HOT TOPICS & HOTSPOTS

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What are **HOTSPOTS** and **HOT TOPICS**?

- **HOT TOPICS**: Headline news related to events, issues, and people that have the potential to harm the well-being of nation-states, individuals, and select groups.

- **HOTSPOTS**: Areas of political, military, or civil unrest usually considered dangerous.
“Osama bin Laden Killed, Obama Hails Moment of ‘Justice’”

“U.S. Attacked; Hijacked jets Destroy Twin Towers and Hit Pentagon in Day of Terror”

“Syrians escaping violence flee to Turkey”

“Japan earthquake: Tsunami hits north-east”

“Malaysia jet crashes in east Ukraine conflict zone”

“Off The Charts’ Super Typhoon Haiyan Hits Philippines”

“THREATS AND RESPONSES: The White House; Bush Orders Start of War on Iraq”

“A NATION CHALLENGED: Bush’s Remarks on Military Strikes in Afghanistan”

“Cold War Echoes in Russia Ukraine Conflict”

“One year on, Tunisia remembers young man whose death began the Arab Spring”

“Ebola outbreak: West Africa death toll nears 7,000”

“ISIS Continues Dramatic Takeover of Territory of Iraq”
Where did each headline take place?
HOTSPOTS

- The Council on Foreign Relations maintains a world map highlighting current global conflict hotspots at:
  
HOT TOPICS of the 21st Century

- Start of the Millennium Development Goals (2000)
- War in Afghanistan (2002)
- Hurricane Katrina (2005)
- 9/11 Terrorist Attacks & Axis of Evil (2001)
- War in Iraq (2003)
- Smartphone Revolution & Start of Great Recession (2007)
HOT TOPICS of the 21st Century

- Official end of the Great Recession
  - 2009
- Japanese Earthquake, Tsunami, and nuclear reactors
  - 2012
- • Panic of Ebola
  • Impact of ISIS
  - 2014
- Tunisian riots initiate the Arab Spring
  - 2011
- Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines
  - 2013
- End of the MDGs, the start of the SDGs
  - 2015