

<p><u>2004:</u></p> <p>Abu Musab al Zarqawi establishes al Qaeda in Iraq (AQI)</p>	<p><u>June 7, 2006:</u></p> <p>Zarqawi is killed in a U.S. strike. Abu Ayyub al Masri takes his place</p>	<p><u>Oct. 15, 2006:</u></p> <p>al Masri announces the establishment of the Islamic State in Iraq (ISI), with Abu Omar al Baghdadi as its leader.</p>	<p><u>April 2010:</u></p> <p>Abu Bakr al Baghdadi becomes the leader of ISI after a joint U.S.-Iraqi operations kills Abu Omar al Baghdadi and Abu Ayyub al Masri.</p>
<p><u>July 2012-July 2013:</u></p> <p>ISI launches its “Breaking the Walls” campaign. It carries out 24 bombings and eight prison breaks, freeing jihadists who had participated in AQI attacks in 2006 and 2007.</p>	<p><u>April 11 2013:</u></p> <p>Baghdadi moves from Iraq to Syria, and claims that the Islamic State in Iraq (ISI) merged with the Nusra Front in Syria to become “The Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.”</p>	<p><u>January-June 2014:</u></p> <p>ISIS takes a number of towns in Iraq and Syria. Iraqi government asks US government for support. On June 29th, ISIS announces the establishment of a caliphate and rebrands itself as the “Islamic State.”</p>	<p><u>Sept. 22 2014:</u></p> <p>ISIS spokesman Abu Muhammad al Adnani calls for attacks on citizens of the United States, France and other countries involved in the coalition to destroy the group.</p>
<p><u>Sept. 23, 2014:</u></p> <p>The United States launches its first airstrikes against ISIS in Syria.</p>	<p><u>2015:</u></p> <p>ISIS claims credit/inspires attacks on civilian populations in France, Syrian, Libya, Tunisia, Yemen, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh killing hundreds. Russia and NATO forces ramp up airstrikes against ISIS targets.</p>	<p><u>Oct. 22, 2015:</u></p> <p>A member of a U.S. special operations force is killed during an ISIS hostage rescue mission in northern Iraq - the first American to die in ground combat with ISIS.</p>	<p><u>March 22, 2016:</u></p> <p>Three explosions in Brussels kill at least 30 people and injure dozens of others. ISIS claims responsibility for the attacks</p>

<p><u>Oct. 16, 2016:</u></p> <p>Iraq launches a U.S.-backed campaign to liberate Mosul from the Islamic State.</p>	<p><u>Feb. 19 2017:</u></p> <p>U.S.-backed Iraqi forces launch a ground offensive against the Islamic State in the western part of Mosul</p>	<p><u>Feb. 23, 2017:</u></p> <p>U.S.-backed Iraqi forces capture Mosul airport from the Islamic State.</p>	<p><u>July 3, 2017:</u></p> <p>U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces breach Raqqa's Old City.</p>
<p><u>Aug. 21, 2017:</u></p> <p>The Islamic State remained the world's deadliest militant organization in 2016 despite losing fighters and territory in Iraq and Syria, according to a report from the University of Maryland. The Islamic State carried out more than 1,400 attacks and killed more than 7,000 people, a 20 percent increase from 2015, the report says.</p>	<p><u>Nov. 11, 2017:</u></p> <p>President Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin issue a joint statement in which both countries agree to continue cooperative efforts against the Islamic State until it is defeated.</p>	<p><u>September 2018:</u></p> <p>The West Point Counterterrorism Center releases a report warning that ISIS is transitioning to insurgent tactics, making use of cave complexes in northern Iraq.</p>	<p><u>December 19 2018:</u></p> <p>President Trump signals his intent to withdraw the 2,000 U.S. forces from Syria. "We have defeated ISIS in Syria, my only reason for being there during the Trump presidency," he tweeted.</p>
<p><u>February 22, 2019:</u></p> <p>The United States announces that 400 U.S. troops will remain in Syria to prevent the resurgence of ISIS, reversing President Trump's initial signal that all U.S. forces in the country would be withdrawn.</p>	<p><u>March 23, 2019:</u></p> <p>SDF forces capture Baghouz, a village in Syria, ending the Islamic State's claim to any territory.</p>	<p><u>April 21, 2019:</u></p> <p>On Easter Sunday, suicide bombers kill at least 250 people in attacks on three churches and three luxury hotels in the Sri Lankan capital of Colombo and cities of Negombo and Batticaloa. At least 250 people are killed. ISIS claims responsibility.</p>	<p><u>April 29, 2019:</u></p> <p>ISIS leader Baghdadi reemerges in an 18-minute video circulated on jihadi social media channels. He claims that the attacks in Sri Lanka were acts of revenge for the defeat in Baghouz, Syria.</p>