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Level 1

Rebels set up new state in Iraq and Syria

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THE READING

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Rebels fighting in Iraq and Syria have set up their own state. It is a caliphate (an Islamic nation). The rebels are from ISIS (the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria). They are also called ISIL (the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant). The rebels have been fighting for an area from Aleppo in northern Syria to Diyala in eastern Iraq. It said online that its leader is Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, and that he would be "leader for Muslims everywhere".

Wikipedia says ISIS wants more land. It wants parts of Jordan, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Turkey, and Cyprus. It is a Sunni Muslim group. It says the governments of Iraq and Syria dislike it. Wikipedia said: "ISIS had close links with al-Qaeda until 2014, but...al-Qaeda cut all ties with the group." Al Qaeda did not like attacks on civilians that killed thousands. Iraq will use military jets it bought from Russia to fight the rebels.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-28082962>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. Rebels fighting | a. State of Iraq and Syria) |
| 2. set up their | b. Iraq |
| 3. The rebels are from ISIS (the Islamic | c. own state |
| 4. They are also called | d. in northern Syria |
| 5. The rebels have | e. everywhere |
| 6. from Aleppo | f. in Iraq |
| 7. eastern | g. been fighting |
| 8. leader for Muslims | h. ISIL |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Wikipedia says ISIS | a. dislike it |
| 2. It wants parts | b. on civilians |
| 3. It is a Sunni Muslim | c. of Jordan |
| 4. the governments of Iraq and Syria | d. links with al-Qaeda |
| 5. ISIS had close | e. jets |
| 6. al-Qaeda cut all ties | f. wants more land |
| 7. attacks | g. group |
| 8. military | h. with the group |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ Iraq and Syria
(2) _____ state. It is a caliphate (an Islamic nation). The rebels are from ISIS (the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria). (3) _____ ISIL (the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant). The rebels have (4) _____ an area from Aleppo in northern Syria to Diyala in eastern Iraq. It (5) _____ its leader is Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, and that (6) _____ for Muslims everywhere".

Wikipedia says ISIS (7) _____. It wants parts of Jordan, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, (8) _____. It is a Sunni Muslim group. It (9) _____ of Iraq and Syria dislike it. Wikipedia said: "ISIS had close links with al-Qaeda until 2014, but...al-Qaeda (10) _____ the group." Al Qaeda did not like (11) _____ that killed thousands. Iraq will use military jets it bought from Russia (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)

WRITING

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Write about **Iraq** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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