



The Islamic State Inspiration and Realignment of Terrorists in Afghanistan-Pakistan Region

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The terrorism threat has entered into a critical phase, which will require major adjustments in countering frameworks

Hypothesis

- Ideological transformation completely changes the character of a terrorist group
- The process broadens political vision and narrow down ideological framework of a group
- **A transformation does not weaken a terrorist movement**

Present Trends

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- Relocation of militant infrastructure

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- Destructions within terrorist groups and new formations

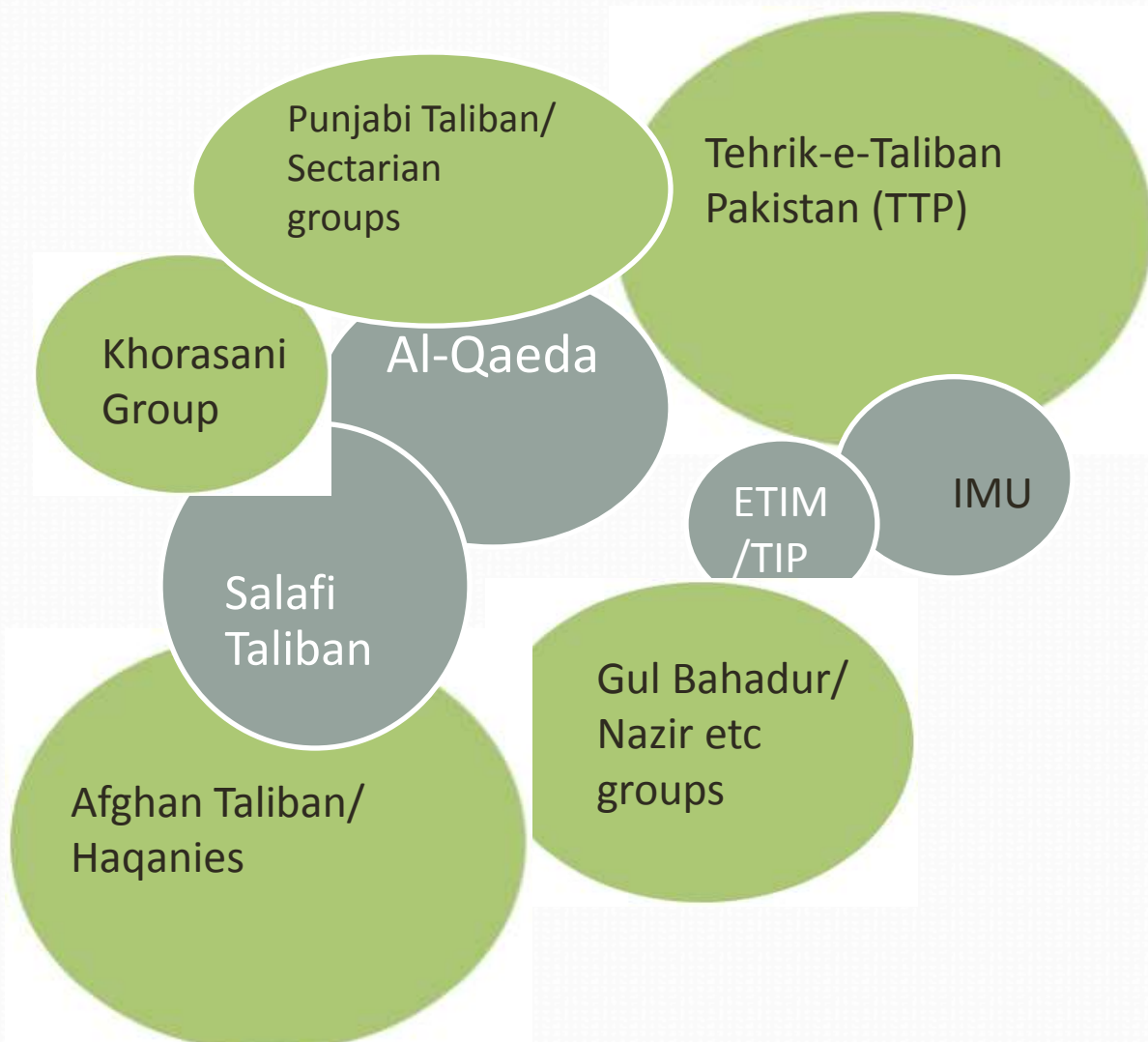
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- Changing nature of challenge/ New operational strategies

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- Ideological transformations/ purification

Present Formation of Terrorist Groups



Ideological Purification

Comparison between Al-Qaeda and IS



Al-Qaeda is an underground org vs ISIS holds territory



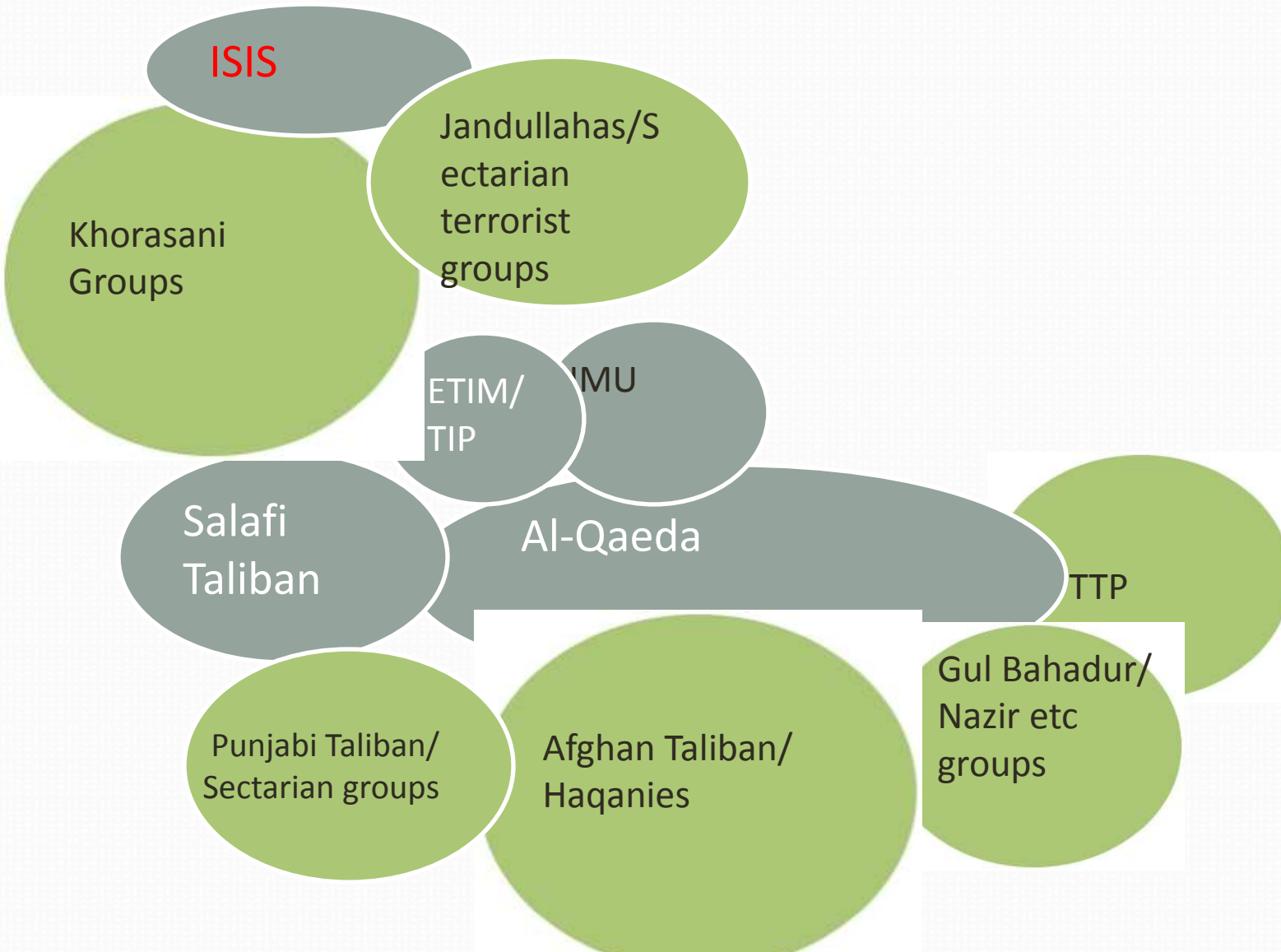
IS provides broader ideological framework



Differences over operational strategies



New Formations



Emerging Scenarios



TTP will not remain central entity

Al-Qaeda can hold central position for a short term

IS inspired groups' influence will increase

Future of Foreign Terrorists in the Region



Security Implications

