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U.S. must be world policeman, says ex-NATO boss

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THE READING

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An ex-head of NATO, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, has said America needs to be the world's policeman to keep the world safe. Mr Rasmussen said, "we need determined American global leadership" to bring back law and order. He stated that the USA had no choice and had to act more forcefully. He explained that: "Syria is torn by war and conflict, Iraq is on the brink of collapse, Libya is a failed state,...Russia is attacking Ukraine and destabilising Eastern Europe, China is flexing its muscles, [and] the rogue state North Korea is threatening nuclear attacks."

Mr Rasmussen was critical of President Barack Obama, whom he says has not done enough to stop conflict. He said: "Superpowers don't get to retire. Look around; you will see a world on fire." The Russia Today (RT) newspaper said U.S. foreign policy has led to greater instability in the Middle East and North Africa. It said Libya is in chaos because the USA had no post-exit plan. RT added that actions in Iraq and Syria created a global security threat in the form of ISIS. It went on to write that the Taliban still control a third of Afghanistan, even after the US spent 15 years there.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. keep the world | a. Eastern Europe |
| 2. bring back law | b. safe |
| 3. had to act | c. of collapse |
| 4. Syria is torn by war | d. and order |
| 5. Iraq is on the brink | e. attacks |
| 6. destabilising | f. and conflict |
| 7. rogue | g. more forcefully |
| 8. North Korea is threatening nuclear | h. state |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Rasmussen was critical | a. instability |
| 2. not done enough to | b. 15 years there |
| 3. foreign | c. chaos |
| 4. greater | d. third of Afghanistan |
| 5. Libya is in | e. of President Barack Obama |
| 6. a global security | f. policy |
| 7. the Taliban still control a | g. stop conflict |
| 8. the US spent | h. threat |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WORLD SECURITY SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1611/161105-world-policeman-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about world security in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

