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Q18

'Terrorism is emerging as a competitive industry over the last few decades.' Analyse the above statement.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2016 · GS III · 12 marks · Border Security and Organised Crime

Security challenges and their management in border areas - linkages of organized crime with terrorism.

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Outbidding

When rival groups escalate civilian attacks to prove they are the authentic vanguard.

Franchise model

Local cells adopting a global brand for prestige, funds, and tactics, as in regional Al-Qaeda or ISIS affiliates.

Kidnapping for ransom

A revenue line in the terror "industry", competing with donations, extortion, and illicit trade.

ISIS territorial phase

Holding cities and oil as tax base and advertisement, illustrating territory as market share.

Lone-wolf instructions

Low-entry violence guided online, which keeps new "start-ups" in the market after big groups are hit.

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