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**President Barack Obama, addressing the nation, urged Congress to back funds for the campaign but said the U.S. "won't be dragged into another ground war."**

# In battle to thwart terrorism, threat becoming homegrown

Houston among cities confronting violent extremists

By Dane Schiller

FBI counterterrorism agents and officers converged on Michael Wolfe in June as he boarded a flight at Bush Intercontinental Airport on the first leg of a jihad journey to the Middle East. Wolfe already had made it clear he was ready

to die for a cause, agents said, and they weren't going to let him on that plane.

Robert Talbot of Katy was arrested in March outside a Houston storage locker. Clad in fatigue pants, he allegedly was minutes away from launching his American Insurgency Movement by robbing an armored car, murdering a state trooper and spraying a mosque with gunfire before heading to Washington to unleash more bloodshed.

## Fueled by fear

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"Blood and bullets are the only two things that will change this world, short of divine," he declared in a manifesto, according to court papers.

Wolfe and Talbot were accused of rallying two very different causes. But as this **Terror continues on A13**

means I will not hesitate to take action against ISIL in Syria, as well as Iraq. This is a core principle of my presidency: If you threaten America, you will find no safe haven." ISIL is an alternative name for the Islamic State.

The president took pains to distinguish between the military action he was putting in motion and the two wars begun by his predecessor, President George W. Bush. He likened this campaign to the targeted airstrikes that the United States has carried out for several years against suspected terrorists in Yemen and Somalia, few of them ever made public.

After enduring harsh criticism for saying in **Obama continues on A13**