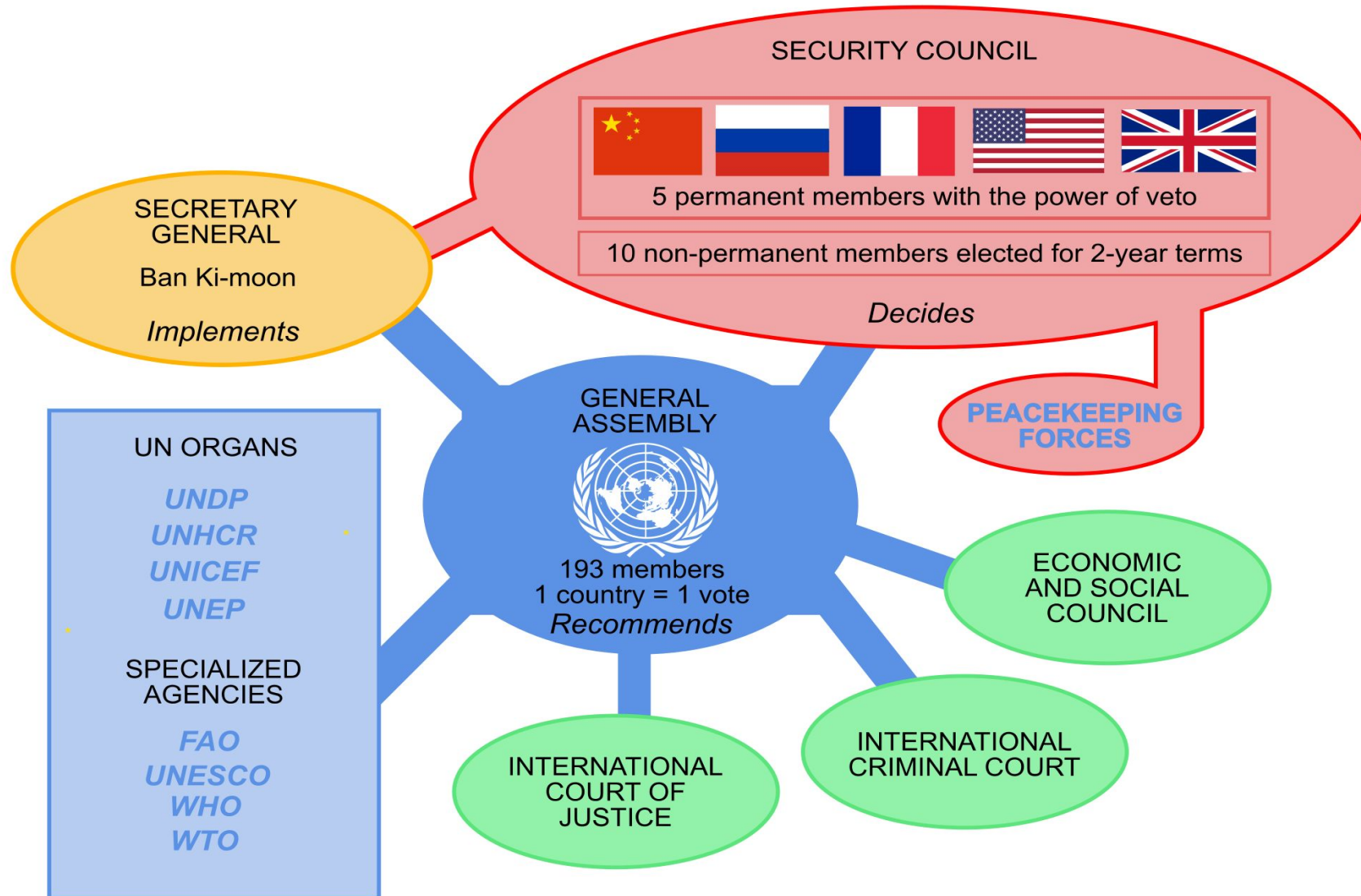


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United Nations

- Intergovernmental organization to promote international cooperation
- Was founded on 24 October 1945 by 51 member states
- The United Nations Charter as a founding document
- Now includes 193 member states
- Permanent observers: Holy See, State of Palestine & Intergovernmental organizations
- Headquarters: NYC
- Permanent missions: Geneva, Vienna











Functions

United Nations can take action on the issues confronting humanity in the 21st century, such as peace and security, climate change, sustainable development, human rights, disarmament, terrorism, humanitarian and health emergencies, gender equality, governance

United Nations also provides a forum for its members to express their views by enabling dialogue between its members, and by hosting negotiations, the Organization has become a mechanism for governments to find areas of agreement and solve problems together.

What is MUN?

- Model United Nations is an international competitive student organization designed to increase students' awareness of international affairs, stimulate analytical thinking, and simulate the workings of the United Nations.
- We research complex global issues and the policies of specific countries and represent those positions (from their perspective) in a United Nations styled committee
- Examples: Russia on the Security Council and their position on Syria; Venezuela's role in the FAO, North Korea's position on human trafficking

Benefits and Skills

- Research and concise writing
- Negotiation
- Public speaking
- Communication
- Resume booster, source for contacts and references (advisers, fellow delegates at other conferences)
- Conferences participation and travelling

Current Crises

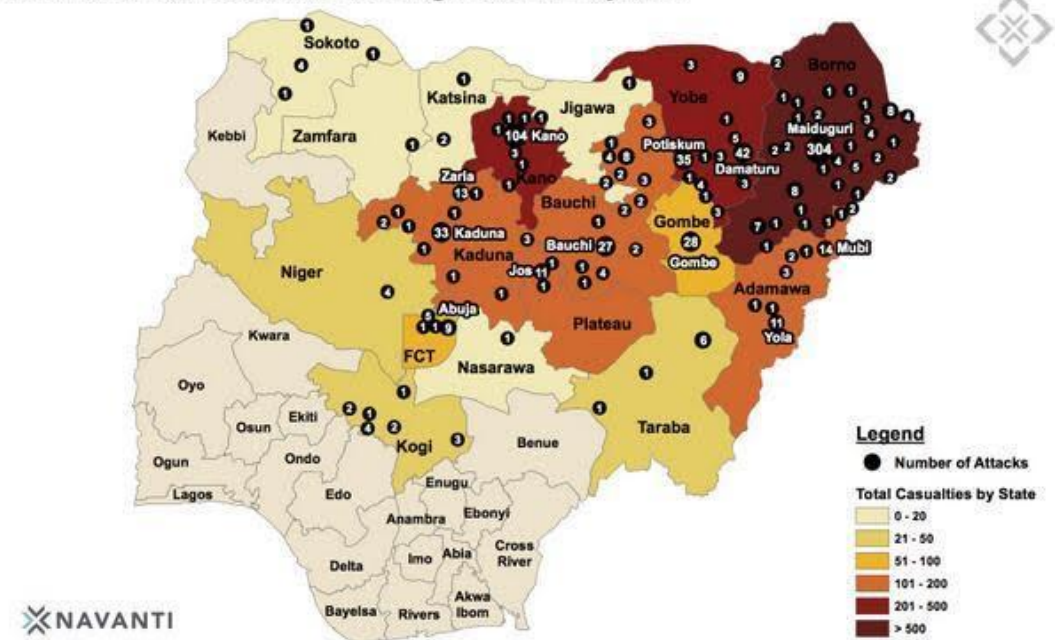
1. Boko Haram's threat

The group now known as Boko Haram began to emerge in 2003, when a collection of like-minded Islamists retreated to a remote area of the Nigerian northeast called Kanamma.

In 2013, Boko Haram targeted pupils in a series of awful school attacks in the northeast that killed dozens of boys. Later there were reports that the group was also kidnapping girls and women with the intent of raping them or making them brides.

In April 2014, attackers raided Chibok deep in northeastern Nigeria and kidnapped 276 school girls, generally between 16 and 18 years old. 219 remain missing. Shekau claimed credit for the kidnappings in a video and threatened to sell them.

Boko Haram-attributed Attacks in Nigeria Since July 2009



Current Crises

2. Failed attempt of coup d'état in Turkey

The coup attempt began on July 18 2016, with a military statement saying forces had seized control "to reinstall the constitutional order, democracy, human rights and freedoms, to ensure that the rule of law once again reigns in the country, for law and order to be reinstated."

Government officials blamed the coup attempt on a U.S.-based leader of muslim sect, Fethullah Gulen.

More than 6,000 people were arrested in crackdown
294 killed in night of chaos
2,839 soldiers held in prison
2,745 judges facing arrest



Current Crises

3. North Korea nuclear weapons tests

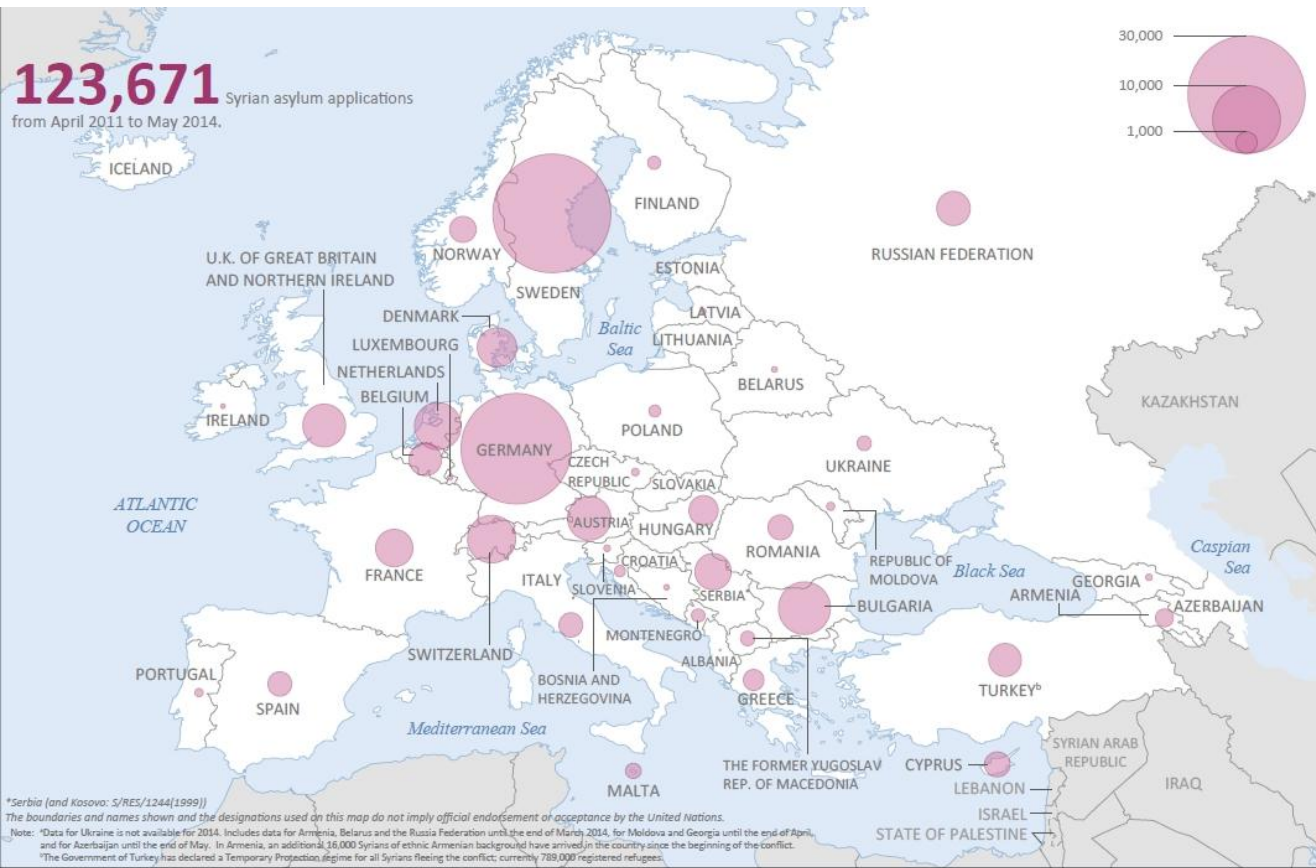
The government of North Korea conducted a nuclear detonation on 9 September 2016 at the Punggye-ri Nuclear Test Site, approximately 50 kilometres (30 miles) northwest of Kilju City in Kilju County

According to South Korean and Japanese estimates, the nuclear yield was equivalent to about 10 kilotons of TNT (10 kt), generating about a 5.3 magnitude seismic shock. This would make the explosion the largest North Korean nuclear test.

North Korea says it has conducted five successful nuclear tests: in 2006, 2009, 2013 and in January and September 2016.



Stump Speech



Next Session

Russian Parliamentary Elections in Crimea, September 18, 2016

