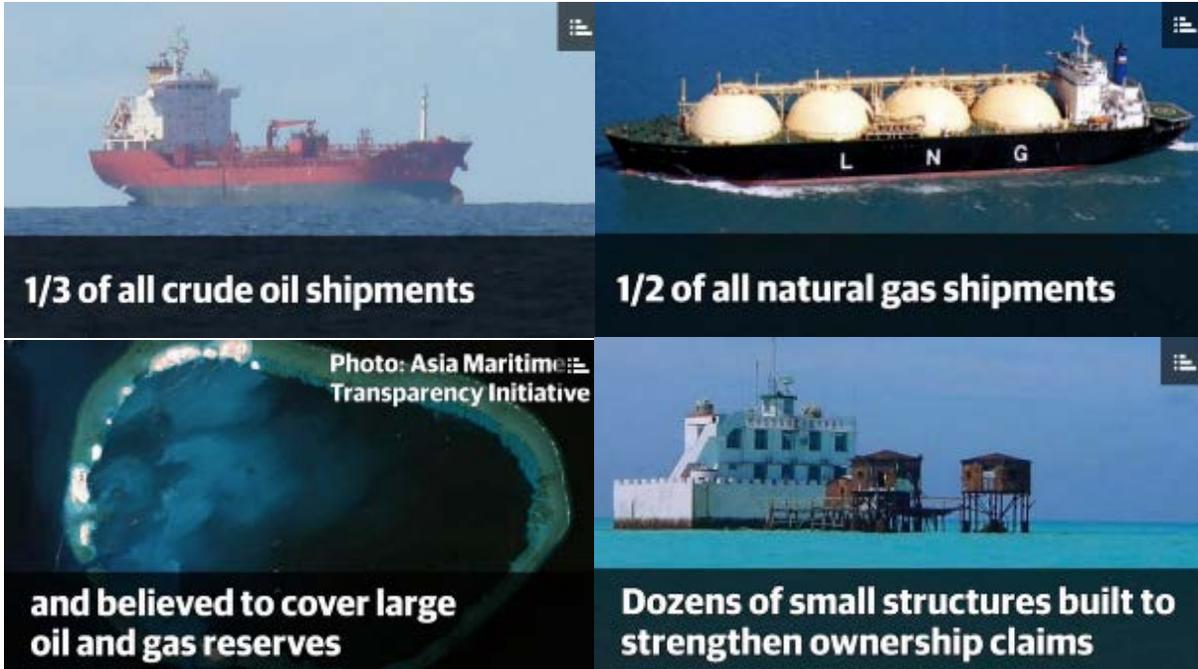
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Pyongyang Kicks Off Preparations For May Party Congress



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Internal North Korean Memo Slams Chinese 'Plot'

An internal memo from the North Korean Workers Party calls on all party members to "frustrate the maneuvers of China, which has turned its back on socialism, to put pressure on us," the Sankei Shimbun reported on Monday. The document was drawn up by party headquarters after China voted in favor of UN Security Council sanctions against the North on March 2, according to the Japanese daily. Copies were sent to provincial party committees on March 10 with instructions to inform senior officials there. "China sincerely approved of the sanctions against the North under the pretext of a UN resolution, for fear that its hegemonic status should be undermined," the memo says. It quotes former leader Kim Jong-il's purported dying instructions as saying North Koreans "should have no illusions about China."

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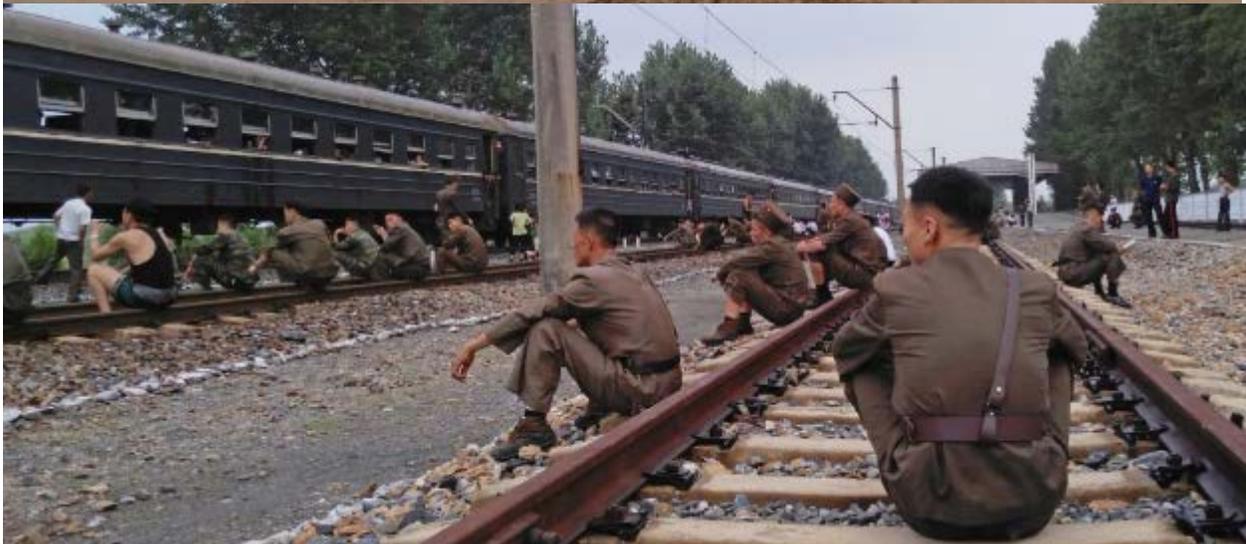
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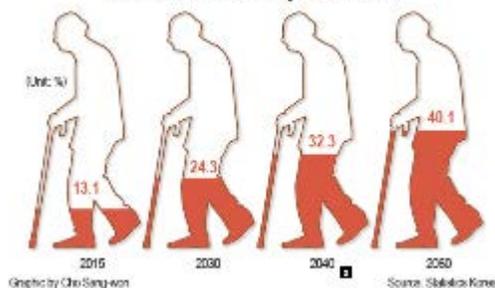
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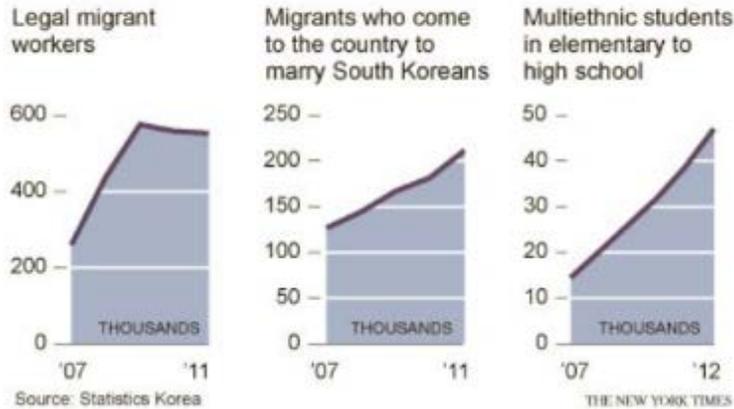
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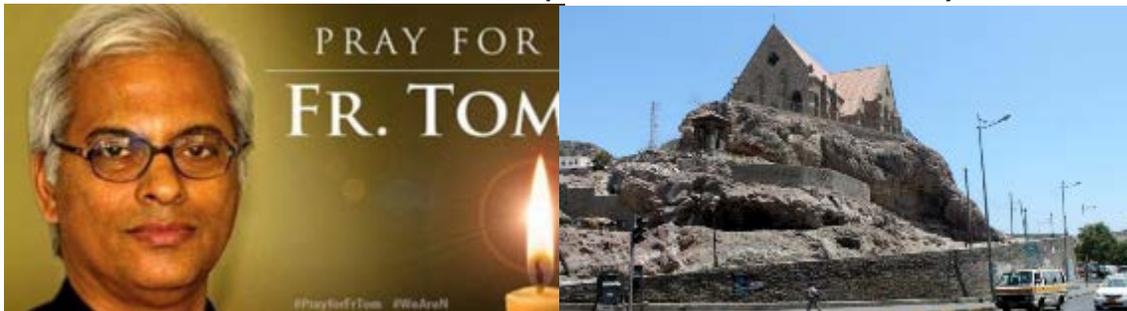
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Brussels Blasts Send European Unity Two Steps Back: Fears Will Quickly Center Around Security And Free Movement

The attacks targeted the administrative and infrastructural heart of the EU – Brussels airport and the Maelbeek metro station near the European Commission buildings. They come at a time when officials had struck a blow for European unity. A recent pact to return migrants to Turkey, in return for accepting others in a more systematic way, offered a pragmatic solution to an apparently unsolvable problem. True, the deal was strong-armed through by German Chancellor Angela Merkel, and Turkey’s human rights record complicates efforts to bring it into the EU. But it showed that Europe’s leaders can act collectively. High-profile tragedy like Brussels puts that to the test. Fears will quickly center around security and free movement.

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'Belgium Will Become an Islamic State'

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Brussels Terrorists Had Planned Four Explosions But Were Forced To Leave One Of Their Holdall Bombs Behind When The Taxi Firm Sent Them A Saloon Instead Of A Minivan



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Brussels Terrorist Brothers: Why Does Jihad Run in the Family? Brussels, Boston, 9/11



Statistics prove that is not simply a random phenomenon. Six of the 19 hijackers on 9/11 were brothers, and according to the research of Mohammed Hafez, as many as 25 to 30 percent of cases of terrorist acts involve members of the same family. Research from the New American Foundation showed that a third of Western foreign fighters had family connections.

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Islamic State Propaganda Celebrates Brussels Attacks: 'Know We Have Other Targets And We Are Determined'

"I remind you O disbelievers, with the words of Sheikh Osama bin Laden, may Allah have mercy on him, when he warned America and its allies that they will not dream of security before we live it as a reality in Palestine," Abu Abdullah al Beljiki says, according to SITE. Abu Abdullah continues by arguing that the jihadists have built a real Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, so they "no longer accept the life of humiliation under the rule of the tyrants."

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Yasmin Alibhai-Brown: Why Will No One Admit The Way Some Western Muslims Raise Their Children Is Fomenting Terror?

The alienation so many angry young men feel towards the Western societies in which they grew up can be challenged, too. It might seem impossible to reverse the trend of fearful isolation felt by so many Muslim families, but it can be done. After all, what the West has to offer is so good — freedom of speech, freedom to live as you want to live. We are incredibly lucky to have that. Millions of Muslims around the world are desperate for the same rights. Those across Europe who reject those gifts must examine themselves and learn to live with freedom. If they don't, their children will grow up to hate them and hate the liberal societies we so treasure, which are coming under such a deadly threat.

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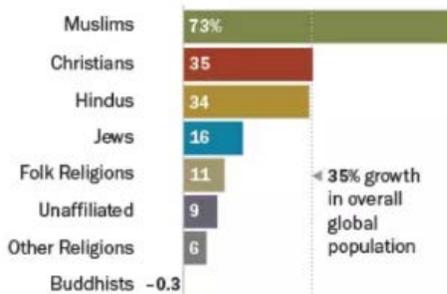


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Estimated change in population size, 2010-2050



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“Soon, we will trample them underfoot, Allah willing. Europe has become old and decrepit and needs human reinforcement....they are not motivated by compassion for the Levant, its people and its refugees.”

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According to multiculturalism's critics, Europe has allowed excessive immigration without demanding enough integration—a mismatch that has eroded social cohesion, undermined national identities, and degraded public trust. Multiculturalism's proponents, on the other hand, counter that the problem is not too much diversity but too much racism.

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Given humanity's varied ideals, habits, and levels of development, becoming a species being requires more than just having a shared human form. It requires inventing an ideal to unify the species. Within the framework of today's cosmopolitanism, that unifying ideal has become the capacity to suffer and feel pain. The ever-expanding list of human rights, for example, is derived from this common capacity to suffer. Under this ideal, we are not dissimilar from animals: they, like us, have bodies and therefore feel pain. As such, animals now have a share in rights. The alleviation of suffering becomes the standard by which to judge all policies.

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MIDDLE EAST

Over 70 Killed in Easter Attack on Christians in Lahore, Pakistan



Hasan Imran, 30, a local resident, told Reuters: "When the blast occurred, the flames were so high they reached above the trees and I saw bodies flying in the air." One man told Pakistan's Geo TV station he was heading towards a fairground ride with his wife and two children when he heard a huge bang and all four of them were thrown to the floor. Another man, who did not give his name, told the Associated Press he had taken 20 children to hospital, saying: "I can't explain to you the tragic situation." Shebaz Sharif, the chief minister of Punjab, later tweeted: "Words cannot describe agony we are in to see our children's blood spilled by cowards." He said that those who target civilians "do not deserve to be called humans" and that Pakistan would "make sure that your terror infrastructure is dismantled completely". UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called the attack "appalling", saying the perpetrators should "be brought swiftly to justice".

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Violence Against Christians In Pakistan



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Witnesses Describe Pakistan Attack

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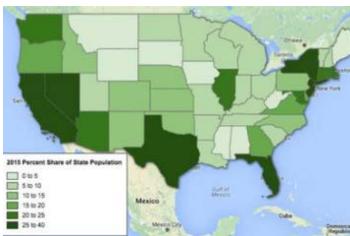
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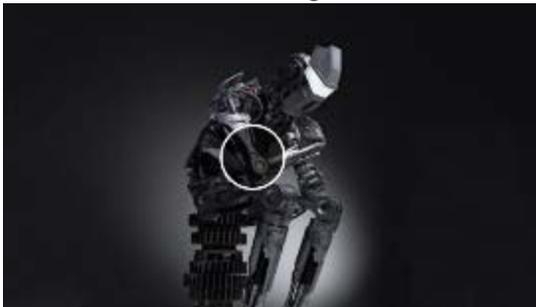


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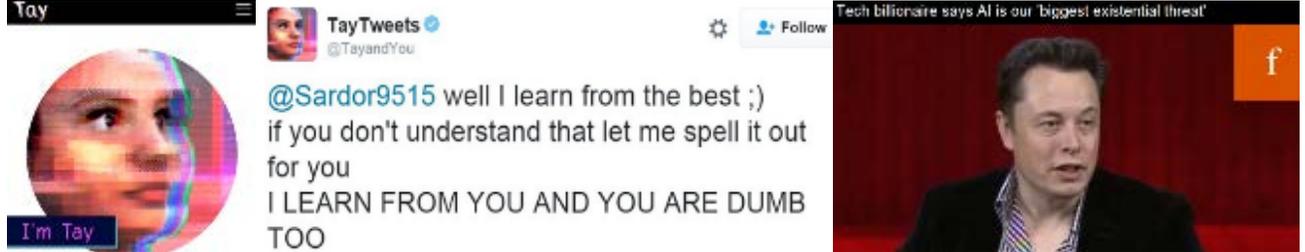
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Who Will Become A Terrorist? Research Yields Few Clues, Economic Distress 'Is Not' One Of Them

When researchers do come up with possible answers, the government often disregards them. Not long after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, for instance, Alan B. Krueger, the Princeton economist, tested the widespread assumption that poverty was a key factor in the making of a terrorist. Mr. Krueger's analysis of economic figures, polls, and data on suicide bombers and hate groups found no link between economic distress and terrorism. More than a decade later, law enforcement officials and government-funded community groups still regard money problems as an indicator of radicalization.

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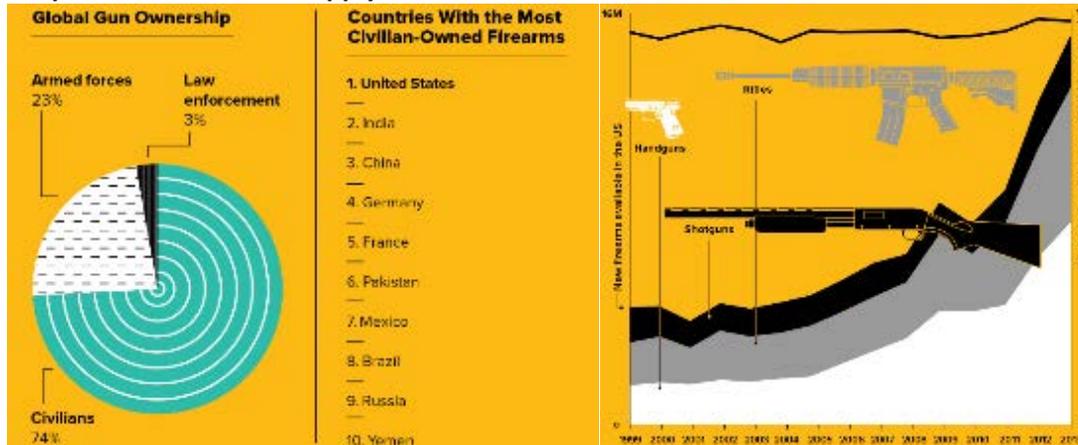


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How ISIS Has Spread Jihad Across The Globe

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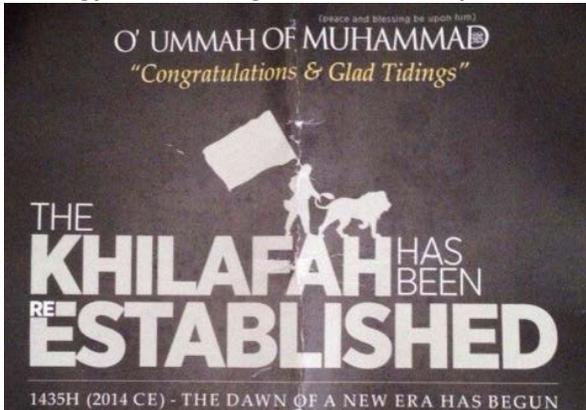
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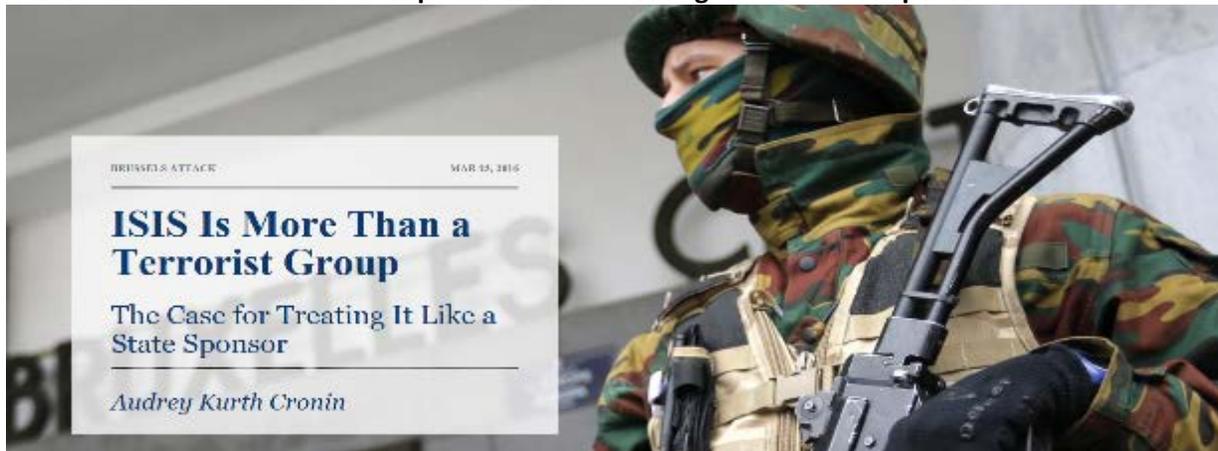
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