

The changes in international security environment

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Abstract

With the end of the Cold War, the threat of conflict between East and West disappeared. At this moment, there was a growing awareness for the increased interconnections and interdependence of peoples, states, regions and continents. Peace, security and development are now more interconnected than ever. The initial consequences of these changes provoked a reconfiguration of the national strategies towards the creation of unions of multinational entities sharing common interests. One of the most explicit examples of such unification is the process of European Union enlargement to other European countries including those of Western Balkan.

Security is a precondition of development, the European Security Strategy confirms. If we measure the prospects for development and successful reforms according to the level of security which has been reached and according to the degree to which civilians perceive threats to their safety, the Western Balkans countries still face a myriad of both "hard" and "soft" security challenges, most notably in the areas of defense and security sector reform, justice and home affairs, in combating the proliferation of small arms and light weapons and establishing effective border management, not to mention such tasks as preventing potential threats of terrorism.

Predicting the future is impossible, however it would also be irresponsible not to try to identify the current trends and co-relate them with their drivers where possible. Today's security environment is characterized by uncertainty, complexity, rapid change, and persistent conflict. This environment is fluid, with continually changing alliances, partnerships, and new national and transnational threats constantly appearing and disappearing. Identifying, analyzing and assessing today's threats, risks and challenges are the bases for constructing a real and effective security strategy.

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Introduction

A new world war began on the 11th of September 2001, with the terrorist attack on both buildings of the World Trade Center in New York with a way and form of attack that was very hard to imagine and even harder to be predicted. Since then everything in the strategy of fighting wars have changed, including the international security environment. A famous professor at the National Defense University in Washington

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DC, Sebastian Gorka said the following about the present security environment: In the era of the cold war we knew everything about our enemy, the address, the city, the ideology, the propaganda, the state, the power etc...Now we don't know anything because in 15 min on internet ISIS could radicalize somebody that much that he can blow himself up and somebody else up in every possible corner of the world...ISIS is the face of the new enemy which is much, much more dangerous than al-Qaeda for four major reasons, and these have severe ramifications for how the world should wage war today and what it has to do to defeat similar enemies in the future, such as: power, money, strategy and media.²

The general hypothesis of this manuscript is that all other conflicts and wars will fall into a shadow of the war on terror, the religious' inspired one and this conflict will lead into the third world war. Helping and arming the proxy terrorist groups on the ground in order to fight some other enemy is a disaster because you are enforcing your future enemy.

Starting from September 11th, 2001 America has been at war and the cost of this war is about 7,000 American lives and almost \$2 trillion. Yet the most basic strategic questions remains—Who is the enemy? Why are we fighting? Under this circumstances victory is impossible....This last line goes along with one of the most quoted war analyst in the world Sun Tzu and his very famous and unique statement that if you go to war you must know the nature of your...enemy. Yet this war is eminently winnable if we remove our ideological blinders, accurately name our enemy, and draw up a strategy to defeat him, says Dr. Gorka, one of the most experienced and sought-after authorities on counterterrorism. Our enemy is not “terror” or “violent extremism.” Our enemy is the global Jihad movement, a modern totalitarian ideology rooted in the doctrines and martial history of Islam. Taking his cue from the formerly top-secret analyses that shaped the U.S. response to the communist threat, Dr. Gorka has produced a compelling profile of the Jihad movement—its mind and motivation—and a plan to defeat it.

The time of the cold war is over and is far behind us. It ended when the Warsaw Agreement was over, and the world entered a completely new security environment. Taking into consideration that from all conflicts and wars in the world now, only 20 % of them are between state to state and army to army and 80% involve non-state actors and insurgency, we must reconsider the new security environment and make a new strategy based on the new threat. The present national security architecture established under the Westphalia system and reinforced by the cold war...was originally designed exclusively to deal with external threats that were in the form of (enemy) nation state”. Thus both NATO and EU communities consist of nations whose national defense and security structures are wholly out of step with the danger they actually face danger that are without borders, capitals or nation state derived governments.” (Gorka, 2016).

The Global Jihad movement which uses methods of terrorism to establish its goal is the biggest threat of all and we are talking about religious terrorism such as seen in the face of ISIS and his methods of brutality.

² Dr. Sebastian Gorka - ICT's 14th International Conference, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RC-rLzuq88c>, access on 27th April 2018

Grand Strategy for fighting the Islamic radical ideology which turns into terrorism

This world is no longer fighting between communisms versus capitalism but between democracy and totalitarianism. Our system called Democracy is threatened by another system called a Caliphate which demands that their followers replace our system with theirs by force, by endless killing and terrorism acts until the mission is completed. The real face of our mutual enemy is the face of the terrorist and global threat that comes out of it, especially the one that comes from twisting the religious scripture of the Koran and turning it toward establishing of the Sharia law on the territory of the entire world by radical ways and means, aiming at replacing the system of democracy that provides equal freedoms and rights for every citizen with Sharia law. It has already began on the Middle East, and will follow in Andalusia and whole Spain, the Balkans and penetrating into Europe, than USA and then the rest of the world...

A theory of strategy is neither a simple checklist nor a cookbook solution. It is a way to understand how you might develop a perspective and approach for defining and selecting alternative choices in an increasingly complex and rapidly changing world – focusing on how to think as opposed to what to think and articulating your choices in way that can be understood and implemented.³ The very process of articulating strategic thinking as ends, ways and means is only one step in a sophisticated intellectual process of seeking to create a synthesis of consensus, efforts and circumstances to influence the overall environment favorably while managing the risk involved in pursuing opportunities or reacting to threats (Gaddis, 2002). In this same context of thinking we should ask ourselves - do we still need the large amount of weaponry which was used for confronting the conventional armies and should we pay so much money for something that we are never going to need it because the enemy has changed. We need Special Forces, combat helicopters, fast transportation of forces and above all the best intelligence services exchanging information with other services on the daily bases. A very good example was establishing in USA the Department of Home Land Security where all the information comes in one center in order to have the whole picture of the security threat.

Very dangerous and serious times are coming. The future is no longer bright and shining like it used to be. Very strong and even more powerful enemy is rising, growing and feeding itself from the twisted ideology offering a place in the heaven if you kill the unbelievers...Now there is neither the time nor the place to make mistakes such in a previous western (American) way of thinking of black- you are against us and white -you are our allies,(means supporting proxy terrorist groups on the ground to fight our enemy) but fuzzy thinking and working to manage in the chaos circumstances, offers a better solutions and better way of resolving the thinks...When we look upon the mistakes made in the past, especially in Afghanistan where fighting occurred between the two most powerful forces in the era of the cold war, America against Russia –yet today the same enemy exists from that time, which was built and

³ Strategic Theory for the 21 Century, Harry R.Jarger, February 2006, publication of the USA Government. <https://ssi.armywarcollege.edu/pubs/display.cfm?pubID=641>, access on 28th Aril 2018.

bolstered by both sides and that's why is imposing threat to them as a reverse power. The answer of the question why...black and white thinking would probably say that Mujahidin's (Taliban's) fighters were not our real enemy at that time but Russia. Now both Russia and USA are fighting against that very same enemy, but his name today is ISIS, before was Al Qaeda, Taliban's and you name it. That same enemy is becoming stronger and is spreading on the bigger and bigger regions on the entire world. Here are some of the reasons why ISIS is considered as the biggest threat to international security?

ISIS is the world's first transnational insurgency, as opposed to al-Qaeda, which was just an international terrorist group that never generated its own potentials to become even a local insurgency ISIS holds territory in daylight, thanks to the mass base of support it has successfully recruited and it has generated its own potentials, its own mass base of support across a number of countries and become transnational insurgency by recruiting tens of thousands of fighters and spreading to East and North Africa, Iraq, Syria and Libya, and has affiliates in another dozen countries like in West Africa since Boko Haram's pledge an alliance which was accepted by Baghdadi, after which Boko Haram changed his name into "The West Africa Province of the Islamic State."

ISIS is the richest threat group of its kind in human history. The illicit oil sales through Turkey, the racketeering and kidnapping monies that are being raised by the new Caliphate, and even the sale of antiquities on the black market generated \$500 million for ISIS in 2014. Even without these sources of funding, the group would still be incredibly wealthy. If we take into consideration fact that the 9/11 Commission Report estimated that al-Qaeda paid \$500,000 to execute their 2001 attacks—the most destructive terrorist attack in our country's history. That means that just from those two raids, ISIS netted enough to finance 1,600 attacks of the scale we experienced in September 2001.

ISIS recruited at least 35,000 Syrians and Iraqis, and in the first 9 months of its renewed operations in Iraq, recruited more than 19,000 foreign fighters. The United Nations' own estimate is that in the first year of renewed operations IS recruited 22,000 foreign fighters, including British, Americans, and Germans. IS's ability to attract supporters is what really makes al-Qaeda the "JV team," to use an analogy that President Obama most erroneously applied to IS.

ISIS finally has the capability for twisting the religion to recruit and mobilize insurgents and terrorists in the Middle East, America, and elsewhere. American policymakers still struggle to understand the strategic and tactical implications of Baghdadi climbing up to the pulpit of the Grand Mosque in Mosul in June 2014, dressed in the cloak of the religious authorities of Islam, declaring the reestablishment of the Caliphate, the theocratic empire of Islam, and declaring himself the new Caliph after nine decades of absence of the empire. The legitimacy of these claims is what makes the now "Islamic State" much dangerous than any jihadi group we have seen in recent years. Especially the presence of ISIS on the internet must be countered by counter presence explaining the potential danger by this threat and making real allies of the Sunny Islam countries such as Jordan, Egypt, UAE and all other countries in the Middle East, which very soon will become a target of ISIS. These countries must

also be bolstered by Allies such as USA and Russia in their fight against radicalism. Also putting an embargo on Saudi Arabia for financing terrorism on the ground in Syria and Iraq and for financing the NGO's that support the Salafism and Wahhabism throughout the world.

In a period for more than 90 years, fundamentalists have been preaching for this fight for establishing a Caliphate to happen. Political Islamists have been campaigning and conspiring to make it happen, and the most radical and dedicated members of this movement have been using terrorism to accomplish their shared goal. But Baghdadi did not talk about achieving the Caliphate, did not run for political office like the Brotherhood, or use disparate terrorist attacks to establish a caliphate—he simply went ahead and did it. He captured Mosul, the second largest city in Iraq, a city that Coalition soldiers and U.S. Marines used to patrol, and he declared the empire reborn with himself as its new head. This event should be understood as a watershed in modern IW for all the reasons mentioned above, and because ISIS is a fundamentally an Clausewitz enemy which typifies how the worldwide movement of violent actors who follow the ideology of “global jihad” understand war.⁴

After France has faced terrorist attacks which killed huge number of people in its capital Paris, on November 4, 2015, French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve announced the closure of four mosques in the Paris suburbs of Yvelines, Seine-Saint-Denis and Val-de-Marne. The mosques were suspected of promoting Islamist radicalism. The closures were made on the basis of article 8 of the state of emergency legislation, which has been in place since the terrorist attacks of 13 November 2015 in which 130 people were slaughtered. The article provides for “the closure of places of worship where advocacy of hatred, violence, terrorism or justification of terrorism” takes place.⁵

Multiple confidential sources inside of a powerful jihadist group within the United States have informed the Christian Action Network and the Clarion Project that members have been told to arm themselves in anticipation of raids by the Trump Administration. The Pakistan-based spiritual leader of Muslims of America (MOA), Sheikh Gilani, told top MOA officials (known as “khalifas”) to order all unarmed members to obtain firearms, licenses and hunting permits in order to resist raids on the group's approximately 22 compounds that they expect to happen under the Trump Administration. Additional “security” was also called up and assault rifles have been mentioned as desirable. The group now expects the FBI “to reopen its cases against them as a homegrown terrorist organization,” one of the confidential sources told Martin Mawyer of the Christian Action Network and Ryan Mauro of the Clarion Project. The sources independently stated that members across the country were told of instructions from Sheikh Gilani to “be prepared to fight.”⁶

In the latest interview Israeli Prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that civilized and democratic world must win this battle against terrorist in the arena of ideas and also on the ground as soon as possible because it will cost cheaper if you win them

⁴ Strategic Theory for the 21 Century, Harry R.Jarger, February 2006, publication of the USA Government. <https://ssi.armywarcollege.edu/pubs/display.cfm?pubID=641>, access on 28th Aril 2018.

⁵ Clarion Project, Inc.1717 Pennsylvania Avenue NW: Washington DC 20006:November 8th 2016.

⁶ Breaking Israel Video, 12 tribe films: Jerusalem Israel: 2016.

now than later when they become stronger.

What do experts and strategist think on this issue?

Huntington (1996) bolsters among other things his statement that differences among civilizations are too basic in that the civilizations are different from each other by history, language, culture, tradition and the most important religion. These fundamental differences are product of the centuries so they will not disappear soon". Huntington statement is that the strongest and the most powerful thing that will cause that clash between nations is the religion. The third world war will be a religious one, predict experts.

Marwan Shehade, an Islamic scholar and expert on jihadist groups, in the interview for Al-Monitor, said that "There's no doubt the organization is built on three main elements: the Sharia, the military might and media. Their main slogan is derived from Ibn's famous saying, 'The foundation of this religion is a book that guides and a sword that supports.' By 'a book' they mean the Quran and religion⁷.

There's nothing that is decided without the Sharia Council's approval. There is the main Sharia Council for the Islamic State, and in each district there's a smaller council that makes decisions about issues related to the area. The former ISIS cleric, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said of Baghdadi's decision-making, "Despite him being the head of the Sharia Council, he asks for the muftis' point of view. All the muftis are high-level clerics with deep understanding of the religion. All are 'hafiz' [have memorized the Quran]. The same goes for the major Hadiths — Sahih al-Bukhari, Sahih Muslim, Musnad Ibn Hanbal, al-Tarmathi, etc. It is only the elite who can make it on to this council. In fact, they are the ones who rule." So question mark for everybody would be...where are the institutions on which the system of democracy is built?

Hisham al-Hashimi, who is the author of the book „Inside ISIS or DASH“ is an advisor to the Iraqi Government for extremist groups and says that Abu Baghdadi become Salafist in 2003. He was under very strong influence of Abu Mohammed al-Mufti al-Aali, man in that time percept as the main ideologist for the Jihadist groups in Iraq. . Baghdadi together with Abu Mohammed had a jihadi movement at that time in Bagdad and Samara.. That was the time of the American operation Iraqi Freedom and together with couple of convicts prisoners coming from the Jihadi provenience inside the American prison Bucca very close to the town Umm Kassar have started theirs more serious radicalization alongside with the already established jihadist Omar convicted as being the member of Al Kaeda and for lying in prison which was opened after the attacks on the 11th of September in New York. For that prison called Bucca they say that,"It was an extraordinary place and opportunity in which an Americans has provided them a safe atmosphere, bad and food and also have enabled them using of the literature in order to feed their knowledge with Jihadi ideology of Abu Mohammed al-Maqdisi. All this was provided under the eye of the

⁷ Al-Monitor the Publications of The Middle East March 2015: http://www.al-monitor.com/pu_lse/originals/2015/03/i-sis-baghdadi-islamic-state-caliph-many-names-al-qaeda.html#ixzz3btH9vezl access on 15th November 2016

American soldiers. New recruits were being prepared for the ideas of ISIS and at the time they were released out of prison they were already ticking time bombs”.

The next step was meeting with the officers of the Gard of leader at that time Sadam Hussein, and this people were Haji Bakr, known as Samir al-Khlifawi, Abu Muhannad al-Suedawi, Abu Ahmed al-Alwani whose by the way have impressed todays leader of ISIS with theirs military skills and knowledges, and he has influenced on them with his religious knowledges from Koran and that's how the recipe called ISIS was made. ISIS is a combination of military skills used for controversial interpretation and twisting of the religious scripture for killing the unbelievers from one and no real Muslims according to ISIS from another side in theirs affords of establishing the Caliphate.

Because the Islamic source texts of the Koran and the Hadith contain many passages encouraging violence, intolerance and contempt for non – Muslim, they provided a powerful motivation and justification in all ages for some Muslims seeking to further the power of Islam by aggression and violence.,, As we follow the rules of interpretation developed from the classical science of the Koran interpretation it is not possible to condemn terrorisms in religious terms. It remains completely true to the classical rules in its evolutions of sanctity for its own justification. This is where the secret of theological strength lies, stated a very well-known Egyptian scholar Nasr Hamid Abu Yard.

Conclusions

The USA, Russia and China may not get along among themselves in the best way, but at the end they all have Governments, Parliaments, Judiciary system and institutions on which they operate. They will have to learn and respect the very fact that each of them will have a regional power on some part of the world and will have to live with this. This world can be no more controlled by one super power. They will all face the same problem, (some of them are already facing it) and will be threatened by the very same enemy called terrorism.

The current conflict in Syria is not going to end soon because powers don't have a solution for it yet or to be more precise there is the conflict of interests. Besides ISIS we have also another terrorist group descending from Shia provenience HESBOLAH... The most threatened state from this group is Israel. Hezbollah presents real threat for the state of Israel and is getting stronger; gaining more powerful armed with the latest and most sophisticated Russian weapons and spreading not only in Iran but also in Lebanon, Iraq, Yemen and Syria. Their aim is to wipe from the map the state of Israel. Hezbollah and ISIS shear the same vision about the world future but their difference is Sunny versus Shia conflict who is the real descender and inheritor of prophet Mohamed. In Africa there are terrorist groups Boko Haram and Al Shabab and in Asia there are others terrorist group which names are not important but they all shear the same ideology.

NATO if it wants to get in step with the new threat must make some changes on the political which means decision making level and on the military one. The very first

change will have to be defining who is the new enemy, whether it is Russia or global jihad. The second required change to prepare on the tactical and operational level to answer the threat of terrorism on the field by building new mobile force structure. Having in mind the current situation in Syria, potential naval conflict in South China sea, Ukraine, The Middle East, Balkans, Africa and so on, we could easily see that everywhere we have conflicts with non-state actor from one side of the coin, and no more one country to be the only super power at another side because there are some very strong regional super powers beside Amerika, like Russia and China. The next world order will probably be made of three super powers with theirs own spheres of interest but if we exclude theirs possible conflicts which will never turn in the clash between them. They all have one enemy in common and that is a non state actor called Radicalism or Jihadism which opposes the system of democracy, election and judiciary calling for a Sharia law which denies all of today's present institutions, values, freedoms and establishments.

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