List of Theocratic States and Their Leaders

As at January 2018

**DI’ISH: sad-Dawlah al-Islāmiyyah fī al-‘Irāq wash-Shām (aka: Islamic State in Iraq and as-Sham)**

Caliph: Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi

*Note:* State existed as a territory-holding entity essentially until late 2017; still claims some territory in Iraq and Syria, and with adherent state in Northern Nigeria (Boko Haram), but essentially unable by January 2018 to function as a state.

**Vatican City**

Pope Francis I

**Iran**

Supreme Leader *Ayatollah* Ali Hoseini-Khamene‘i

**Sovereign Military Order of Malta**

Grand Master Robert Matthew Festing

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