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Forum: SOCHUM

Issue: Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism

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INTRODUCTION

Terrorism has been a big threat to human lives. The abusive way it tries to establish itself is a direct violation of human rights. To fight horrible acts done by terrorists, nations wage war against terror or counter-terrorism units. Saving lives, creating a secure environment for the innocent and ceasing terror are what these groups aim to achieve, an attempt to provide and protect human rights. Most terrorism cases are seen in the Middle East, a region consisting of these countries. The reason behind the highlights and the legend is due to the religious side of these ongoing conflicts. On one side, there are the Sunni Muslims, (Saudi Arabia) backed by the USA. On the other side, there is the Shia. In the 1979 Iranian Revolution saw Ayatollah Khomeini, who is an adversary of King Khalid, come to lead and with tensions as high, the two nations were likely to go to war. However, instead of a full-fledged war, the two nations started a cold war. Similar to the Cold War of the USA and USSR, the opposing sides would support different parties (usually with either money or with arms) in an attempt to impose political power. It is suspected that Iran and Saudi Arabia have a hand to play in the ongoing insurgencies. And with thousands dead each year, many held captive and many extremely controversial conflicts it is likely for terrorism to stay as one of the many problems humanity will have to deal for generations to come



DEFINITION OF KEY TERMS

Terrorism: Unlawful use of violence and intimidation, especially against civilians, in the pursuit of political aims.

Jihad: A Struggle or fight against the “enemies of Islam”

Infidel: A person who has no religion or whose religion is not that of the majority.

Jihadist: A person involved in a jihad; an Islamic militant.

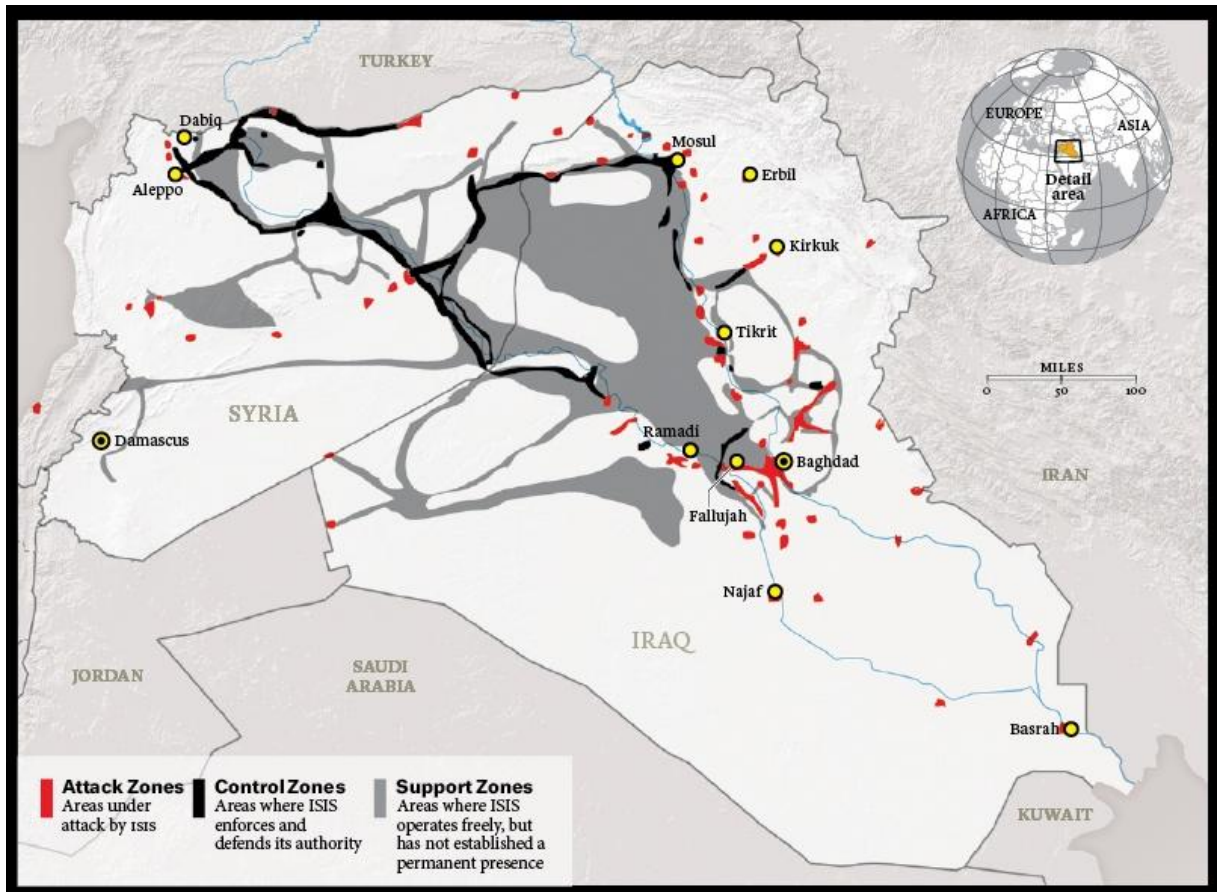
Sharia Law: Islamic canonical law based on the teachings of the Koran and the traditions of the Prophet (Hadith and Sunna), prescribing both religious and secular duties and sometimes retributive penalties for lawbreaking.

Legend: A table on a map listing and explaining the symbols used.

Insurgency: An act of rebellion; revolt.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Terrorism, a word coined to the English language from the Old French word “terror” is: a means to achieve political power via physical (or mental in some cases) abuse and violence, that is mainly imposed on civilians. An issue believed to date far back into civilization. Terrorist acts, were historically used to achieve political power. The most active/dangerous terrorist groups originate in the Middle East. Most notably the Islamic State, (a.k.a. ISIS, Daesh and ISIL) known to have killed around 9,150 people in 2016, and 4,350 in 2017. The group believes in an extreme form of “jihadism” a belief shared by those that partake in such terrorist activities and some members of Sharia Law, to violently punish infidels, criminals and those who oppose authority. The previously stated number of deaths is just a minor number compared to the number of people ISIS puts in danger on a daily basis. It is also important to mention ISIS also has had control of an area larger than the UK, as a means to demonstrate the risk they carry. Below is a map of ISIS’



UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy was adopted by consensus in 2006, setting 4 pillars, as seen below.



These pillars, goals and progress made are reviewed every 2 years in order to be kept modern and up to date. CTITF (Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force), an organization established in order to shelter human rights under the said strategy. Consisting of 38 International Entities, the CTITF aims to further implement the goals aforementioned in the

previous image. Though its effectiveness is up to debate, the existence of such a task force opens up probabilities for resolutions.

Usually, it is the right of freedom that is violated by terrorist organizations keeping many children, women and men as prisoners. As far as intelligence goes, it is believed that 23 *Western* (exact amount is unknown) captives are held hostage, separated by gender. Though, countries like France and Spain have signed multimillion-euro ransom fees for the freedom of their citizens (and fund terrorism by doing so) the UK and the US refuse to pay any ransom in order to further encourage such behavior. However, once ISIS realized their ransom tactic had failed, they started to execute their hostages, record they're doing on tape and send it to respective countries. As far as video evidence goes, three American and three British citizens have been killed by beheading, fire squads or by handguns, two Turkish soldiers have been burnt to death, and many more have fallen victim to such horrendous acts.

Recently, in a 2018-2019 operation, the American-backed militia Peshmerga's military success against fighting terrorism may now host a brighter future and the possible establishment of a free Kurdish government in the area. However, there is still a lot to be discovered as to what can be done. Now, there's an enormous amount of displaced people and human rights to be restored.

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

1988	Al-Qaeda is established
1994	Taliban is established
1999	ISIS is established
2001	War on Terror is waged by the US
2004	Negotiations for Global Counter-Terrorism (under said name) start
2005	the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force was established
2006	Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy is established
2013	War on Terror now only targets threats against US
2015	Operation Olive Branch is launched (ongoing)
2019	American-backed Kurdish Milita brings ISIS to it's lowest point

MAJOR PARTIES INVOLVED

ISIS, Al-Qaeda, Taliban the largest three terrorist groups have been issues ever since their establishment. The U.S.A., U.K., France, Russian Federation, Turkey are the counter-terrorist nations, though, it is rumored that at some point Turkey, Russia, and the US had separate business with terrorist group. Syria, Iraq are mostly the sufferers of terrorism whereas Iran and Saudi Arabia are provocateurs. Afghanistan and Pakistan are both sufferers and provocateurs.

PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE

The United States' War on Terror

The Ongoing "Operation Olive Branch"

Establishment of CTITF

UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

RELEVANT UN DOCUMENTS AND TREATIES

UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy <https://www.un.org/counterterrorism/ctif/en/un-global-counter-terrorism-strategy>

UN CTITF on Terrorism

<https://www.un.org/counterterrorism/ctif/en>

Resolution regarding the issue

<http://www.un.org/documents/ga/res/48/a48r122.htm>

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

The establishment of a new unit with the sole focus of human rights in terrorism, a possible sub-organ of CTITF; these terrorist groups are funded by their some of their illegal actions, drug dealing with Malaysian cartels or oil sales, etc., so a way of discouraging deals made with terrorist groups could be implemented

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