

IS militants spreading into North Africa

The influence of the so-called Islamic State's "Caliphate" is gradually spreading from its stronghold in the Syrian city of Raqqa and taking root among North Africa-based Islamist militant groups

Approximate area under control of Islamic State militants



1 Egypt: Sunni jihadist group **Ansar Bait al-Maqdis** – formed in 2011 and numbering up to 2,000 fighters – now known as **Wilayat Sinai** (Sinai Province) after merging with Islamic State group in November

2 Eastern Libya: Coastal city of Darna – home to 80,000 people – proclaimed Islamic State's **Barka Province** in October by coalition of allied militia groups

3 Tripoli: Libyan capital under control of Islamist rebel group **Fajr Libya** (Dawn Libya) since August. Mitiga international airport used as hub for thousands of jihadists from Europe and North Africa travelling to join militants in Syria

4 Tunisia: Birthplace of Arab Spring has provided largest number of foreign fighters to Islamic State and al-Qaeda affiliated **al-Nusra Front** – estimates put figure at 3,000. Many people believed to be attracted to jihad over discontent with Tunisia's political process

5 Algeria: Extremist group **Jund al-Khalifa** (Caliphate Soldiers of Algeria) allied with Islamic State since September after splitting from **al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb**

6 Morocco: Al-Qaeda-linked terror organisation **Salafia Jihadia** could be influenced by recent declaration of allegiance to Islamic State made by Moroccan jihadists fighting in Syria