

**A TICKING TIME BOMB:** As U.S. Central Commander, **Gen. Frank McKenzie** has a lot of challenges in his area of responsibility, which stretches from Israel to Afghanistan and everything in between. That includes wars in Syria, Iraq, Yemen, and of course, Afghanistan.

But the biggest problem he sees does not have a military solution and threatened to perpetuate the threat from ISIS extremists into the next generation. At an event sponsored by the Middle East Institute yesterday, McKenzie warned that the 10,000 ISIS fighters now in detention camps in Syria, along with more than 60,000 refugees displaced by war, are a ticking time bomb that if not addressed, will spawn a new crop of terrorists.

“Unless the international community finds a way to repatriate, reintegrate into home communities, and support locally grown reconciliation programs, we will bear witness to the indoctrination of the next generation of ISIS as these children become radicalized,” McKenzie warns. “Failing to address this now means ISIS will never be truly defeated, as the ideology will continue well into the future.”

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