

# For ISIS, It's Been A Very Good Year

One year after a caliphate was declared spanning Syria and Iraq, there is little to celebrate – unless you're ISIS.

Despite a massive international campaign to defeat the the brutal militants, ISIS has not only managed to hold onto the territory but has expanded its reach beyond those borders over the last 12 months.

“It's been a great year for ISIS,” according to Matthew Henman, head of IHS Jane's Terrorism and Insurgency Center. “This would be close to a best-case scenario for them.”