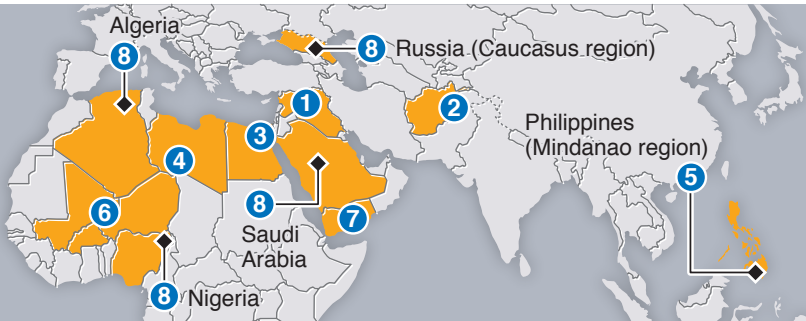


# What's next for Islamic State?

So-called Islamic State has been subdued in Iraq and Syria, and its leaders are in hiding, but the jihadist group can continue to inspire "lone-wolf" operations through its affiliates in other countries



**1 Iraq, Syria:** Out of estimated 40,000 foreigners who joined IS, at least 5,600 had returned home by end of 2017. Only about 3,000 remain in remnants of group's proto-state

**2 Afghanistan:** IS attacks on security forces and civilians contributing to instability

**3 Egypt:** Affiliate active in Sinai, claimed responsibility for 2015 bombing of Russian airliner that killed 224 people

**4 Libya:** Affiliate tied to attacks in Berlin in 2016 and Manchester in 2017. Attempting comeback in southern desert after being routed in city of Sirte

**5 Philippines:** Four IS-allied groups waging insurgency in Mindanao region. Militants seized and held city of Marawi for five months in 2017

**6 Sahel:** *Islamic State in Greater Sahara* has attacked security forces in Burkina Faso, Niger and Mali. Suspected of 2017 ambush in Niger which killed four U.S. and four Nigerian soldiers

**7 Yemen:** Affiliate has attacked both sides fighting civil war

**8 Others:** Allied group *Boko Haram* in Nigeria. Affiliates in Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Russia's Caucasus region

