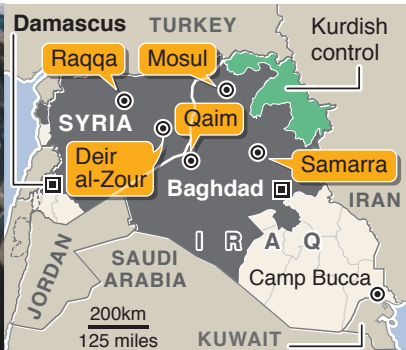


The most wanted man in the Middle East



● *Boundaries of caliphate envisioned by ISIS – as posted on Twitter, March 2014*

■ **1971: Ibrahim Awad Ibrahim al-Badri** born to Salafi* family in town of Samarra

■ **1989-2003:** Lives in Tobchi district of Baghdad. Plays football for team from local mosque

■ **2002:** Gains doctorate in Islamic Studies† from University of Baghdad. Marries – wife has first child, a boy

■ **2003:** Following U.S.-led invasion al-Badri is drawn into emerging **Al Qaeda in Iraq (AQI)**

■ **2005:** Al-Badri, now known as **Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi**, is accused of being connected to beheadings, crucifixions and torture of local civilians in border town of Qaim

■ **2005-09:** Al-Baghdadi is captured by U.S. forces and held in Camp Bucca detention camp for four years. Released when U.S. closes camp in 2009



■ **2010:** After top leaders are killed al-Baghdadi becomes leader of AQI

■ **2011:** Following departure of U.S. troops, AQI begins bombing campaign. U.S. places \$10 million bounty on al-Baghdadi

■ **2012:** AQI launches **Breaking Walls** campaign with over 560 bomb attacks and release of more than 500 inmates from Abu Ghraib prison

■ **2013:** AQI enters civil war in Syria, capturing city of Raqqa and country's oil fields around Deir al-Zour, creating lucrative source of revenue

■ **Apr:** AQI renamed **ISIS (Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant)**

■ **Jun 2014:** ISIS changes its name to **Islamic State**, and declares al-Baghdadi **caliph** – political and religious leader of all Muslims

■ **Jul 5:** ISIS website publishes video claiming to show al-Baghdadi delivering sermon at mosque in Mosul

*Salafism is a strict interpretation of Islam. †Claims made on Jihadi websites