

# ISIS Threatens to Destroy World's largest Buddhist Temple in Indonesia

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After releasing the video of the beheading of American photographer James Foley, the Islamic State terrorist group – formerly known as ISIS – has begun psychologically terrorizing Indonesia.

The group has pledged to destroy the Borobudur Temple in the country's Central Java Province, although its motive was not stated in detail.

The 1,200-year-old Borobudur temple, which is home to hundreds of Buddhist statues, is the largest Buddhist temple in the world. Indonesia is home to the largest population of Muslims in the world.

The threat was revealed through a post on the Facebook page "We Are the Islamic State," which is believed to be the Islamic State's official page.



The army commander of Central Java, Major General Sunindyo, said that anyone in the country would feel awful if the threat was actually carried out and has asked all citizens to work together to prevent the IS's plan from becoming a reality.

Security forces have been tasked with keeping Borobudur safe. The community has also been "invited to take part in maintaining the temple," according to Sunindyo.

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