



# Iowa National Guard



## International Relations Committee

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# Agenda



- Regional Threats
- Threat Environment
- Local Threats
- Iowa National Guard Overseas
- State Partnership Program



# Regional Threats

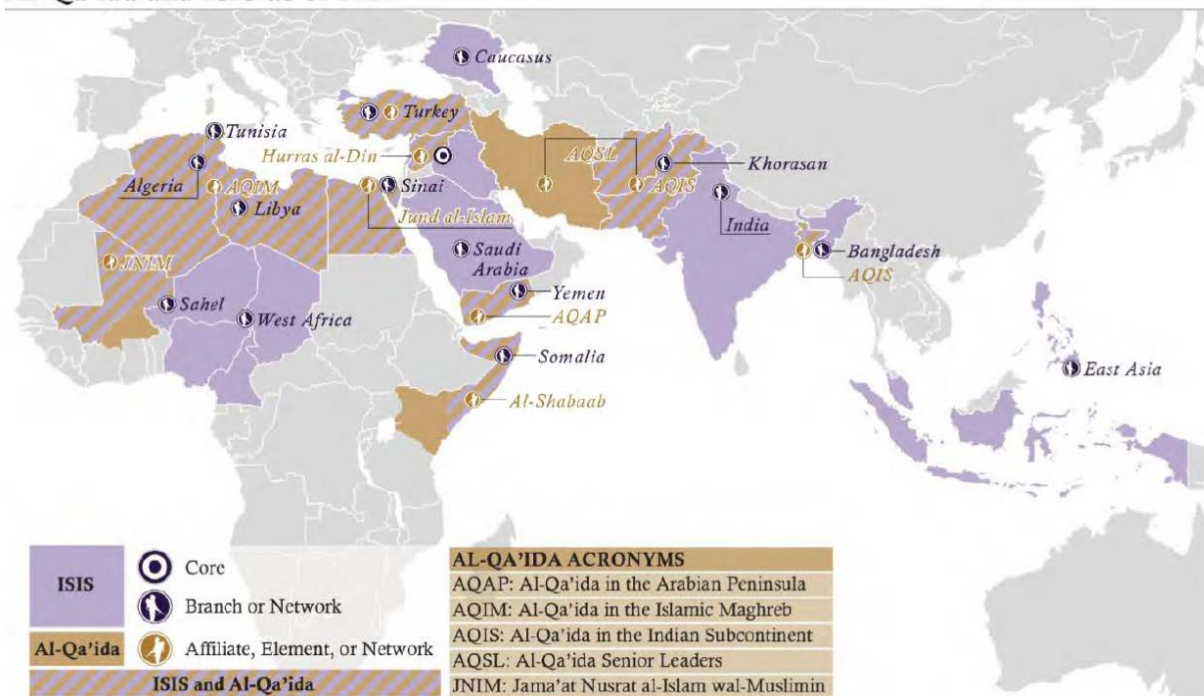
## 4+1 Framework

- Russia
- China
- North Korea
- Iran
- Transnational Violent Extremist

# Threat Environment

- Cyber
- Online Influence Operations and Election Interference
- Terrorism

Al-Qa'ida and ISIS as of 2018

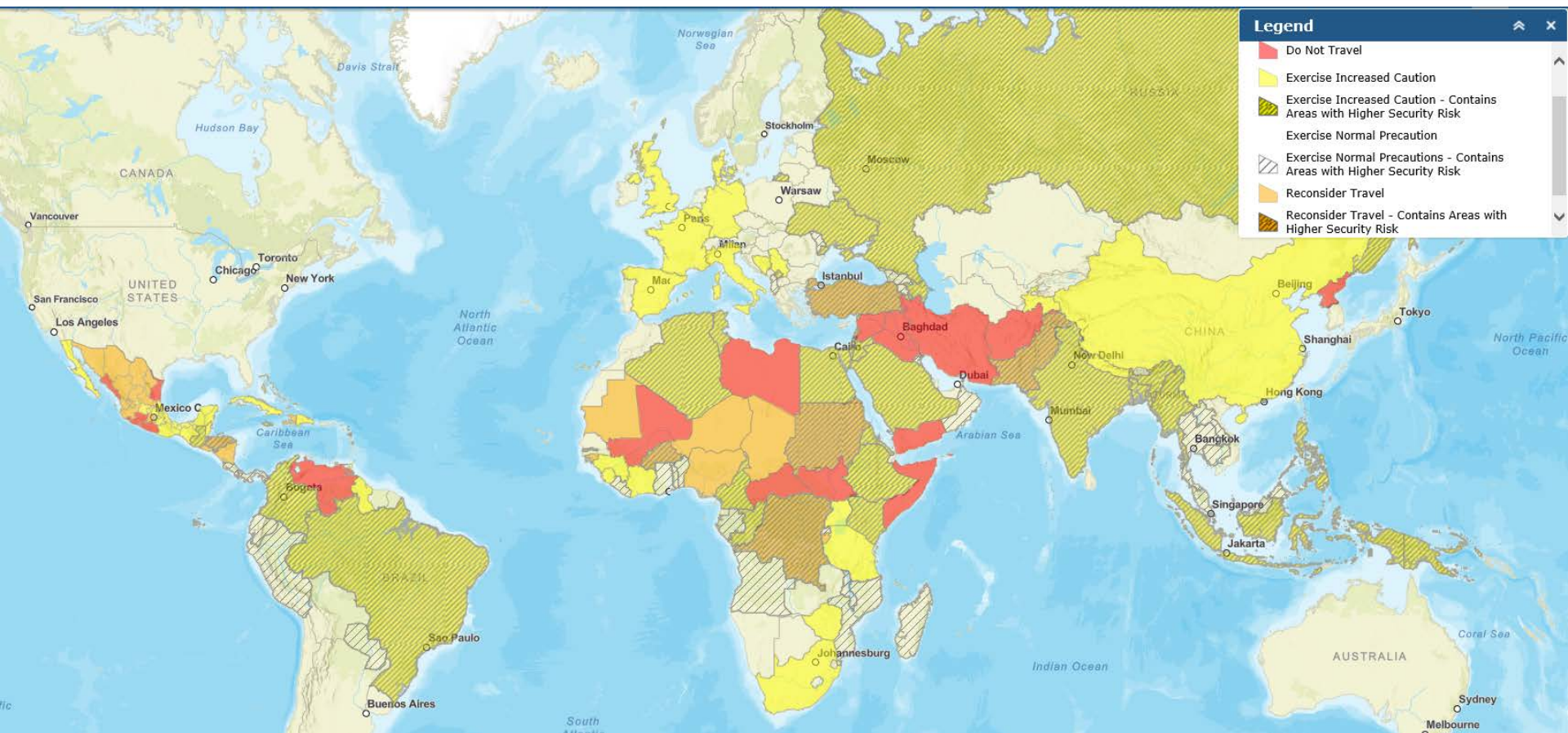


NOTE: Groups are not present in all parts of identified countries.



# Threat Environment (cont)

- Travel Threats



Source: US Department of State-Bureau of Consular Affairs site



# Local Threats



- Homegrown Violent Extremist
- Organized Criminal Activity
- Foreign Exploitation



# Iowa National Guard Overseas

## Current Federal Deployments

- **Iowa Army National Guard** (169 Soldiers): Kuwait, Afghanistan, Kosovo
- **132d Wing** (69 Airmen): United Arab Emirates, home station
  - Last 6 months: 97 Airmen / 16 locations / 10 countries (Kuwait, Iraq, Qatar, Djibouti, Niger, Jordan)
- **185<sup>th</sup> Wing** (17 Airmen): Afghanistan, Qatar



# State Partnership Program



## State Partnership Program

- Links a State's National Guard with the partner nation's military/ security forces in a cooperative, mutually beneficial relationship.
- SPP began in 1993 and has grown to 75 partnerships across all six geographic Commands.

## Iowa/Kosovo Partnership

- National Guard Partnership in 2011. Sister State Partnership in 2013.
- Visits from the Speaker of the Assembly and the Commander of the Kosovo Security Force in FY18.
- Eagle VI Training Exercise.
- Upcoming: HMMWV Maintenance Management Conference. 6 SPP Countries at Camp Dodge.







# State Partnership Europe





# Iowa National Guard Warrior Ready



# Thank you

