

# Impact of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) on regional stability

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## Abstract

Today the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) as a newly emerged terrorist group have created a new trend of violence in Middle East. The violent role of ISIS against the western influence, non Islamists and opposite Islamic sects has created a humanitarian crisis in that region and it has become a crucial threat on the stability and the security of the Middle East. Beside of that, it has been increased the interference of the west into the Middle East politics due to the situation that has created by ISIS. Therefore, nowadays, most of Middle East countries, especially Iraq and Syria have faced to a political dilemma also. In such context, it should explore that whether it has impact of Islamic State of Iraq and Syria on the stability in Middle East and it has become the main objective of this research. Based on the main objective, this research has conducted on the sub objectives such as identifying the evolution and the recent practices of ISIS, identifying the impact of ISIS on the stability of the Middle East and also identifying the current response of regional powers and the world on the impact of ISIS. Therefore, this study has been conducted as a qualitative research and completely based on the documentary data such as visual form documents, public documents, mass media outputs, virtual outputs and books as secondary sources. Data analysis of this research is based on the “Qualitative content analysis” method. Although, in the numbers of studies have given more attention on the impact of ISIS on the economic stability of the Middle East, it has given narrow attention on that impact on political stability and other areas. But in this study has given broad attention on the impact of ISIS on political stability within other areas than other studies. At the end of this study, the power escalating of ISIS over the region by violence such as assassinations and various type of crimes, increasing of the interference of USA and Russia into the Middle East politics due to the chaotic situation made by ISIS, impact of ISIS on the politics and economy of Iraq and Syria have become the findings of the research and the researcher concluded that it has an impact of ISIS on the regional stability of the Middle East.

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