Australia to tackle growing jihadist threat

Australia will tighten its anti-terror laws in a bid to combat the threat from home-grown jihadists. Dozens of Australians have joined extremist groups in Syria and Iraq, with at least 30 having already returned

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF FOREIGN FIGHTERS IN SYRIA AND IRAQ

From selected Western countries (data from second half of 2014)

Country	Returnees	In conflict zone
France	360	1,200
Germany	180	600
UK	180	600
Belgium	132	440
Netherlands	75	250
Sweden	54	180
Austria	45	150
Denmark	45	150
Australia	30	100
Canada	30	100
Spain	30	100
United States	30	100
Italy	24	80
Finland	21	70
Norway	18	60
Switzerland	12	40
Ireland	9	30

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In conflict zone: Total number of travellers during entire conflict. Includes those who have died

Returnees: Foreigners who have returned home or are stuck in transit countries (up to 30 percent of total)

Global foreign fighter numbers

Middle East and North Africa
11,600

Western countries
4,400

Rest of world
4,700

Total 20,700

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