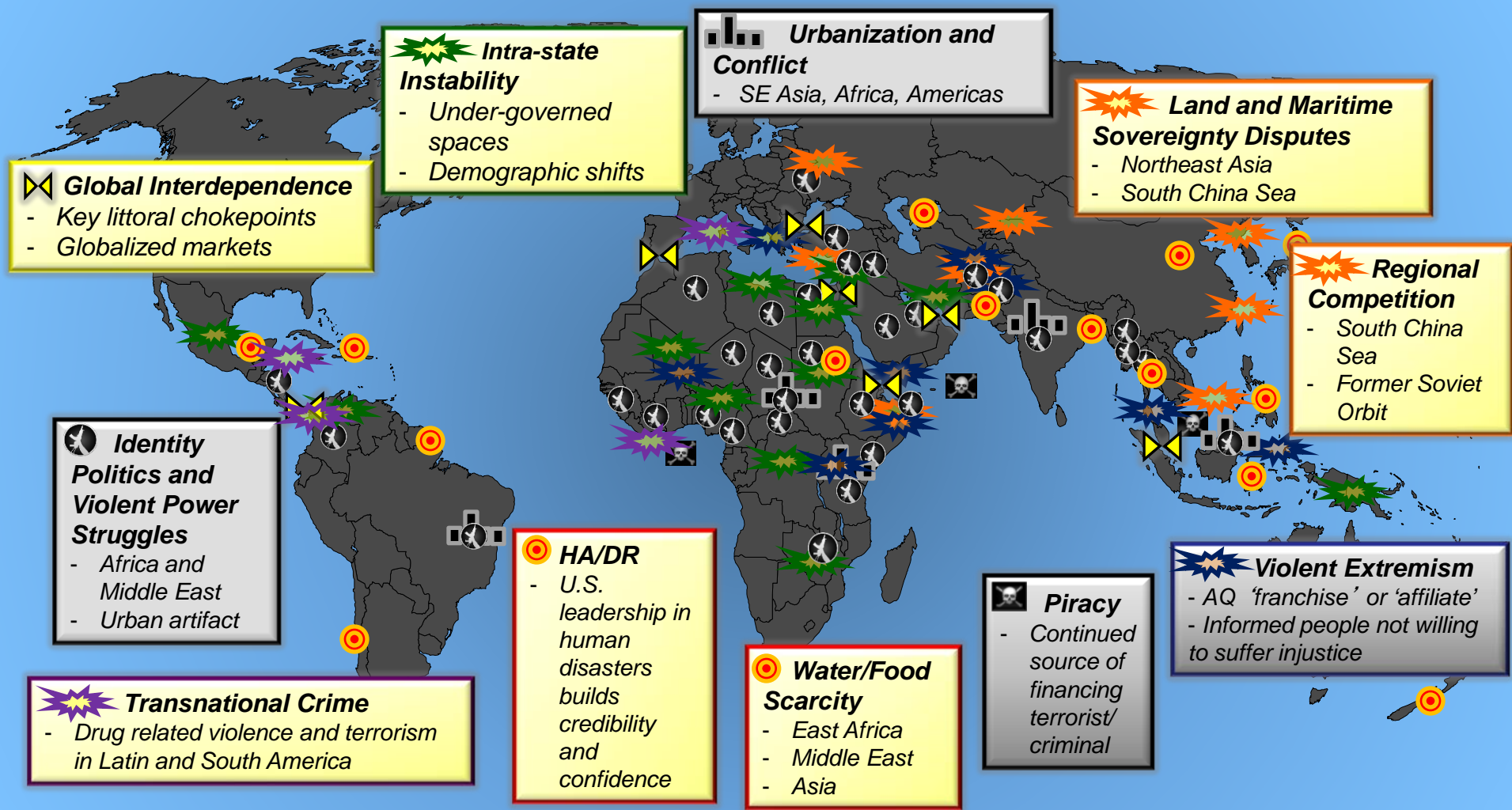




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While we may wish to be done with the dirty and dangerous, these unfortunate artifacts of the emerging century are not done with us. While we do not seek conflict, conflict will continue to appear at our doorstep...threatening our citizens, our allies, and our interests.