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a sober analysis of is s media and propaganda output essential for understanding what drives the movement

fully revised updated edition of the new york times bestselling and highly praised book on isis with newly added material and breaking news including interview with a former isis spymaster why isis is targeting europe and the us what russia wants in syria revelations on the brutal ideology of isis with brutal attacks in last year across the globe brussels paris beirut egypt turkey the islamic state of iraq and syria isis has proved itself the greatest terrorist threat in the world today they have conquered massive territories in syria and iraq in a bid to create a new

muslim caliphate under the strict dictates of sharia law in this fully revised and updated edition of *isis inside the army of terror* american journalist michael weiss and syrian analyst hassan hassan explain how these violent extremists evolved from a nearly defeated iraqi insurgent group into a jihadi army of international volunteers who with slickly produced murder videos are spreading violence and mayhem across the globe beginning with the early days of abu musab al zarqawi the founder of isis s first incarnation weiss and hassan explain who the key players are from their leader abu bakr al baghdadi to the former saddam baathists in their ranks where they come from how they have attracted both local and global support and how they operate from their social media strategy to their illicit oil revenues as money and matériel continue to flow into the region to combat the isis s spreading terror other forces assad s regime russian planes iranian quds forces and other shiite militias are gaining power and using the fight against isis as a means to leverage their agenda in the region political and military maneuvering by the united states iraq iran syria and russia have fueled isis s explosive expansion in five new chapters the authors delve further into the inner workings of the army of terror and what it is like to live under their ever tightening rule with invaluable and exclusive insider information the authors explore the islamic state s enigmatic recruitment and training methods the impact of their military successes and failures and how they structure and empower home grown cells worldwide to carry out their terror drawing on original interviews with former us military officials and current isis fighters and brand new interviews with a former isis spy as well as kurdish and yazidi survivors of the isis s assault on northern iraq the authors reveal the internecine struggles within the movement itself as well as isis s bloody hatred of shiite muslims which is generating another sectarian war in the region a new generation of terror has dawned in the world and to understand how to stop it we must understand who they are

an authoritative guide to the rise of the islamic state and its senior leadership how did the islamic state grow from regional terrorist group to a brutal multinational bureaucratic machine what are its goals how can it be stopped in 2014 the islamic state seemingly appeared out of nowhere routing iraqi forces conquering iraq s second largest city boldly announcing the establishment of a caliphate and declaring itself the islamic state is today is controls thousands of square miles and is attempting to govern millions of people in this definitive guide to the islamic state and its senior leadership charles r lister traces its roots from the release of its notorious father figure abu musab al zarqawi from a jordanian prison and the group s formation in afghanistan in the late 1990s and finally to its stunning maturation in iraq and syria the west knows is through its unrelenting propaganda war with its deft use of social media and videos of horrific acts lister shares details of is s sophisticated revenue machine attempts at governing and its formidable military with is knocking on the doors of lebanon jordan and saudi arabia lister s portrait helps us understand what to expect next and recommends a course of action to defeat is extinguish extremism and encourage a tolerant islam across the middle east this book includes a who s who in the islamic state s senior leadership from the foreword

by ahmed rashid the islamic state is the best basic understanding available of the isis phenomena and how to deal with it

an islamic terrorist movement isis also dubbed is or isil has taken advantage of the chaotic arab spring in syria and iraq to declare an islamic caliphate wherever it has been able to rise to power this movement is continuously attempting to extend the territory of its rule the egyptian sinai peninsula and the libyan post qaddafi desert country have sworn allegiance to the caliphate and every town that is captured by the fighting forces of isis is forced to submit to strict islamic law the caliphate movement is constantly increasing its power and influence it is not only sustained by the thousands of local recruits but it is reinforced by many thousands of muslim minority youth dwelling abroad these youths are charmed by the purity of its ideals and goals its brutal and coercive ways and its defiance of the west the united states some moderate arab allies in the gulf and some other international players including russia have launched attacks against the isis forces to prevent them from further destroying the ancient cultures of mosul and palmyra dedicated by unesco as part of the world heritage beyond that there does not seem to be any force capable of arresting their advance or checking their universal appeal to muslims around the world israeli s pessimistic conclusion is that isis may be contending for power in the middle east for many years to come while threatening to become a centre of terrorist activity against the west

award winning australian intellectual robert manne presents an incisive analysis of the historical background and current ideology that motivates isis and their quest for domination in the middle east and beyond in the ongoing conflict with isis military observers and regional experts have noted that it is just as important to understand its motivating ideology as to win battles on the ground this book traces the evolution of this ideology from its origins in the prison writings of the revolutionary jihadist sayyid qutb through the thinking of osama bin laden and ayman al zawahiri who planned the 9 11 terrorist attack to today s incendiary screeds that motivate terrorism via the internet chief among these recent texts are two documents that provide the foundation for isis terrorism one is called the management of savagery essentially a handbook for creating mayhem through acts of violence the other is the online magazine of horror called dabiqa which combines theological justifications with ultraviolent means apocalyptic dreams and genocidal ambitions professor manne provides close original and lucid readings of these important documents he introduces readers to a strange cruel but internally coherent and consistent political ideology which has now entered the minds of very large numbers of radicalized muslims in the middle east north africa and the west however disturbing and unsettling this book is essential reading for anyone concerned about terrorist violence

they have declared that they are at war with the united states they have a leader in baghdadi they have already conquered territory about half

of iraq about half of syria they have made absolutely breathtaking strides in their short tenure of advancement so they have land they have a name they have a leader they have a government it is known as shari a law that is islamic law they have an army twelve thousand presumably are in the islamic state army and brutal they are beheadings women raped men beheaded innocent children shot in the head it is absolutely devastating we see christians have been chased out of the middle east region the christians have been chased repeatedly out of iraq they are being chased out of the baghdad area they have been chased certainly out of northern iraq and western iraq as jews were chased out long ago now in syria we hear the horrific stories of christians who have been killed and murdered and beheaded simply because they name the name of jesus christ jews have been slaughtered and beheaded simply because they name the name of their god is there any greater intolerance than the intolerance that has been shown repeatedly brutally lethally by the islamic state against jews and christians and yes muslims whom they disagree with

based almost entirely on primary sources in arabic including ancient religious texts and secret al qaeda and islamic state letters that few have seen william mcants s the isis apocalypse explores how religious fervor strategic calculation and doomsday prophecy shaped the islamic state s past and foreshadow its dark future the islamic state is one of the most lethal and successful jihadist groups in modern history surpassing even al qaeda thousands of its followers have marched across syria and iraq subjugating millions enslaving women beheading captives and daring anyone to stop them thousands more have spread terror beyond the middle east under the islamic state s black flag how did the islamic state attract so many followers and conquer so much land by being more ruthless more apocalyptic and more devoted to state building than its competitors the shrewd leaders of the islamic state combined two of the most powerful yet contradictory ideas in islam the return of the islamic empire and the end of the world into a mission and a message that shapes its strategy and inspires its army of zealous fighters they have defied conventional thinking about how to wage wars and win recruits even if the islamic state is defeated jihadist terrorism will never be the same

the rapid rise of the islamic state in iraq and greater syria was almost like a fairy tale a group that was unheard of in early 2013 captured territories as big as great britain by 2014 june effectively erasing the border between iraq and syria it announced a caliphate drew in thousands of fighters and supporters from across the world including india launched attacks in nations from brussels to bangladesh and earned loyalties of local militant groups in conflict ridden states such as nigeria libya afghanistan and pakistan by the end of 2014 isis had transformed itself into a global force of terror isis caliphate tells the story of this phenomenon based on primary sources and interviews the book explores the geopolitical organisational and ideological roots of isis and narrates how the group has spread its wings from its core in

iraq and syria to the peripheries of india and pakistan

what is isis a quasi state a terrorist group a movement an ideology as isis has transformed and mutated gained and lost territory horrified the world and been its punch line media have been central to understanding it the changing yet constant relationship between isis and the media as well as its adversaries dependency on media to make sense of isis is central to this book more than just the images of mutilated bodies that garnered isis its initial infamy the book considers an isis media world that includes infographics administrative reports and various depictions of a post racial utopia in which justice is swift and candy is bought and sold with its own currency the book reveals that the efforts of isis and its adversaries to communicate and make sense of this world share modes of visual aesthetic and journalistic practice and expression the short tumultuous history of isis does not allow for a single approach to understanding its relation to media thus the book s contributions are to be read as contrapuntal analyses that productively connect and disconnect providing a much needed complex account of the isis media relationship this book was originally published as a special issue of critical studies in media communication

this unique study pioneers a comparative analysis between two major jihadist entities the taliban and the islamic state focusing on their state building endeavors it highlights the taliban s historical state building efforts in the 1990s as a model for understanding similar initiatives by jihadist groups such as the islamic state departing from existing literature that often examines individual jihadist groups in isolation this study adopts a comparative approach offering unique insights into the broader phenomenon of jihadist groups and their attempts at state making through detailed examinations of the taliban and the islamic state in afghanistan and elsewhere and the impacts of other regional actors the study sheds light on the resurgence of these movements even after apparent decline as witnessed with the resurgence of the taliban the book will be an invaluable reference for researchers scholars politicians and diplomats concerned with the region and with the aspirations of terror groups to engage in state building

in the wake of its caliphate declaration in 2014 the self described islamic state has been the focus of countless academic papers government studies media commentaries and documentaries despite all this attention persistent myths continue to shape and misdirect public understanding and strategic policy decisions a significant factor in this trend has been a strong disinclination to engage critically with islamic state s speeches and writings as if doing so reflects empathy with the movement s goals or even more absurdly may itself lead to radicalisation going beyond the descriptive and the sensationalist this volume presents and analyses a series of milestone islamic state primary source materials scholar practitioners with field experience in confronting the movement explore and contextualise its approach to

warfare propaganda and governance examining the factors behind its dramatic evolution from failed proto state in 2010 to standard bearer of global jihadism in 2014 to besieged insurgency in 2018 the isis reader will help anyone students and journalists military personnel civil servants and inquisitive observers to better understand not only the evolution of islamic state and the dynamics of asymmetric warfare but the importance of primary sources in doing so

this work serves as an investigation of the isis cult by tracing its development from egypt into greco roman society the origin of the isis cult is described by using the accounts of plutarch apuleius and diodorus before examining the effects of isis on egyptian culture the isis cult soon overflows into the greco roman world while this mysterious religion initially encounters opposition especially since it clashes with roman patriarchal society it overcomes these limitations the relevance of isis to new testament studies is demonstrated by comparing similar pauline practices to isiac beliefs and practices the concepts of freedom salvation baptism and resurrection in pauline christianity overlap with isiac beliefs the possibility of the isis cult as an historical context is explored in the book of 1 timothy which serves as an example of the intersection between the biblical text and the egyptian cult of isis

beneath the clear blue skies of maldives a beast slouches towards syria to be born zahi has led a perfectly normal life until one day she heads out for a family vacation but finds herself in the conflict stricken sands of syria unknowingly signed up for jihad along with her family zahi is now the newest recruit of the islamic state in a hostile environment with no support and where a single misplaced word could mean death she is able to make contact with her brother back home thus is set in motion a web of deception courage and tragedy as she attempts to escape based on the little known and insidious operations of the islamic state this book is a startling account of how the islamic state has perfected a cross country operation that converts thousands to a depraved cause taken from real life events this gritty account describes in horrifying detail not only the very real and very elaborate functioning of the islamic state but the motivations that operate behind it an authentically written portrait of life in the islam state this book will force you to tread carefully as it shatters your illusions combining research and accurate information with the heady pace of a political intrigue this is a ticket that you cannot miss out on in a world that is rocked by the violence of a rising islamic fundamentalism a ticket to syria is that disturbing thriller which is actually true

essay from the year 2019 in the subject politics topic international relations grade 70 university of winchester language english abstract this paper analyses if the terrorist organization isis has really been defeated a lot of politicians journalist authors and scientists say simply no because regardless of what happens to isis this ideology jihadi salafism still persists the caliphate has been destroyed but the isis ideology is

still everywhere firstly the root cause for rising isis is analysed secondly the starting point of isis as well as the further development of isis and its aims is evaluated furthermore the research question if isis has been defeated is discussed and lastly the future of this terrorist organization is considered the islamic state also known as the islamic state of iraq and al sham isis is the world s most dangerous terrorist organization that follows the ideology of salafist jihadist groups which fight in the name of islam by creating an islamic state in the world president donald trump tweeted on 19th december 2018 that the u s would withdraw its troops from syria claiming the islamic state terror group had been defeated and that there was no longer a reason to deploy u s forces in the war torn nation the isis terror group organization changed its name several times al baghdadi created the current name of isis as he took leadership of the islamic state in 2010 abu baker al baghdadi took advantage of the outbreak of the crisis in neighbouring syria in 2011 to move there and expand in 2013 his goal was to seize syrian territory and connect it to iraq it was first and foremost an extension of the global salafi jihadist movement

after years of war against terrorism led by the united states and his allies mainly against al qaeda and its international network today the west is in war with an enemy of a very different caliber and capabilities the isis with a strong and prosperous economy advanced media well equipped troops and an unusual ability to proselytize among young western muslim and elsewhere today the islamic state is the biggest threat to the future of our society in this book we analyze various aspects of the isis universe from origins to key people allies economics the media the foreign fighters to decipher the next targets of the caliphate it also analyzes the war against terrorism conducted by the west not failing to mention the gaps and uncertainties that have characterized the last years and trying to define future guidelines of the fight against islamic fundamentalism

the entity known in one of many variants as the islamic state of iraq and syria isis has come to feature regularly in the news and in our imaginations the dreadful grand guignol spectacle of beheadings abductions cages flames and triumphalist proclamations arouses powerful emotions disgust rage hatred grief a yearning for vengeance

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