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## MODERATE THREAT TO NEW JERSEY

### Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)

*The attacks in Paris in November indicate ISIS has the operational capacity to strike inside the West—underscoring the threat to New Jersey, the region, and the United States.* In addition, deadly suicide attacks in Lebanon one day before Paris; the bombing of a Russian aircraft over Egypt in October; and the near-simultaneous attacks in Kuwait and Tunisia in June demonstrate ISIS's sophistication in planning and conducting complex, multi-country attacks. The Paris attacks almost certainly took months of planning and preparation, spanning multiple Middle Eastern and European nations.



*ISIS leader  
Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi*

In Iraq and Syria, ISIS's success is attributed largely to its clearly defined hierarchical structure and centralized organization.

- ISIS also provides services to locals residing in territories it controls, such as enforcing strict Islamic rule and providing jobs, security, and public transportation.

*ISIS is the richest militant organization in the world, worth nearly \$2 billion.* The group relies on a variety of financial resources to sustain its state-operating and military efforts, including taxation and extortion—which are responsible for about two-thirds of its revenue—and oil smuggling, hostage-taking, human trafficking, and theft.

*ISIS has successfully marketed its brand of Islam on social media.* The group's English-language magazine *Dabiq* is released every month in at least four other languages: French, German, Russian, and Arabic.

- Recurring themes in *Dabiq* are encouraging supporters to travel and join the group and carrying out attacks in the West. ISIS also releases photo essays, videos, radio bulletins, and audio statements.

**In 2015, there were...**

**61**

*ISIS-related arrests in the US  
and...*

**...900**

*ongoing ISIS-related  
investigations, according to the  
FBI*

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