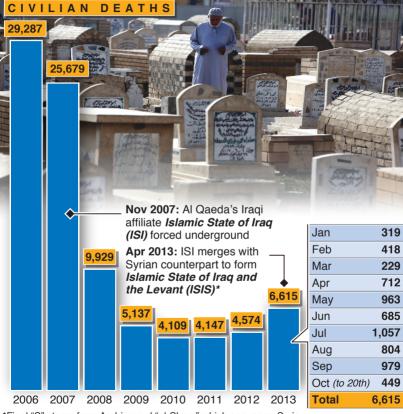
## Al Qaeda surges back in Iraq

Al Qaeda and other Islamist insurgent groups have killed more than 6,600 people in Iraq this year, driving the civilian death toll to the highest level since the Sunni-Shia sectarian war of 2006-07



\*Final "S" stems from Arabic word "al-Sham" which can mean Syria
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