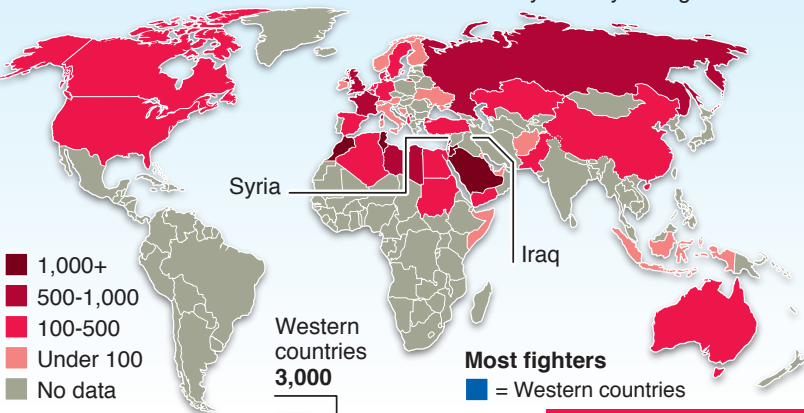


# UN seeking action to curb foreign fighters

The UN Security Council plans to demand that countries stem the flow of people joining extremist groups like Islamic State, whose fighters – about half of them foreigners – control vast swathes of Iraq and Syria

**FOREIGN FIGHTERS IN IRAQ AND SYRIA: Numbers by country of origin**

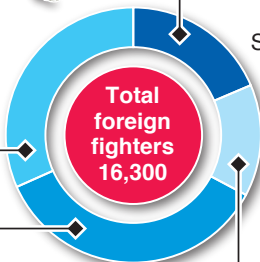


## Numbers by region

Rounded figures

Middle East  
**5,200**

North Africa  
**5,800**



Rest of world  
**2,300**

## Most fighters

■ = Western countries

Tunisia	3,000
Saudi Arabia	2,500
Jordan	1,500
Morocco	1,500
Lebanon	900
Russia	800
France	700
Libya	600
UK	500
Germany	400
Turkey	400
Egypt	360
Pakistan	330
Belgium	300
Australia	250
Algeria	200
Kazakhstan	150
Netherlands	150
Albania	140
Kosovo	120

All numbers based on official figures and estimates between 2013 and 2014, and ICSR analysis. Includes fighters who have returned to their home countries

Picture: Associated Press