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Title of the program/project name Life Inside ‘Islamic State’: Diaries
Level of dissemination International
Short Summary (important points) In one summary and five diary entries, a Syrian man describes the horror of everyday life in the IS stronghold of Raqqa. Summary (17’): Ever since ‘Islamic State’ took control of Raqqa in Syria, little has been known about day-to-day life there. The penalty for speaking to western media is beheading. Few dare to talk. IS forbids people from leaving Raqqa without permission. They have introduced tough controls on internet cafes, tightened the monitoring of mobile phone networks and banned the sale of televisions. But over the last year, Mike Thomson of Radio 4's Today programme has made contact with a small, anti-IS group called Al-Sharqiya 24. One of its members agreed to write a series of diaries for the BBC about life in Raqqa. We have changed some details of his story, read by an actor, to protect his identity. Diaries: In January 2014 a brutal new jihadist group swept through Syria and set up its capital in Raqqa in the east of the country. In the two years since, so-called Islamic State has evolved into the most notorious extremist group in the world. For the past three months Today programme correspondent Mike Thomson has been in sporadic contact with an activist based in Raqqa from a group called Al-Sharqiya 24. He has been keeping a diary of what life is like under Islamic State. We have changed some details of his story, read by an actor, to protect his identity.
Countries involved IS
Duration of the project 2016
The website (if it exists):

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Key Action 3: Support for policy reform

Social inclusion through education, training and youth



<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03l511j>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0402rhg> (summary)
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0402rtr> (introduction to the 5 diaries – 17')
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03ksf5k> (diary 1)
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03l206z> (diary 2)
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03l5tb4> (diary 3)
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03lbkrk> (diary 4)
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03lgghh> (diary 5)