

ISIS/ISIL --Selected Readings 2014 – June 2016

Assembled on-line ISIS, or ISIL items –testimonies, round table discussions, and analyses.

The six most recent follow and then the most noteworthy are *** 6.8.2016. Ken Stein

***Jacquest Neriah, “Why the Islamic State is in Retreat,” Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, June 7, 2016, <http://jcpa.org/article/islamic-state-retreat/>

Neil Swidey, “Where did ISIS come from? The Story starts here (Bremer in Iraq), The Boston Globe, March 10, 2016, <http://www.bostonglobe.com/magazine/2016/03/10/where-did-isis-come-from-the-story-starts-here/eOHwJQgnZPNj8SE91Vw5hK/story.html?event=event25>

Henri J. Barkey, “The Longest War (ISIS),” *The Wilson Center*, January 3, 2016. <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/article/the-longest-war>

Charles Lister, “Jihad Rivalry: The Islamic State Challenges Al-Qaeda,” *Brookings Institute*, January 27, 2016. <http://www.brookings.edu/research/papers/2016/01/27-islamic-state-challenges-alqaida-lister>

Jacques Neriah, “Explaining the Islamic State Phenomenon,” Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, January 20, 2016. <http://jcpa.org/article/explaining-the-islamic-state-phenomenon/>

***Esther Webman, “The Islamic State (IS) and Al-Qa’ida Ideology and Practice,” *The Moshe Dayan Center*, January 2016. <http://dayan.org/content/tel-aviv-notes-islamic-state-and-al-qa%CA%BFida-ideology-and-practice>

By alphabetical listing, author

As'ad Abu Khalil, "Why the US War on ISIS Will Fail," *Al-Akhbar (Beirut)*, September 09, 2014. <http://english.al-akhbar.com/content/why-us-war-isis-will-fail>

Asharq Al-Awsat Staff, “Egypt Bombs ISIS Targets in Libya after 21 Egyptians Beheaded,” *Asharq Al-Awsat*, February 18, 2015. <http://www.aawsat.net/2015/02/article55341515/egypt-bombs-isis-targets-libya-21-egyptians-beheaded>

Aymenn Jawad Al-Tamini, “Assessing U.S. and Coalition Strategy for Syria and the Islamic State,” *Rubin Center*, August 12, 2015. <http://www.rubincenter.org/2015/08/assessing-u-s-and-coalition-strategy-for-syria-and-the-islamic-state/>

Aymenn Jawad Al-Tamimi, "The Islamic State and Jabhat Al-Nusra: A Looming Grand Jihadi Alliance?" *Gloria Center*, November 14, 2014. <http://www.joshualandis.com/blog/islamic-state-jabhat-al-nusra-looming-grand->



[jihadi-alliance/](#)

Aymenn Jawad Al-Tamimi, "The Paris Attacks Reflect Intelligence Failure—Not a Change in ISIS Strategy," *Rubin Center*, November 20, 2015. <http://www.rubincenter.org/2015/11/the-paris-attacks-reflect-intelligence-failure-not-a-change-in-isis-strategy/>

Muriel Asseburg, "Strategies Against ISIS Need to Address Roots of Syria's Civil War," *SWP Institute*, October 6, 2015. <http://www.swp-berlin.org/en/publications/point-of-view/strategies-against-isis-need-to-address-roots-of-syrias-civil-war.html>

Zvi Bar'el, "Egypt Faces ISIS-Like Jihadist Threat Unseen in Years," *Haaretz*, July 1, 2015. <http://www.haaretz.com/middle-east-news/.premium-1.663839>

Zvi Bar'el, "The Rise of ISIS May Just be Assad's Saving Grace- Can Arab and Western States Overcome the Centrifugal Political Forces and Devise a Common Approach to Ending the Conflict in Syria?" *Haaretz*, May 7, 2015. <http://www.haaretz.com/news/middle-east/.premium-1.655197>

***Henri J. Barkey, "The Longest War (ISIS)," *The Wilson Center*, January 3, 2016. <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/article/the-longest-war>

Ofra Bengio, "Meet the Kurds, a Historically Oppressed People Who Will Get Their Own State While Hamas Fires Rockets, and ISIS Beheads Unbelievers, the Kurds Build the Second Non-Arab State in the Middle East," *Tablet Magazine*. August 14, 2014. <http://www.tabletmag.com/jewish-news-and-politics/182042/kurdish-independence>

Benedetta Berti, "Hamas's Islamic State Woes," *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, May 28, 2015. <http://carnegieendowment.org/sada/2015/05/28/hamas-s-islamic-state-woes/i94u>

Cole Bunzel and William McCants, "Experts Weigh in (part 1): How Does ISIS Approach Islamic Scripture?" *Brookings Institute*, March 24, 2015. <http://www.brookings.edu/blogs/markaz/posts/2015/03/24-isis-approach-to-islamic-scripture-part-one-bunzel>

Steven A. Cook, "The Real Reason Turkey is Fighting ISIL," *Politico Magazine*, August 21, 2015. <http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2015/08/turkey-fighting-isis-isis-erdogan-long-game-chess-121603>

***Anthony H. Cordesman, "Rethinking the Wars Against ISIS and the U.S. Strategy for Counter-Terrorism and Counter-Insurgency," *Center for Strategic and International Studies*, September 28, 2015. <http://csis.org/publication/rethinking-wars-against-isis-and-us-strategy-counter-terrorism-and-counter-insurgency>

***David Daoud, "Lebanon and the ISIS Threat," *Washington Institute for Near East Policy*, August 28, 2014. <http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/lebanon-and-the-isis-threat>

James M. Dorsey, "Islamic State: Ideological Challenge to Saudi Arabia," *Huffington Post*, September 03, 2014.



http://www.huffingtonpost.com/james-dorsey/islamic-state-ideological_b_5757208.html

James Fallows, "On the Impossibility of Fighting ISIS," *The Atlantic*, February 15, 2015. <http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2015/02/on-the-impossibility-of-fighting-isis/385530/>

***Alex Fishman, "ISIS: The Black Octopus," *Ynet News*, November 20, 2015. <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4728426,00.html>

Yaron Friedman, "2016 Will Be the Year ISIS's Fate Will Be Determined," *Ynet News*, January 15, 2016. <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4753278,00.html>

Dalia Ghanem-Yazbeck, "The Islamic State: The Fear of Decline?" *Carnegie Middle East Center*, December 15, 2014. <http://carnegie-mec.org/2014/12/15/islamic-state-fear-of-decline/hwoo>

Zack Gold, "Sinai Tribes: Between the Egyptian State and the Islamic State," *INSS Insight*, May 18, 2015. <http://www.inss.org.il/index.aspx?id=4538&articleid=9533>.

Jeffrey Goldberg, "President Barack Obama Interview," *The Atlantic*, May 21, 2015. <http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2015/05/obama-interview-iran-isis-israel/393782/#ISIS>

Lt. Col. (ret.) Jonathan Halevi, "How the Islamic State (ISIL) Threatens Canada and the West," *Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs*, December 10, 2014. <http://jcpa.org/article/islamic-state-isil-threatens-canada-west/>

***Bruce Hoffman, "ISIS is Here: Return of the Jihadi," *The National Interest*, December 14, 2015. <http://nationalinterest.org/feature/isis-here-return-the-jihadi-14600?page=2>

Raymond Ibrahim, "Islamic State Atrocities the Product of 'Grievances'?" *Front Page Magazine*, September 17, 2014. <http://www.frontpagemag.com/2014/raymond-ibrahim/islamic-state-atrocities-the-product-of-grievances/>

***Pinhas Inbari, "ISIS: Iran's Instrument for Regional Hegemony," *Jerusalem Center For Public Affairs*, June 19, 2014. <http://jcpa.org/article/isis-irans-instrument-regional-hegemony/>

James A. Jeffrey, "The U.S. Must Send Ground Forces to Eliminate the Islamic State," *The Washington Post*, November 16, 2015. https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/the-us-must-send-ground-forces-to-eliminate-the-islamic-state/2015/11/16/685aff20-8c63-11e5-ae1f-af46b7df8483_story.html?hpid=hp_no-name_opinion-card-e%3Ahomepage%2Fstory

Roi Kais, "Nasrallah Calls on Region to Fight ISIS: They Are No Stronger Than Israel," *Ynet News*, May 24, 2015. <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4660741,00.html>.

Ephraim Kam, "The Rise of the Islamic State: The Strategic Surprise," *INSS*, October 13, 2014. <http://www.inss.org.il/index.aspx?id=4538&articleid=786>

Sami Kleib, "Baghdad Attacks Gulf Leaders in Taped Sermon, World Powers Mull Response to ISIS Threat." *Al-Akhbar English*, July 7, 2014. <http://english.al-akhbar.com/content/baghdadi-attacks-gulf-leaders-taped-sermon-world-powers-mull-response-isis-threat>



Noah Klieger, "Getting Rid of ISIS is Not Impossible," *Ynet News*, November 18, 2015. <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4727461,00.html>

Tal Koren and Gabi Siboni, "Cyberspace in the Service of ISIS," *INSS Insight*, September 4, 2014. <http://www.inss.org.il/index.aspx?id=4538&articleid=7618>

Matthew Levitt and Lori Plotkin-Boghardt, "Funding ISIS (an Infographic)," *Washington Institute for Near East Policy*, September 12, 2014. <http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/funding-isis-infographic>

Christina Lin, "ISIS Caliphate Meets China's Silk Road Economic Belt," *Rubin Center*, February 22, 2015. <http://www.rubincenter.org/2015/02/isis-caliphate-meets-chinas-silk-road-economic-belt/>

Charles Lister, "Cutting off ISIS' Cash Flow," *Brookings Institute*, October 24, 2014. <http://tinyurl.com/nzkw28j>

Charles Lister, "Jihad Rivalry: The Islamic State Challenges Al-Qaeda," *Brookings Institute*, January 27, 2016. <http://www.brookings.edu/research/papers/2016/01/27-islamic-state-challenges-alqaida-lister>

Robert S. Litwak, "US Strategy Toward the Islamic State," *The Wilson Center*, November 19, 2015. <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/article/us-strategy-toward-the-islamic-state>

***Bruce Maddy-Weitzman, "ISIS: Apocalypse Now?" *Dayan Center*, September 22, 2014. http://www.dayan.org/sites/default/files/BRUCE_%20ISIS_APOCALYPSE%20NOW.pdf

Zvi Magen, "Between Crises: If and When Russia Fights ISIS," *INSS*, November 11, 2014. <http://www.inss.org.il/index.aspx?id=4538&articleid=8045>

Kobi Michael and Udi Dekel, "ISIS Success in Iraq and Syria: Strategic Ramifications." *INSS Insight*, June 24, 2014. <http://www.inss.org.il/index.aspx?id=4538&articleid=7112>

Karl P. Mueller, "NATO's Campaign in Libya Offers Salient Lessons for the Air War Against ISIL." *Rand*, November 25, 2014. <http://www.rand.org/blog/2014/11/natos-campaign-in-libya-offers-salient-lessons-for.html>

***Jacques Neria, "Explaining the Islamic State Phenomenon," Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, January 20, 2016. <http://jcpa.org/article/explaining-the-islamic-state-phenomenon/>

Katagiri Noriyuki, "ISIL, Insurgent Strategies for Statehood, and the Challenge for Security Studies," *Small Wars and Insurgencies*, 26:3 (March 2015): 542-556. <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09592318.2014.989672>

Joel D. Parker, "An Alliance Between Jabhat Al-Nusra and the Islamic State on the Lebanese-Syrian Frontier?" *Tel Aviv Notes*, December 10, 2014. <http://dayan.org/tel-aviv-notes-volume-8-no-22-december-10-2014>



David A. Patten, "Defeating ISIS, Rolling Back Iran," *Middle East Quarterly*, Fall 2015. <http://www.meforum.org/5479/defeating-isis-rolling-back-iran>

Orit Perlov, "If Assad Stays, ISIS Stays: The Coalition Airstrikes as Reflected in the Syrian Discourse on Social Media," *INSS Insight*, October 23, 2014. <http://www.inss.org.il/index.aspx?id=4538&articleid=7925>

Marc Pierini, "The European Union Must Face the Islamic State," *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, October 2, 2014. <http://carnegieendowment.org/2014/10/02/european-union-must-face-islamic-state>

David Pollack, "Jordanian Public Keen on Hamas, But Not ISIS or the Muslim Brotherhood," *Washington Institute for Near East Policy*, October 30, 2014. <http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/jordanian-public-keen-on-hamas-but-not-isis-or-the-muslim-brotherhood>

Christopher Reuter, "The Terror Strategist: Secret Files Reveal the Structure of Islamic State," *Spiegel ONLINE*, April 19, 2015. <http://www.spiegel.de/international/world/islamic-state-files-show-structure-of-islamist-terror-group-a-1029274.html>

Dennis Ross, "A Strategy for Beating the Islamic State: How to Build a Regional Coalition of the Willing Against the Terrorist Group," *Politico*, September 02, 2014. <http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2014/09/a-strategy-for-beating-isis-110524.html#ixzz3CGqz4yuy>

Jonathan Schanzer, "Treasury and State Department Target Islamic State Financiers," *Pundicity*, September 29, 2015. <http://schanzer.pundicity.com/17898/treasury-and-state-department-target-islamic>

David Schenker, "There's a Worrisome Amount of Support in Jordan for the Islamic State," *New Republic*, October 20, 2014. <http://www.newrepublic.com/article/119909/islamic-state-isis-support-jordan-worrying-poll>



David Schenker, "The Next Front Line in the Islamic State Onslaught," *Wall Street Journal*, October 5, 2014. <http://online.wsj.com/articles/david-schenker-the-next-front-line-in-the-islamic-state-onslaught-1412543986>

Yoram Schweitzer and Zvi Magen, "The Islamic State, the Caucasus, and the Russian Response," *INSS Insight*, July 28, 2015. <http://www.inss.org.il/index.aspx?id=4538&articleid=10211>

Yoram Schweitzer, " Hamas and the Islamic State Organization: Toward a Head-On Collision in the Gaza Strip?" *INSS Insight*, May 17, 2015. <http://www.inss.org.il/index.aspx?id=4538&articleid=9524>.

Michael Segall, "Across Time and Death: Iran and the ISIS Challenge," *Jerusalem Center For Public Affairs*, August 18, 2014. <http://jcpa.org/article/iran-and-the-isis-challenge/>

***Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, "United States Strategy To Defeat The Islamic State In Iraq and the Levant," *United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations*, September 17, 2014. <http://www.foreign.senate.gov/hearings/united-states-strategy-to-defeat-the-islamic-state-in-iraq-and-the-levant>

Yuval Shany, Amichai Cohen, and Tal Mimran, "ISIS: Is the Islamic State Really a State?" *Israel Democracy Institute*, September 15, 2014. <http://en.idi.org.il/analysis/articles/isis-is-the-islamic-state-really-a-state/>

Jacques Neriah, "Why the Islamic State is in Retreat," *Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs*, June 7, 2016, <http://jcpa.org/article/islamic-state-retreat/>

David A. Shlapak and David R. Frelinger, "Destroy ISIL's Heavy Weapons and Vehicles: Level the Playing Field," *Rand*, October 20, 2014. <http://www.rand.org/blog/2014/10/destroy-isils-heavy-weapons-and-vehicles-level-the.html>

Lt. Col. (res.) Dr. Dany Shoham, "Does ISIS Pose a WMD Threat?" *BESA Center*, December 13, 2015. <http://besacenter.org/perspectives-papers/9562/>

David Siddhartha Patel, "ISIS in Iraq: What Did We Get Wrong and Why 2015 is Not 2007 Redux," *Crown Center for Middle East Studies*, No. 87 January 2015. <http://www.brandeis.edu/crown/publications/meb/meb87.html>

Steven Simon, "Egypt's Security Challenge: ISIS, Sinai, and the Libyan Border," *Middle East Institute*, February 19, 2015. <http://www.mei.edu/content/at/egypts-security-challenge-isis-sinai-and-libyan-border>

Robert Spencer, "Australia Muslim Named Commander of Islamic State Unit," *Jihad Watch*, August 31, 2014. <http://www.jihadwatch.org/2014/08/australia-muslim-named-commander-of-islamic-state-unit>

Jonathan Spyer, "The Jihadi Connection Between Sinai, Gaza and Islamic State," November 1, 2014. <http://www.meforum.org/4876/the-jihadi-connection-between-sinai-gaza>

***Shimon Stein and Shlomo Brom, "No Fundamental Change Expected in the Fight Against the Islamic State—For Now," *INSS Insight*, December 16, 2015. <http://www.inss.org.il/index.aspx?id=4538&articleid=11115>



Asher Susser, "Jordan Facing Up to the ISIS Challenge," *Crown Center for Middle East Studies*, No. 92 April 2015. <http://www.brandeis.edu/crown/publications/meb/meb92.html>

Neil Swidey, "Where did ISIS come from? The Story starts here (Bremer in Iraq), *The Boston Globe*, March 10, 2016, <http://www.bostonglobe.com/magazine/2016/03/10/where-did-isis-come-from-the-story-starts-here/eOHwJQgnZPNj8SE91Vw5hK/story.html?event=event25>

Andrew J. Tabler, "'Uncoordinated De-Confliction' in Syria: A Recipe to Contain, Not Defeat ISIS," *The Washington Institute for Near East Policy*, January 26, 2015. <http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/uncoordinated-deconfliction-in-syria-a-recipe-to-contain-not-defeat-isis>

***Washington Institute Staff, "The Paris Response: Answering Urgent Questions in the Anti-ISIS Fight," *The Washington Institute for Near East Policy*, November 19, 2015. <http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/the-paris-response-answering-urgent-questions-in-the-anti-isis-fight>

***Esther Webman, "The Islamic State (IS) and Al-Qa'ida Ideology and Practice," *The Moshe Dayan Center*, January 2016. <http://dayan.org/content/tel-aviv-notes-islamic-state-and-al-qa%CA%BFida-ideology-and-practice>

Sylvia Westall, "ISIS Seeking Bases Inside Lebanon, Lebanese Security Chief Says," *Haaretz*, January 3, 2015. <http://www.haaretz.com/middle-east-news/1.635135>

Jeffrey White, "Coping With Success Against ISIS," *Washington Institute for Near East Policy*, December 29, 2014. <http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/coping-with-success-against-isis>

Ehud Yaari, " Hamas and the Islamic State: Growing Cooperation in the Sinai," *Washington Institute for Near East Policy*, December 15, 2015. <http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/hamas-and-the-islamic-state-growing-cooperation-in-the-sinai>

Konstantinos Zarras, "Blurring the Borders of Conflict: ISIS between Syria and Iraq," *The Dayan Center*, March 10, 2014. http://www.dayan.org/sites/default/files/Konstantinos_Zarras_TA_NOTES_ISIS_Syria_Iraq_10032014_corrected.pdf

Ronen Zeidel, "How ISIS Controls the Occupied Areas in Iraq," *Tel Aviv Notes*, July 11, 2014. <http://www.mesop.de/2014/07/11/how-isis-controls-the-occupied-areas-in-iraq-ronen-zeidel/>

Aaron Y. Zellin, "Al-Qaeda in Syria: A Closer Look at ISIS (Part II)," *Washington Institute for Near East Policy*, September 11, 2013. <http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/al-qaeda-in-syria-a-closer-look-at-isis-part-i>

