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Global Insurgency and the Future of Armed Conflict will be of interest to students of international security, strategic studies and terrorism studies.

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