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BREAKING NEWS

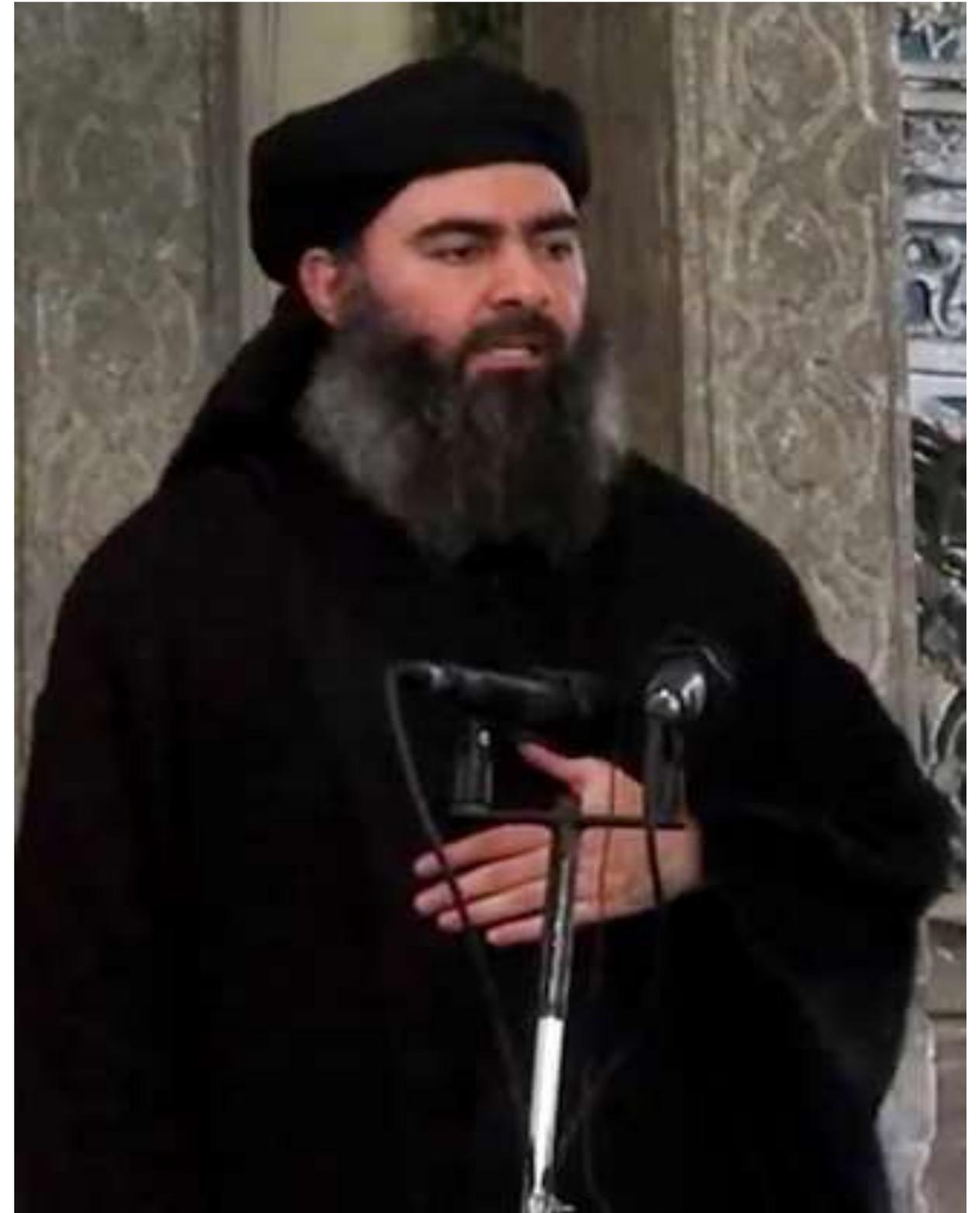
**ISIS WANTS TO ESTABLISH ISLAMIC STATE,
IMPOSE SHARIA LAW IN TOWNS IT CONTROLS**

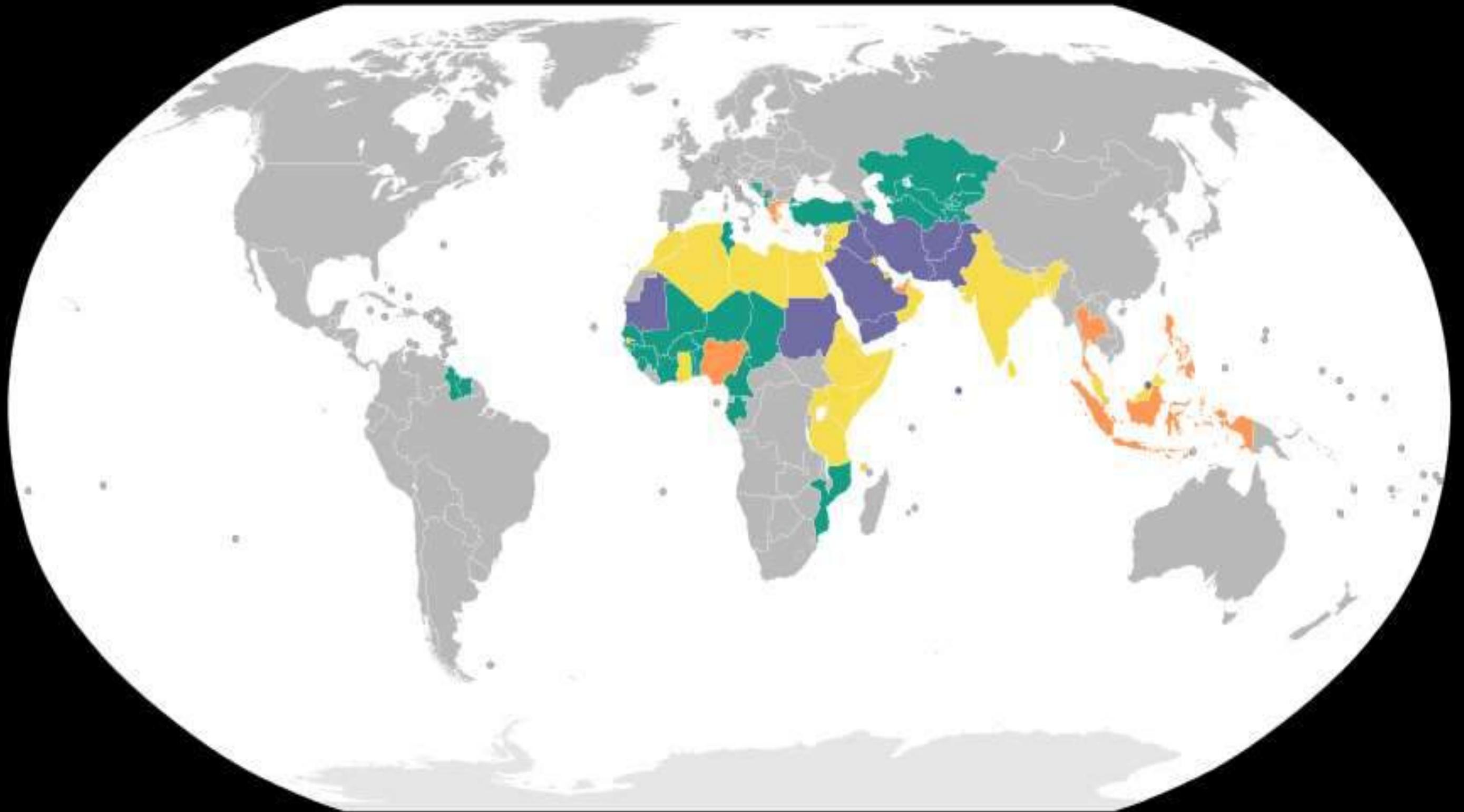
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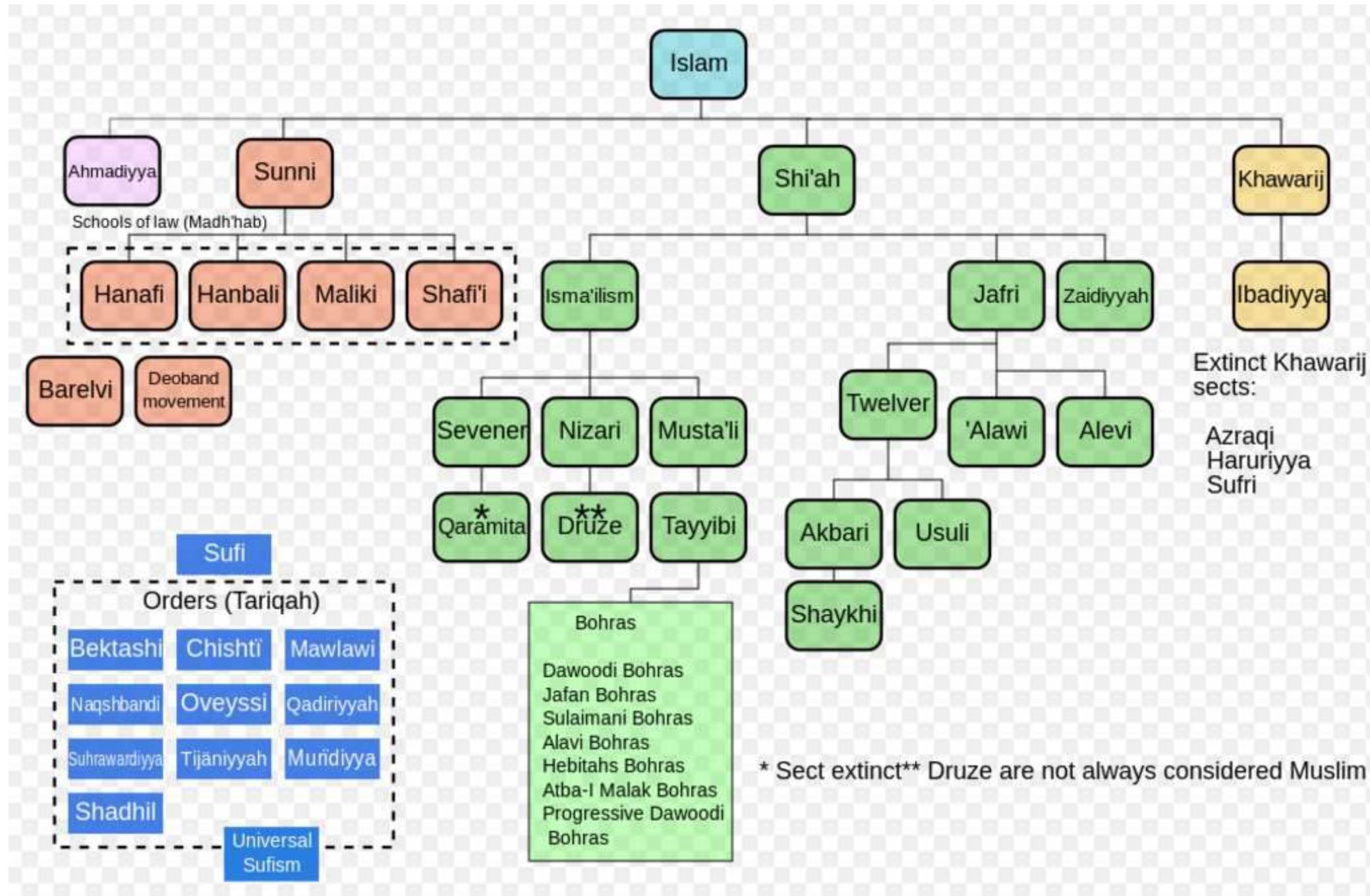
Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi

Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi's group the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant declared its governmental structure a 'caliphate' on June 29, 2014 after taking control of large swathes of territory in Syria (which for a prolonged period of time comprised over 50% of that country) and Iraq.





Islam – 1.6 b.



Mohammed

- b. 570 in Mecca, Arabia
- Orphaned at age 6
- Finally given to an uncle a merchant
- Became a merchant for the rich widow Khadija who married him
- Now rich he spent much time in meditation in a cave near Mecca where he claims that he had visions from God through the angel, Gabriel



Mohammed

- At age 38 stayed in the cave 2yrs
- Proclaimed himself “Prophet of God”
- Ran out of Mecca because of his preaching against idolatry - The Hejira (July 16,622)
- At Medina he converted the city (except the Jews) and became the leader
- Men of Mecca assemble an army and went to Medina to destroy Mohammed and his followers
- Returned to Mecca in 630 with ten thousand men - the city converted with little resistance
- Persecuted the Jews and reduced the Christians to dependency.
- Died in 632
 - Sunni – chosen by the community - Majority
 - Shia – chosen by Mohammed
- By 650 Egypt, Palestine, Persia and Syria were all Islamic

Basic Teachings

- We will not worship any but the one God
- We will not steal
- We will not commit adultery
- We will not kill our children
- We will not slander
- We will not disobey the prophet in anything that is right



Further Teachings

- Recite the Creed, “There is no God but Allah and Mohammed is the prophet of God”
- Pray five times a day facing Mecca
- Partake of no food from sun-up till sun-down during the month of Ramadan
- Give alms to the poor
- Make a pilgrimage to Mecca, if at all possible, during one’s lifetime

- Public worship on Friday
- no Gambling
- no wine
- no Pork

Koran(Qu'ran)- “thing read”

- Why do we not believe that the Koran is God's word?
 - Gal. 1:8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.
 - Multiple witnesses vs. one man's “revelation”
 - Contradictions
 - Lack of clear theology
- The Ahadith (hadith)

Koran - “thing read”

- "Jesus son of Mary said, 'Children of Israel, I am indeed the Messenger of God to you, confirming the Torah that is before me, and giving good tidings of a Messenger who shall come after me, whose name shall be Ahmed.'" - Surah LXI (17)
- "The Messiah, Jesus son of Mary was only the Messenger of God, and His Word that He committed to Mary, and a spirit from Him." - Surah IV (18)
- "The Messiah, son of Mary, was only a Messenger; Messengers before him passed away; his mother was a just woman; they both ate food. Behold, how We make clear signs to them; then behold, how they perverted are!" - Surah V (19)

Koran

- "The Creator of the heavens and the earth --- how should He have a Son, seeing that He has no consort, and He created all things, and He has knowledge of everything?"- Surah VI (20)
- "The Jews say, 'Ezra is the Son of God;' the Christians say, 'The Messiah is the Son of God.' That is the utterance of their mouths, confirming with the unbelievers before them."- Surah IX (21)

Koran

- "They [the Christians] say, 'God has taken to Him a son.' Glory be to Him! He is All-sufficient; to Him belongs all that is in the heavens and in the earth; you have no authority for this. what, so you say concerning God that you know not? Say: 'Those who forge against God falsehood shall not prosper. Some enjoyment in this world; then unto Us they shall return; then We shall let them taste the terrible chastisement, for that they were unbelievers [in Mohammed and the Koran].'" - Surah X (22)
- "Praise belongs to God, who has not taken to Him a son." - Surah XVII (23)

Koran

- "And they say, 'The All-merciful has taken unto Himself a son' You have indeed advanced something hideous! The heavens are well-nigh rent of it and the earth split asunder, and the mountains well-nigh fall down crashing for they have attributed to the All-merciful a son; and it behooves not the All-merciful to take a son." - Surah XIX (24)
- "God has not taken to Himself any son." - Surah XXIII (25)
- "He has not taken to Him a son." - Surah XXV (26)
- "Is it not of their own calumny that they say, 'God has begotten?' They are truly liars." - Surah XXXVII (27)

Koran

- "And when the son of Mary is cited as an example, behold, thy people turn away from it and say, 'What are our gods better, or he?' They [the Christians] cite him not to thee, save to dispute; nay, but they are a people contentious. He is only a servant We blessed, and We made him to be an example to the Children of Israel." - Surah VXLIII (28)
- "Surely We sent down the Torah, wherein is guidance and light, thereby the Prophets who had surrendered themselves gave judgment for those of Jewry, as did the masters and the rabbis, following such portion of God's Book as they were given to keep and were witness to. . . . And We sent, following in their footsteps, Jesus son of Mary, confirming the Torah before him; and We gave to him the Gospel, wherein is guidance and light, and confirming the Torah before it, as a guidance and an admonition unto the godfearing." - Surah V (31)

Is Islam a religion of peace?

Depends on who you ask

Mark Hartwig, Ph.D. - http://www.answering-islam.org/Terrorism/by_the_sword.html

Invite (all) to the way of thy Lord with wisdom and beautiful preaching; and argue with them in ways that are best and most gracious: for thy Lord knoweth best, who have strayed from His path, and who receive guidance. (16:125)

Koran

- "O believers, prescribed for you is retaliation, touching the slain; freeman for freeman, slave for slave, female for female . . . In retaliation there is life for you, men possessed of minds; haply you will be godfearing." Surah II (35)
- "And fight in the way of God with those who fight with you. . . . And slay them wherever you come upon them, and expel them from where they expelled you; [your own] persecution is more grievous than slaying [others]." Surah II (36)
- "Whoso commits aggression against you, do you commit aggression against him like as he has committed against you . . . " Surah II (37)
- "Prescribed for you is fighting, though it be hateful to you." Surah II (38)
- " . . . take not to yourselves friends of them [the disbelievers] until they emigrate in the way of God; then, if they turn their backs, take them, and slay them wherever you find them . . . " Surah IV (39)

Koran

- "This is the recompense of those who fight against God and His Messenger, and hasten about the earth, to do corruption there: they shall be slaughtered, or crucified, or their hands and feet shall alternately be struck off, or they shall be banished from the land." Surah V (40)
- "Fight them [the unbelievers], till there is no persecution and the religion is God's entirely." Surah VIII (41)
- "It is not for any Prophet to have prisoners until he make wide slaughter in the land." Surah III (42)
- "Slay the idolaters wherever you find them, and take them, and confine them, and lie in wait for them at every place of ambush." Surah IX (43)
- "Fight those who believe not in God and the Last Day." Surah IX (44)

Koran

- "And fight the unbelievers totally even as they fight you totally; and know that God is with the godfearing." Surah IX (45)
- "O believers, fight the unbelievers who are near to you, and let them find in you a harshness; and know that God is with the Godfearing." Surah IX (46)
- "The recompense of evil is evil the like of it . . . " Surah XLII (47)"When you meet the unbelievers, smite their necks, then, when you have made wide slaughter among them, tie fast the bonds; then set them free, either by grace or ransom, till the war lays down its loads." Surah XLVII (48)
- "Mohammed is the Messenger of God, and those who are with him are hard against the unbelievers, merciful one to another." Surah XLVIII (49)
- "Thou shalt not find any people who believe in God and the Last Day who are loving to anyone who opposes God and His Messenger." Surah LVIII (50)
- "O Prophet, struggle with the unbelievers and the hypocrites, and be thou harsh with them." Surah LXVI (51)



On the other hand

- "2.62": Surely those who believe, and those who are Jews, and the Christians, and the Sabians, whoever believes in Allah and the Last day and does good, they shall have their reward from their Lord, and there is no fear for them, nor shall they grieve

Bible

- Luke 6:27-36
- 27 "But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 "bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. 29 "To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. 30 "Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back. 31 "And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. 32 "But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 "And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 "And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. 35 "But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. 36 "Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

Bible

- Rom 12:19-21
- 19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.
- 20 Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head."
- 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Why Muslims are the world's fastest-growing religious group

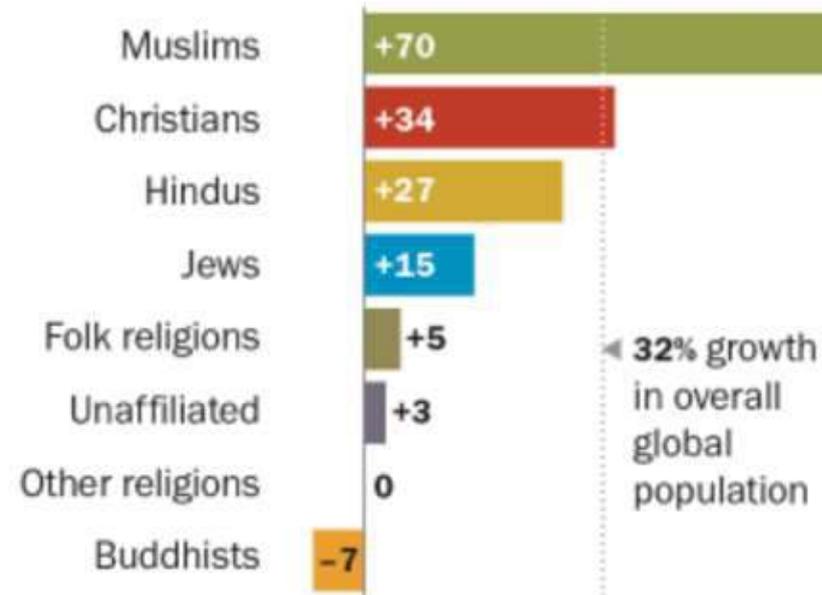
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In the next half century or so, Christianity's long reign as the world's largest religion may come to an end, according to a [just-released report](#) that builds on Pew Research Center's [original population growth projections for religious groups](#). Indeed, Muslims will grow more than twice as fast as the overall world population between 2015 and 2060 and, in the second half of this century, [will likely surpass Christians](#) as the world's largest religious group.

While the world's population is projected to grow 32% in the coming decades, the

Muslims projected to be fastest-growing major religious group

Estimated percent change in population size, 2015-2060



Source: Pew Research Center demographic projections. See