

International Ongoing Events/Wars/Civic Protests-2015

Terrorist organizations in news

- **Islamic State:** Officially known as **ISIL or ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant/Syria)**, the Islamic State controls northern parts of **Iraq and the Western parts of Syria**, within which it has formed its own government. Founded by ***Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi**, The IS constitutes of fighters from all over the world, with British Muslims the highest from any Western nation. The group is known for organizing slave markets, where they trade off captured women of their enemies, particularly of the **Yazidi sect, and killing of children**
***Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi** is the leader of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), also known as **ISIS or Daesh**, an Islamic extremist group in **western Iraq, Libya, northeast Nigeria, and Syria**. He has been proclaimed by his followers **to be a caliph**. Other names are **Abu Bakr/Caliph Ibrahim/Abu Du'a/'The Invisible Sheikh**
- **Al-Qaeda:** It was established in 1989 by **Osama Bin Laden**. Under his leadership, the Al-Qaeda carried out the **9/11 attacks on US, which led to the Afghan war** culminating with the death of bin Laden in May 2012. Now headed by **Ayman al-Zawahiri**, the Al-Qaeda is notorious for its integrated network and powerful strategies
- **Taliban:** Previously known as the **mujahideen**, Taliban is the word derived from the **Pashto word for "students"**, Taliban is well-known for being one of the few militant organisations **to have been in charge of a country – Afghanistan from 1996 to 2001**. Founded by **Mullah Mohammed Omar**, the Taliban took **Afghanistan back into the middle ages with their strict imposition of Sharia and Islamic laws**. It received active support of the **Al-Qaeda, and was overthrown in the US-led invasion of Afghanistan**.
- **Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan:** Located in the federally administered tribal areas along the **Pakistan-Afghan border**, this terrorist organization comprises several Islamist militant groups. **Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (also called the Pakistani Taliban)**, was established in December 2007 by **Baitullah Mehsud**, a notorious Pakistani militant who died on August 23, 2009.
- **Boko Haram:** This Nigerian terror group was notorious for its acts of barbarism with the abduction of over 250 Nigerian schoolgirls. **Boko Haram**, which translates to '**Western education is sin**' in English, continues to operate without much resistance because of the failure of Nigerian government.
- **Al-Nusra Front: al-Nusra Front, or Jabhat al-Nusra, which means "The Support Front for the People of Al-Sham"** in Arabic, is a branch of **al-Qaeda operating in Syria and Lebanon**. Headed by **Abu Mohammad al-Julani**, the significance of this terror group lies in it being **the strongest supporter of Syrian rebels fighting the regime of Bashar al-Assad in the Syrian Civil War**. One of its main opponents is, however, the **Islamic State**.
- **Hezbollah:** Backed up by **Iran and Syria**, this **Lebanese terror group emerged from the Lebanese civil war of 1982, and is considered the biggest foe of Israel and Sunni Arab countries**.
- **Hamas:** Acronym for "**Harakat Al-Muqawama Al-Islamia**", Hamas is a socio-political terrorist group of **Palestine**, which was founded in 1987 as an offshoot of the **Muslim Brotherhood**. This organization was established with the aim of **carrying out Jihad against Israel, and to secure the freedom of Palestine from Israeli 'occupation'**.
- **Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK):** Known by its Kurdish initials, **PKK**, this group was established on November 27, 1978 in **Turkey** and has since been fighting for the sake of an **independent Kurdish state**. PKK's working region constitutes **Turkey, Iran, Syria and Iraq**. The PKK is currently the biggest belligerent in the **world's battle against the Islamic State**
- **Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia:** This Marxist-Leninist terrorist group of Colombia is better known by its acronym – **FARC** and is considered as the kingpin of illegal drug trade across the world and **terrorist activities in the Latin American country**.

- **Aum Shinrikyo:** In March 1995, Japanese religious cult **Aum Shinrikyo** released sarin nerve gas on a Tokyo subway.
- **Abu Sayyaf--Abu Sayyaf Philippines Terrorist Group :** The group's stated goal is an Islamic state in western Mindanao and the Sulu Archipelago, in Southern islands of the Philippines
- **Lashkar-E-Taiba-** Responsible for 2008 Mumbai Attacks and other numerous attacks in the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir.
- **Ansar Allah,** known more popularly as the *Houthis* are a **Shia group from Sa'dah, northern Yemen, which was founded by Hussein Badreddin al-Houthi.** They started a rebellion in 2004 which led to a Houthi insurgency in Yemen against **Yemen's former President, Ali Abdullah Saleh.** Houthis and their allies have gained control of a **significant part of Yemen's territory and are currently resisting the Saudi Arabian-led intervention in Yemen.** Both the **Houthis and the Saudi Arabian-led coalition are being attacked by the Islamic State terrorist group**
- **Khmer Rouge-Vietnam and Cambodia**

Ongoing Civil Wars in news

- The **Iraqi Civil War** is an ongoing armed conflict in the **Middle East.** In 2014, the **Iraqi insurgency escalated into a civil war with the conquest of Fallujah and Mosul and major areas in northern Iraq** by the **Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL, also known as ISIS).** This has resulted in the forced resignation of the **Prime Minister, Nouri al-Maliki,** airstrikes by the United States, Iran, Syria, and at least a dozen other countries, the participation of Iranian troops and military aid provided to Iraq by Russia. Both the **Iraqi armed forces and the Kurdish peshmerga** are facing the **Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.** Although some 35,000 Kurdish peshmerga are incorporated into the Iraqi armed forces, most peshmerga forces are operating under the **command of the President of Iraqi Kurdistan** in the Kurdish autonomous region of Iraq
- **Israeli–Palestinian conflict : The Israeli–Palestinian conflict (2015)** (known as "**The Wave of Terror**" by Israelis and also called "**Knife Intifada**" by international media) refers to a series of events starting from early September 2015, related to tensions between **Palestinians and Israelis regarding the status of the Temple Mount.** Both countries are trying to control **West Bank and Gaza Strip areas** (Currently under Israel)
- The **2015 PKK rebellion** refers to the ongoing third phase of the conflict between the Kurdish-dominated armed militant group **PKK (The Kurdistan Workers' Party)** and the Turkish government, beginning in late July 2015.
- The **Yemeni Civil War** is an ongoing conflict that began in 2015 between **two factions claiming to constitute the Yemeni government, along with their supporters and allies.** **Southern separatists (by far the largest force) and forces loyal to the government of Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi, based in Aden, have clashed with Houthi forces and forces loyal to the former president Ali Abdullah Saleh.** Later **Saudi Arabia joined the war and began a bombing campaign in support of Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi's government.** In September 2015, he returned to Aden as Saudi-backed government forces recaptured the city of Aden.
- The **Sinai insurgency** is the conflict **ignited by Islamist militants in the Sinai Peninsula, which began after the start of the Egyptian Crisis,** which saw the overthrow of **longtime Egyptian dictator Hosni Mubarak** in the Egyptian Revolution of 2011 and the response from the interim **Egyptian government after mid-2011, known as Operation Eagle and then Operation Sinai.** The Sinai insurgency consisted of militants, largely composed of local **Bedouin tribesmen,** who exploited the chaotic situation in Egypt and weakened central authority to launch a series of attacks on government forces in Sinai.
- **Egypt civic unrest:** longtime President **Hosni Mubarak** stepped down amid mass protests. Later elections saw the rise of the **Muslim Brotherhood under Mohamed Morsi,** which was ousted by the army a year later amid mass protests. On 26 March 2014 **Abdel Fattah el-Sisi** the head of the Egyptian Armed Forces, who at this time was in control of the country, resigned from the military, and contested **the election and won election to swear into office as President of Egypt**

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- **Territorial disputes in the South China Sea** involve both island and maritime claims among several countries within the region, namely **Brunei, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of China (Taiwan), Malaysia, the Philippines, and Vietnam**. There are disputes concerning both the **Spratly and the Paracel islands**, as well as **maritime boundaries in the Gulf of Tonkin**
- **The Syrian Civil War** is an ongoing **multisided armed conflict with international interventions taking place in Syria**. The unrest began in the early spring of **2011 within the context of Arab Spring protests**, with nationwide protests against **President Bashar al-Assad's government**, whose forces responded with violent crackdowns. From the early stages, the **Syrian government received technical, financial, military and political support from Russia, Iran and Iraq**. In 2013, **Iran-backed Hezbollah entered the war in support of the Syrian Army**. As of September 2015: the government held 25–30% of Syria; ISIL-held territory constituted 45% of Syria 20–25% controlled by rebel groups (including the al-Nusra front); 5–10% held by the Kurds
- **2014–15 Russian military intervention in Ukraine:** In 2014, Russia made several incursions into Ukrainian territory. Beginning with **Crimea**, Russian soldiers took control of strategic positions and infrastructure within the **Ukrainian territory of Crimea, which Russia annexed after a disputed referendum**. Subsequently, demonstrations by pro-Russian groups in the **Donbass area of Ukraine** escalated into an armed conflict between the **Ukrainian government and separatist forces of the self-declared Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics**. In August, Russian military vehicles crossed the border in several locations of **Donetsk Oblast, leading to an international outcry against Russia**.
- The **Senkaku Islands dispute**, or **Diaoyu Islands dispute**, concerns a territorial dispute over a group of uninhabited islands known as the **Senkaku Islands in Japan, the Diaoyu Islands in the People's Republic of China (PRC), and Tiaoyutai Islands in the Republic of China (ROC or Taiwan)**. Aside from a 1945 to 1972 period of administration by the **United States as part of the Ryukyu Islands**, the archipelago has been controlled by Japan since 1895. **Taiwan (Republic of China) also claims the islands**. The territory is close to key shipping lanes and rich fishing grounds, and there may be oil reserves in the area. The islands are included within the **Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between the United States and Japan**, meaning that a **defense of the islands by Japan would require the United States to come to Japan's aid**.

List of Important Summits /Conferences

Important Summits	Countries
10 th G20 Meeting 2015	Antalya, Turkey
11 th G20 Meeting 2016	China
41 st G8 Summit 2015	Schloss Elmau, Germany
Global Earth Hour 2015	Seoul, South Korea
Global Earth Hour 2016	Australia
7 th BRICS Summit 2015	Ufa, Russia
4 th BIMSTEC Summit 2015	Nepal
NATO Summit 2016	Warsaw, Poland
26 th ASEAN Summit 2015	Kuala Lumpur Langkawi , Malaysia
Indian Science Congress Editions: 2015 (102)	Mumbai , Maharashtra
2016 (103)	Mysore, Karnataka
23 rd APEC Economic Leaders Summit	Manila, Philippines
10 th East Asia Summit	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Global Investors Meet 2015	Chennai
13 th Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas 2015	Gandhinagar, Gujarat
Arab Summit 2015	Cairo, Egypt

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23 rd CHOGM 2015	Port Louis, Mauritius
ADB Annual Meeting 2015	Baku, Azerbaijan
4 th Nuclear Security Summit 2016	United States
17 th NAM Summit 2015	Caracas, Venezuela
6 th OPEC International Seminar	Vienna, Austria
29 th APEC Summit 2017	Hano, Vietnam
28 th APEC Summit 2016	Lima, Peru
27 th APEC Summit 2015	Philippines
7 th IBSA Summit 2015	New Delhi, India
3rd India 2015 –Africa Forum Summit	New Delhi
1st Counter-Terrorism Conference 2015	Jaipur
8th India-Republic of Korea Joint Commission meeting	South Korea

Other International Summits

The Economist Insurance Summit 2015	United Kingdom
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UN Climate Change Conference 2015	Paris
SANSKRIT summit – 2015	Bangkok
8 th IRENA (International Renewable Energy Agency)	Abu Dhabi
World Water Summit 2015	Athens, Greece
13 th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice	Doha
3 rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction	Sendai, Japan
EU – US 2015 (United States and the European Union)	Brussels , Belgium

Other Indian Summits

7th Global Insurance Summit 2014	Hyderabad
7th Global Insurance Summit 2014	Hyderabad
18th National Conference on e-Governance	Gujarat
7th Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in 2016	New Delhi
World Congress on Information Technology in 2018	Hyderabad
1st World ocean science congress	Kochi
World Diamond Conference 2015	New Delhi
1st Renewable Energy Global Investors Meet & Expo	New Delhi
15 th Sustainable Development Summit	New Delhi
PERTOTECH Summit 2015	New Delhi
77th Annual Convention of Presiding Officers of Legislative Bodies	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
11 th Metro Polis Congress	Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh
29 th Indian Economy Summit	New Delhi
Re – Invest Summit 2015	New Delhi