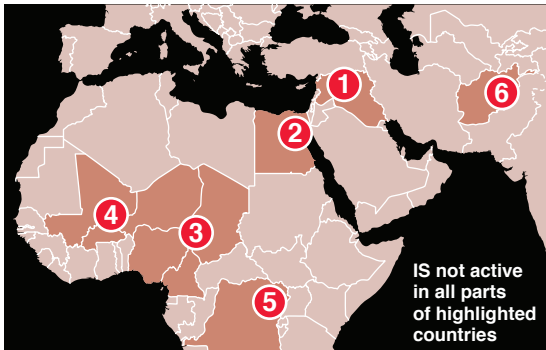
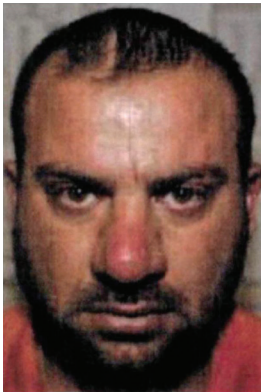


# IS likely undiminished by death of leader

Despite the death of its leader, the so-called Islamic State (IS) militant group remains a potent force across the Middle East, Africa and Asia



Left: IS chief **Abu Ibrahim al-Hashimi al-Quraishi** died in U.S. raid in Syria on Feb 3, 2022

## Middle East

### 1 Iraq and Syria

Epicentre of operations, with estimated 10,000 IS fighters scattered in autonomous cells

#### Jan 20, 2022

Assault on jail holding hundreds of jihadists in Syrian city of Hasaka was largest IS attack since collapse of its "caliphate" in 2019

## Africa

### 2 Sinai, Egypt

Province may have 800-1,200 fighters loyal to IS, according to 2021 UN report

### 3 IS West Africa Province (ISWAP)

Active in Lake Chad area bordering Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad and Niger. Group strength estimated to be 3,500 in 2021

### 4 IS in the Greater Sahara (ISGS)

Sub-group of ISWAP, operates independently in border area between Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger

2020: ISGS linked to more than 500 violent events and 2,000 fatalities across region

### 5 D. R. Congo

IS-linked **Allied Democratic Forces (ADF)** killed more than 1,200 people in 2021

## South Asia

### 6 Afghanistan IS Khorasan (IS-K)

has emerged as main militant threat since 2021 Taliban takeover. Estimated strength of 1,500-2,200 fighters

#### Aug 26, 2021

IS-K suicide attack at Kabul airport killed almost 200 people, including U.S. troops