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Level 0

Rebels set up new state in Iraq and Syria

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Rebels in Iraq and Syria started their own Islamic country. The rebels are from ISIS (the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria). They are fighting for an area from Aleppo in northern Syria to Diyala in eastern Iraq. Their leader is Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. ISIS said he is also "leader for Muslims everywhere".

Wikipedia says ISIS wants more land. It is a Sunni Muslim group. It says 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. Iraq will use new war planes it bought from Russia to fight ISIS.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-28082962>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islamic_State_in_Iraq_and_the_Levant
<http://www.omantribune.com/index.php?page=news&id=170644&heading=Top%20News>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1. Rebels in | a. of Iraq and Syria |
| 2. started their | b. for an area |
| 3. The rebels | c. own Islamic country |
| 4. the Islamic State | d. Muslims everywhere |
| 5. They are fighting | e. Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi |
| 6. from Aleppo in northern Syria to Diyala | f. Iraq |
| 7. Their leader is | g. in eastern Iraq |
| 8. leader for | h. are from ISIS |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Wikipedia says ISIS wants | a. links with al-Qaeda |
| 2. It is a Sunni Muslim | b. from Russia |
| 3. Iraq and Syria | c. group |
| 4. ISIS had close | d. civilians |
| 5. al-Qaeda cut all ties | e. more land |
| 6. attacks on | f. new war planes |
| 7. Iraq will use | g. dislike it |
| 8. it bought | h. with the group |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ and _____ Syria

(2) _____ Islamic _____ country.

(3) _____ ISIS (the Islamic State of Iraq and

Syria). They (4) _____ an area from Aleppo in

northern Syria to Diyala (5) _____.

Their leader is Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. ISIS (6) _____ "leader

for Muslims everywhere".

Wikipedia says ISIS (7) _____. It is a Sunni

Muslim group. It says Iraq (8) _____ it.

Wikipedia said: "ISIS (9) _____ with al-Qaeda

until 2014, but...al-Qaeda (10) _____ with the

group." Al Qaeda did (11) _____ on civilians.

Iraq will use new war planes (12) _____ Russia

to fight ISIS.

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) _____

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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) _____

