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OVERVIEW OF THE 100+ ISIS-LINKED PLOTS AGAINST THE WEST

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“ There are now more Sunni violent extremist groups, members, and safe havens than at any time in history... ISIL, including its eight established and several more emerging branches, has become the preeminent global terrorist threat...ISIL’s leaders are determined seek to strike the U.S. homeland—beyond inspiring homegrown violent extremist attacks.

DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE JAMES CLAPPER

Testimony before Senate Armed Services Committee

February 2016

“ The smallest action you do in their heartland is better and more enduring to us than what you would if you were with us. If one of you hoped to reach the Islamic State, we wish we were in your place to punish the Crusaders day and night.

ABU MOHAMMED AL-ADNANI

ISIS Audio Recording

May 2016

“ Unfortunately despite all our progress against ISIL on the battlefield and in the financial realm, our efforts have not reduced the group’s terrorism capability and global reach.

CIA DIRECTOR JOHN BRENNAN

Testimony before Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

June 2016

Background

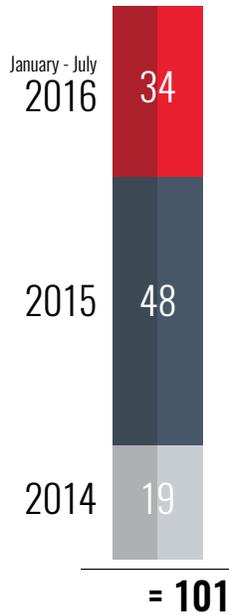
The House Homeland Security Committee has been tracking terrorist activity linked to the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) since the group's formation in 2013; its first publicly-known external plot against the West was in 2014. This report was produced by the Committee's Majority Staff and is intended to capture the scope of ISIS external operations against Western countries, including the United States, as well as terrorist incidents inspired by the group. It provides high-level analysis of ISIS-linked plots and attacks that have targeted such countries, along with a summary of each incident. At the time of publication, ISIS has been tied to a total of 100+ terrorist plots or attacks against the West. The Committee plans to update this report periodically. Additionally, the Committee's monthly Terror Threat Snapshot provides updated statistics and analysis on terrorism trends at homeland.house.gov.

Note on Methodology

This report is based on open-source data, including information from press articles, publicly available government documents, reports from non-governmental organizations, and related materials. For the purposes of this analysis, key terms are used as follows: "ISIS-linked" refers to incidents involving a suspect or suspects who were members of or connected to ISIS, for instance, through direct communication, pledges of allegiance, or ideological inspiration; "plots" refers to schemes, either executed or disrupted, by an individual or group to commit violent terrorist acts; and the "West" is used (at the time of this writing) in reference to countries located in Europe and North America, as well as Australia, or targets affiliated with those countries outside of the conflict zone in Syria and Iraq.

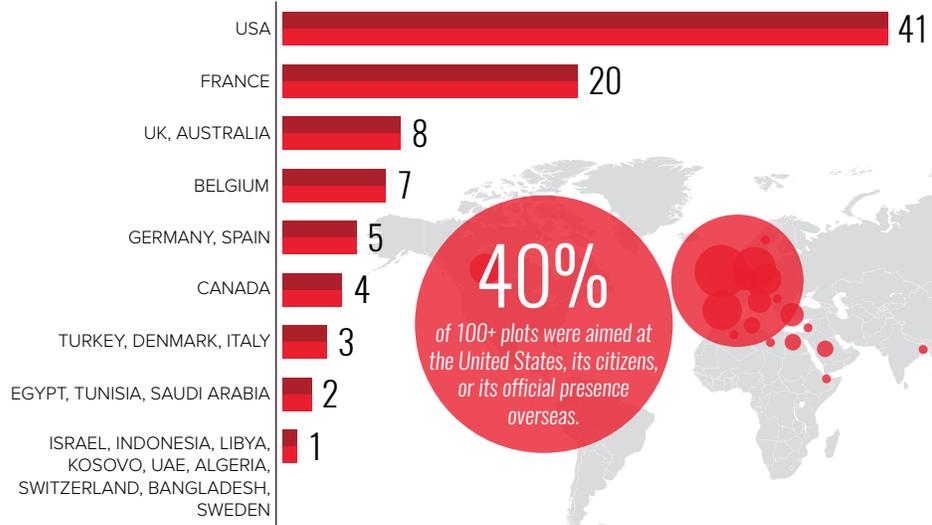
100+ ISIS-LINKED TERRORISM PLOTS AGAINST THE WEST

TOTAL ISIS-LINKED PLOTS



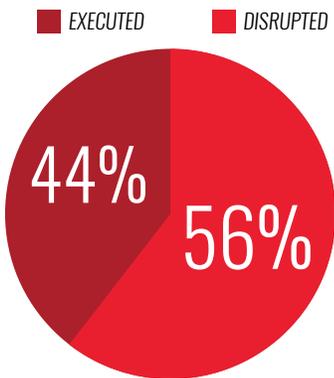
THE UNITED STATES IS THE TOP TARGET

NUMBER OF ISIS-LINKED PLOTS PER COUNTRY



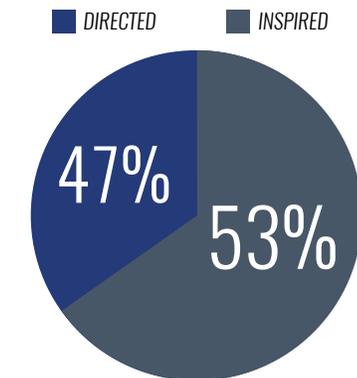
40%
of 100+ plots were aimed at the United States, its citizens, or its official presence overseas.

ISIS-LINKED PLOTS HAVE A GROWING—AND ALARMINGLY HIGH—SUCCESS RATE (2016)



...up from 31% "executed" in 2015.

ISIS FOLLOWERS CONDUCT MOST ATTACKS, BUT THE NUMBER OF ISIS-DIRECTED PLOTS IS ON THE RISE



...up from 35% "directed" in 2015.

MOST SUSPECTS ARE MILITARY-AGE MALES

GENDER



AGE OF SUSPECTS

80% were under the age 30
Average age: 26

ISIS-LINKED PLOTS ARE GETTING MORE DESTRUCTIVE



* casualties = killed and wounded

Key Findings

ISIS has now been linked to 100+ attack plots against Western countries—an unprecedented wave of terror. Although law enforcement agencies have thwarted more plots overall than have been executed, this year has seen ISIS's highest success rate to date. In 2016, ISIS operatives managed to pull off 44 percent of their attempted plots, compared to 31 percent in 2015. The remainder were disrupted. Both the first and 100th plots targeted the same location: Nice, France. In 2014, an ISIS fighter was dispatched from Syria to bomb a carnival in Nice but was stopped by authorities; this month, an ISIS-inspired individual drove a truck across a promenade in the seaside town, killing at least 84 civilians.

The United States continues to be the most-targeted country. Around 40 percent of ISIS-linked Western plots specifically targeted the United States, its citizens, or its official presence overseas. Attacks have included the massacre in Orlando, the shooting rampage in San Bernardino, and a knife attack at a college campus in California, among others. Thwarted efforts have included a plot to attack the U.S. Embassy in South Africa, planned shootings at churches and synagogues from the East Coast to the Midwest, a plot to detonate explosives at New York City landmarks, and a plot to detonate pipe bombs on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., among others. ISIS has also released online "kill lists," which include the names of thousands of individuals in the United States, from religious leaders to law enforcement personnel.

ISIS attacks are getting deadlier and more destructive. The total number of casualties from the group's anti-Western attacks more than doubled in just the first half of this year. At least 875 people have been killed or wounded in 2016 alone—more than the combined total from 2014 and 2015 (750 people)—and in just the past year the average number of casualties per attack jumped from 48 to 58. In all, ISIS-linked attacks against the West have been responsible for more than 1,600 casualties since 2014. The three highest-casualty attacks all occurred within the past year, including the November assault in Paris (480 people), the attack in Brussels (335 people), and the recent truck massacre in Nice (286 people).

Most of the group's external operations are carried out by independent followers. ISIS is successfully "crowd-sourcing" its terrorism agenda. The majority of plots appear to have been masterminded by individuals who were inspired by ISIS, rather than those who worked with the terrorist organization directly or enlisted in one of its safe havens. For instance, this year during Ramadan, ISIS urged supporters around the world to conduct attacks in their homelands, and followers appear to have responded, such as the gunman in the Orlando attack. In a separate instance, a man in France killed a police chief and his wife in their home, citing ISIS's call for operations during the holy month.

But so-called “lone wolves” are not always operating alone, and ISIS is increasingly involved in directing plots. So far in 2016, 47 percent of ISIS-linked plots were likely “directed” by the group (and 53 percent “inspired”)—a marked increase from 2015 (35 percent directed, 65 percent inspired). While many plots initially appear to only be motivated by the group, investigators are increasingly finding direct links. For instance, a fifteen-year-old who stabbed a police officer in Germany in April was later found to have met two ISIS “middlemen” in Istanbul who convinced her to carry out an operation when she returned home. Two other homegrown extremists were recently charged in the United States for planning separate terrorist attacks, one in Virginia and the other in Ohio. Authorities found that in both plots the suspects had actually been directed by ISIS operatives in Syria. In another case last year, passengers subdued a man on a train from Amsterdam to Paris while he attempted to launch a shooting rampage. The suspect was believed to have acted alone, but investigators now say he was in touch with a top ISIS plotter, Abdelhamid Abaaoud.

Foreign fighters and core ISIS operatives are playing a growing role in plots. In 2016, nearly half of ISIS-linked plots against the West involved an individual who trained in or was dispatched from a foreign terrorist safe haven, especially Syria and Iraq—up from one-third in 2015. Such individuals sometimes serve as lead plotters—as in the November 2015 Paris attack—but more often they inspire, recruit, or enable homegrown attackers. These fighters can provide guidance on targets, expertise about attack methods, and perceived legitimacy for aspiring jihadists. FBI Director James Comey has warned of an eventual “terrorist diaspora” out of Syria and Iraq, a prospect that is likely to increase the number of plots involving hardened ISIS fighters.

Terrorists are “going dark,” making it harder to detect and disrupt attacks. ISIS urges its operatives and followers to mask their communications by using end-to-end encrypted messaging applications and encryption software, which is clearly impacting counterterrorism efforts. At a House Homeland Security Committee hearing in July, FBI Director James Comey said his agency faces a growing number of terrorism cases where the communications of suspects cannot be accessed, making it harder to stop plots. A number of ISIS-linked attacks—from the United States to Europe—were later found to have been plotted by operatives relying on encrypted communications.

Explosives are becoming a major part of the ISIS plotter’s arsenal. In the past two years, there has been a four-fold increase in the number of ISIS-linked terror plots involving explosives—from 11 percent of plots (in 2014) to 47 percent (in 2016). After firearms were used in the Charlie Hebdo attacks, a known ISIS terrorist—arrested for his own plot against a train station in Rome—noted, “There’s an easier way: to equip themselves and blow themselves up, that’s the easiest way.” Such methods have since been used in even deadlier attacks, including in the group’s assault in Brussels.

Forty percent of ISIS plots against the West have targeted government, military, and law enforcement. ISIS propagandists have urged their followers to attack Western official buildings and government employees, especially law enforcement and military personnel—a call that has been heeded by supporters. In the United States, ISIS-linked terrorists have plotted to attack multiple military installations and to behead police officers and soldiers. The group’s “kill lists,” for instance, frequently include the names of police and members of the military. For example, ISIS released the contact information for 55 police officers from the New York and New Jersey area and asked its followers to carry out “lone wolf” attacks on these individuals. While this plot did not directly result in any known injuries, ISIS-inspired individuals in the United States have tried to attack police officers in several instances.

Refugee flows have become a key pathway for terrorists to expand their reach into Western countries. ISIS has advanced its operations by infiltrating operatives into the flow of refugees from the Middle East, including to plan attacks in Belgium, France, Germany, and Turkey. Lax border security and traveler screening has made it easier for the group to exploit these humanitarian programs. In Germany, for instance, four Syrians were arrested in June for plotting a terrorist attack and at least some are believed to have entered the country posing as refugees. Earlier this year, another ISIS operative managed to sneak into Turkey pretending to flee the Syrian civil war—and conducted a suicide bombing targeting Western tourists. Senior U.S. intelligence and law enforcement officials believe the group may also be attempting to infiltrate the U.S. refugee program, and authorities have already identified individuals tied to terrorism in Syria that have attempted to enter the United States as refugees.

Crowded places—especially public transit and entertainment venues—continue to be top terrorist targets. It comes as little surprise that ISIS is setting its sights on soft targets with large crowds of people. Such attacks have the highest death toll, including the massacres at the Bataclan Concert Hall in Paris, the airport and a metro station in Brussels, and a night club in Orlando. Additionally, police have tracked or disrupted multiple plots to attack sporting events, including the European soccer championship in France. Many of these public spaces are easy targets due to a perceived lack of security. In Tunisia, for instance, ISIS managed to conduct two high-profile attacks at a museum and a seaside beach resort, locations with relatively little security but which are frequented by Western tourists.

The majority of ISIS plotters continue to be young men. ISIS has tried to broaden its propaganda to appeal to all demographics, but the overwhelming bulk of its attack operatives still fit a similar profile. In cases where suspects were identified, almost 90 percent were male, and the average age was 26 years old. In fact, a clear majority (80 percent) were under the age of 30, suggesting that most ISIS operatives are indeed “military-aged males,” as is commonly assumed.

Summary: ISIS-Linked Plots Against the West

<i>Date</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Description</i>
July 2016	Germany	A 17-year-old Afghan refugee tied to ISIS stormed a train with an axe attacking passengers, before being shot by police.
July 2016	France	A 31-year old man drove a truck through a crowded promenade on Bastille Day in Nice, France, killing 84 and injuring over 200. He is believed to have been radicalized in part by ISIS propaganda.
July 2016	South Africa	Two brothers were arrested for planning to attack the U.S. embassy in Pretoria, in addition to an unidentified “Jewish building,” in the name of ISIS.
July 2016	USA	An Ohio man pleaded guilty to attempting to kill law enforcement and military personnel after being directed to do so by a now-deceased ISIS operative in Syria.
July 2016	USA	An 18 year-old was arrested for planning terrorist attacks on government buildings in Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona. His classmate said he posted “calls for Jihad” on Facebook.
July 2016	USA	A former member of the Army National Guard was arrested for providing material support and assisting with a plot to launch an attack on U.S. soil in the name of ISIS.
July 2016	Bangladesh	ISIS-linked terrorists killed two dozen people after holding hostages in a Dhaka café frequented by Western tourists and diplomats.
June 2016	Belgium	Authorities arrested and charged three ISIS-linked operatives for plotting to attack the Euro 2016 soccer match between Belgium and Ireland.
June 2016	France	A 25-year old attacker killed a local police official and his partner in their home in the name of ISIS.
June 2016	USA	An ISIS-radicalized shooter attacked a night club in Orlando, Florida, killing 49 people and injuring dozens more.
June 2016	Online	ISIS’ so-called “Cyber Caliphate” released a “kill list” naming thousands of individuals for its supporters to target, mostly based in the United States.
June 2016	Germany	Four ISIS suspects from Syria were arrested for a plot to kill pedestrians using bombs in guns on the streets of Dusseldorf.
May 2016	Australia	An 18-year old was arrested and charged with planning to launch a terrorist attack in Sydney, in addition to attempting to join ISIS in Syria.

April 2016	Germany	A 15 year-old girl attacked and stabbed a police officer at a train station in Hannover after the officer stopped to check her identity. She was reportedly urged by two ISIS middlemen to conduct an attack.
April 2016	USA	A 40-year old man was arrested in South Florida for planning an explosive attack on a Synagogue in the name of ISIS.
April 2016	Australia	A teenager communicating with an overseas ISIS operative was arrested for attempting to purchase a firearm in order to conduct a terrorist attack on Anzac Day.
April 2016	Spain	A Moroccan man and alleged ISIS recruiter was arrested for preparing an attack in Spain and attempting to join the terrorist group in Syria.
March 2016	France	Authorities arrested a man connected to the terrorist massacre in Brussels for plotting an additional attack.
March 2016	Belgium	ISIS operatives launched coordinated suicide bombings in Brussels, including against the airport and a metro station, killing dozens of civilians and injuring hundreds more.
March 2016	USA	A University of California – Merced student stabbed a fellow student and attacked three others on campus. The suspect was reportedly inspired by ISIS and carried the group’s flag during his attack.
March 2016	France	Authorities foiled a terrorist attack being plotted in the suburbs of Paris and arrested four suspects who were believed to be communicating with ISIS.
March 2016	Belgium	At least one terror suspect attacked authorities who were conducting a raid linked to the investigation into the November 2015 Paris attacks executed by ISIS.
March 2016	Italy	A Somali refugee in Italy was detained by police for allegedly planning an ISIS-linked attack at a train station in Rome.
March 2016	USA	An ISIS hacker group posted a “kill list” urging followers to carry out lone wolf attacks on 55 police officers from New York and New Jersey.
February 2016	Sweden	A 20-year-old man was arrested for plotting an ISIS-inspired suicide bombing after previously attempting to join ISIS in Syria.
February 2016	USA	A Michigan man was arrested by the FBI for planning to conduct a mass shooting at a nearby church, where he hoped to kill thousands of worshippers in the name of ISIS.
February 2016	USA	A Missouri woman was arrested by the FBI for making pro-ISIS threats of violence against government and military personnel through online postings which included personal and location information for some of the individuals.

February 2016	Germany	German police detained three suspects believed to be involved in an ISIS plot to conduct “severely violent attacks” in Berlin, possibly against two popular tourist locations. At least one of the suspects is believed to have trained with ISIS in Syria.
January 2016	Denmark	A teenage girl was arrested while plotting to bomb a Jewish school in Copenhagen with the help of an accomplice who had fought with ISIS in Syria.
January 2016	France	A teenage ISIS supporter was arrested on terror charges for attacking a Jewish teacher with a machete in Marseille.
January 2016	France	On the one year anniversary of the Paris Charlie Hebdo attacks, an ISIS-inspired knife-wielding man charged a Paris police station and was shot dead by authorities.
January 2016	Turkey	An ISIS suicide bomber struck a popular Istanbul tourist area killing 10, including nine German nationals, and wounding 15.
January 2016	Indonesia	A group of terrorists launched a complex attack in downtown Jakarta, targeting Westerners in a shopping district. ISIS took credit for the attack, which they said was targeted at foreigners and the “crusader alliance” fighting ISIS.
December 2015	UK	A knife-wielding man attacked passengers in a London tube station, reportedly yelling, “This is for Syria,” and attempted to behead one individual. ISIS propaganda was found on his phone.
December 2015	USA	A New York man was arrested for plotting to attack civilians at a restaurant in Rochester, New York on New Year’s Eve. The suspect claimed he received direction from an ISIS operative overseas and wanted to join the group in Syria.
December 2015	USA	An ISIS-inspired married couple opened fire at a holiday party at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, killing 14. The suspects fled the scene but were later killed by police in a shootout.
December 2015	Belgium	Belgian authorities arrested two people on suspicion of being involved in a plot to attack “emblematic sites” in Belgium’s capital during New Year’s celebrations.
December 2015	Turkey	Turkey detained nearly a dozen suspected ISIS operatives for planning to conduct a suicide bomb attack on the U.S. consulate in Istanbul. A number of the suspects arrived in Turkey from Syria using fake passports.
November 2015	Spain	Three ISIS-linked Moroccans living in Spain were arrested in raids in Madrid and Rivas-Vacimadrid for planning a jihadist attack in the country’s capital.
November 2015	France	ISIS operatives conducted a series of coordinated terrorist attacks in the French capital targeting a concert hall, restaurants, and cafes, killing 130 people and injuring more than 350. At least two operatives are believed to have entered Europe posing as refugees, and ISIS later released videos purportedly showing each of the attackers as having previously been in Syria.

November 2015	Europe	In a coordinated police sweep across Europe (Britain, Norway, Finland, and Italy), authorities detained 16 ISIS-linked suspects who were planning to attack and kidnap Western diplomats in the Middle East in a bid to free a jailed jihadist leader. Police were unable to detain some of the suspects, as they had already traveled to Syria to join groups like ISIS.
September 2015	USA	A Florida man who sympathized with ISIS was arrested for providing bomb-making advice to an informant for an intended terrorist attack on a 9/11 Anniversary ceremony in Kansas City, Missouri.
August 2015	France	A Moroccan man was subdued by passengers and later arrested after attempting to launch a mass shooting attack on a train traveling from Amsterdam to Paris. Several individuals were wounded by the suspect, who is believed to have been inspired by jihadist groups like ISIS and may have traveled to Syria.
August 2015	USA	A teenage boy was arrested outside Philadelphia for threatening to launch an ISIS-inspired assault on Pope Francis during his visit to the United States, including using firearms and explosives.
August 2015	France	A French citizen believed to have fought with ISIS was arrested by police for allegedly having returned from the group's stronghold in Syria with instructions to attack a concert.
August 2015	USA	An ISIS hacker group posted the personal information of hundreds of U.S. military and government personnel while urging followers to conduct attacks against such targets.
July 2015	USA	An ISIS-inspired Florida man was arrested for allegedly plotting to kill beachgoers using explosives hidden under the sand, a plot possibly timed around the Fourth of July.
July 2015	USA	A Massachusetts man was arrested for plotting to live-stream an ISIS-inspired terrorist rampage on a college campus, potentially timed around the Fourth of July.
July 2015	Italy	Two ISIS sympathizers were arrested after threatening to carry out a terrorist attack on a military base in Italy with a U.S. presence.
July 2015	UK	A British man was arrested and charged with plotting to attack U.S. troops in the United Kingdom as part of an ISIS-inspired plot.
July 2015	France	French authorities arrested four terror suspects who were plotting a shooting rampage at a French military base and planned to behead the base commander. Three of the suspects were believed to be in touch with ISIS operatives in Syria, including one who indicated he had been directed to strike France.

July 2015	Kosovo	Authorities in Kosovo arrested five ISIS-linked individuals for plotting to poison the water supply to Pristina, the country's 200,000-person capital. Two of the suspects are believed to have returned from Syria.
July 2015	Egypt	ISIS took credit for a car bomb attack against the Italian consulate in Cairo, killing one.
June 2015	France	A French individual believed to be inspired by ISIS beheaded his employer, planted jihadist banners near his victim, and rammed his car into the gas factory at which he had been employed, injuring two in the subsequent explosion.
June 2015	Tunisia	ISIS claimed responsibility for a shooting rampage at a Tunisian beach resort popular with Westerners, an attack that killed 38 individuals, all of which were European tourists. The suspect visited an ISIS training camp in Libya.
June 2015	USA	A 19-year-old North Carolina man was arrested and charged with "planning assassinations" and plotting to "kill a large number of U.S. citizens" in the name of ISIS.
June 2015	UK	Authorities disrupted an ISIS-linked bomb plot against an Armed Forces Day parade in London after a tip-off from journalist who had been in touch with an ISIS operative in Syria who directed the attack.
June 2015	USA	Two ISIS supporters were arrested and charged for assaulting law enforcement officers and were believed to be hatching a terrorist plot to set off explosives at New York City landmarks.
June 2015	USA	Police shot and killed a terror suspect in Boston after he charged authorities with a knife. The individual was inspired by ISIS, in touch with overseas operatives, and believed to be moving forward with an imminent plot to behead law enforcement officers.
May 2015	USA	Two Arizona men were killed while attempting to carry out a terrorist attack against a Prophet Mohammad "cartoon drawing" event in Garland, Texas. At least one of the attackers was in contact with a prominent ISIS operative overseas.
April 2015	USA	A Kansas man was arrested for plotting a suicide car bomb attack against Fort Riley military base in the name of ISIS.
April 2015	France	An Algerian man living in France was arrested after accidentally shooting himself in the leg, leading police to discover his plans to conduct a jihadist shooting attack against French churches. The suspect was in touch with at least one ISIS operative in Syria.
April 2015	USA	An Ohio resident with ties to ISIS--and who returned from fighting with jihadist groups in Syria--was arrested for plotting a terrorist attack against a U.S. military base.

April 2015	USA	Two ISIS-inspired women in New York were arrested after allegedly planning to build and detonate a homemade bomb in the United States. The suspects were reportedly in touch with terrorists overseas.
April 2015	Saudi Arabia	Saudi authorities arrested three individuals planning a car bomb attack against the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh. The individuals were part of a larger ISIS cell disrupted by authorities.
April 2015	Australia	Five Australian teens were arrested while planning a terrorist attack at a veteran's day event in Melbourne. At least one of the suspects received instructions from an ISIS operative in Syria.
April 2015	Spain	Authorities detained 10 individuals from an ISIS-linked group planning possible terrorist acts, including kidnappings, executions, attacks on Jewish shops, and attacks on public buildings.
March 2015	Canada	An ISIS-inspired Pakistani man was arrested for plotting to launch a terrorist attack against the U.S. consulate and other buildings in the financial district in Toronto using remote-controlled explosives.
March 2015	Tunisia	Terrorists shot and killed 21 people, primarily European tourists, at the National Bardo Museum in Tunisia. ISIS claimed responsibility for the attack.
March 2015	USA	A former U.S. National Guardsman and his cousin were arrested for an ISIS-inspired plot to conduct a terrorist attack against a military base in Illinois.
March 2015	Spain	Authorities arrested four individuals linked to ISIS militants for plotting a possible terrorist attack on Spanish soil.
March 2015	Spain	Authorities arrested multiple individuals who were part of an ISIS-linked terrorist cell believed to be preparing for attacks in Spain and beyond. The group's activities were reportedly coordinated by an ISIS operative in Syria.
March 2015	USA	A group claiming to be ISIS' hacking division released a hit list that included the names of over 100 U.S. military service members.
February 2015	Denmark	A gunman who pledged allegiance to ISIS opened fire at an event at a Copenhagen cultural center, killing one civilian and wounding three police officers. Authorities suspect the gunman was targeting Lars Vilks, a cartoonist who had caricatured the Prophet Muhammad; the suspect also shot and killed a security guard outside a synagogue later that evening.
February 2015	France	Two French soldiers were wounded in a knife attack outside a Jewish community center in Nice, France by a suspect recently expelled from Turkey under suspicion of heading to join ISIS.
February 2015	Australia	Australian police arrested two men for planning a public beheading in Sydney after discovering ISIS propaganda in their possession and a video detailing their plot.

January 2015	Libya	ISIS operatives detonated a car bomb at the Corinthia Hotel, a known residence of Westerners in Tripoli, and gunmen stormed the facility killing nine, including an American security contractor and a French national. The group said the attack was in retaliation against the U.S. capture of a Libyan jihadist.
January 2015	France	An associate of the Charlie Hebdo attackers in Paris held 15 hostages in a kosher market, killing four. The suspect pledged allegiance to ISIS and is also suspected of having killed a French police officer.
January 2015	USA	The FBI arrested an Ohio man inspired by ISIS for plotting a pipe bomb and shooting attack against the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.
January 2015	Belgium	Police killed two suspected ISIS operatives, who had recently returned from Syria and were believed to be plotting a major terrorist attack against police officers. A third suspect escaped.
January 2015	Turkey	Turkish authorities uncovered a plot by ISIS to attack U.S., French, and Belgian consulates in Istanbul.
December 2014	Australia	An Australian ISIS supporter took 17 people hostage in a downtown Sydney cafe. Three people died when police stormed the facility, including the suspect.
December 2014	UAE	Police arrested a woman allegedly inspired by ISIS and other jihadist groups for stabbing and killing an American teacher in a shopping mall bathroom.
December 2014	France	French police shot and killed a knife-wielding suspect who attacked and wounded three officers. The suspect had recently made ISIS-linked posts on social media.
December 2014	UK	UK authorities removed Royal guards from their public positions guarding the Queen's palace and place them in more secure positions after uncovering a potential ISIS-linked plot targeting the guards.
November 2014	Saudi Arabia	ISIS-linked militants reportedly shot and wounded a Danish citizen in Riyadh. A video claiming credit was later released by the group's supporters.
November 2014	UK	UK police arrested four ISIS-linked individuals on suspicions of planning a terrorist attack involving public beheadings timed during Britain's Remembrance Day events. One suspect was later released.
November 2014	Egypt	ISIS' Egyptian branch took credit for the murder of a U.S. oil worker in Egypt.
October 2014	Canada	Canadian police killed a terrorist who shot a soldier at Canada's National War Memorial and then proceeded to attack the Canadian Parliament. The suspect was suspected to have been influenced by ISIS and other jihadist propaganda and reportedly sought to travel to Libya and Syria.
October 2014	USA	A hatchet-wielding man attacked four police officers in New York City, wounding two. Police killed the attacker, who was believed to have been inspired by ISIS and other jihadist groups.

October 2014	Canada	An ISIS-inspired extremist struck two Canadian soldiers with his car in Quebec, killing one and wounding the other. The suspect was killed by police in pursuit.
October 2014	Denmark	A Danish teenager radicalized by online ISIS propaganda was arrested after stabbing her mother to death, along with a 29-year-old Iraqi accomplice.
October 2014	UK	Several ISIS inspired British residents were arrested plotting a potentially "significant" terrorist attack in London, reportedly public beheadings of civilians. One of the suspects had allegedly returned from Syria where he had been connected with ISIS.
September 2014	Australia	An ISIS-inspired teen stabbed two police officers in Australia after reportedly having his passport revoked over concerns he would try to join the group.
September 2014	Australia	Australian police arrested more than a dozen individuals in counterterrorism raids, including one who was reportedly in touch with an operative in Syria about planning a public beheading in Sydney.
September 2014	Algeria	A French citizen hiking in Algeria was kidnapped and beheaded by an ISIS affiliate, which later released a video claiming credit.
May 2014	Belgium	Four civilians were killed in a terrorist attack at a Jewish museum in Brussels. The shooting was perpetrated by an ISIS supported who had returned from Syria in 2013.
May 2014	USA	The FBI arrested an upstate New York man who sought to support ISIS and plotted to shoot and kill members of the U.S. military who returned from Iraq.
March 2014	Switzerland	Swiss authorities arrested four Iraqis suspected of planning a terrorist attack in Europe in the name of ISIS. The suspects had sought to purchase toxic gas and explosives for their attack.
February 2014	France	Police in the French Riviera arrested a French-Algerian extremist who fought with ISIS in Syria and was believed to be planning a terrorist attack in the country using explosives.