

Situation Report: June 15, 2014

June 15: Unidentified gunmen (likely ISIS) launched an attack on Tal Afar, west of Mosul. ISF and tribal elements initially repelled the attack. However, there are reports that the city has fallen under ISIS control.



June 15: ISF withdrew from a large number of its headquarters and towers on the Iraqi-Syrian borders.



June 15: Unidentified gunmen (likely ISIS) attacked security checkpoints and IA headquarters in the areas of Albu Shajal, areas around the Yabani Bridge, and around Saqlawiya, northwest of Fallujah. The source added that IA forces withdrew from Saqlawiya.



June 15: ISIS gunmen reportedly took complete control of the sub-district of Sadia, in northeast Diyala Province. Gunmen control Copper Base, which houses the fourth brigade, part of the fifth IA division. Hamrin Lake separates ISIS from the ISF.



June 15: Forces from the Counter Terrorism Forces, the Rapid Intervention Brigade, and SWAT arrived in Camp Ashraf, in north Diyala Province to enforce the security forces there. These forces will be fighting ISIS in areas in the vicinity of Udham, 90km north of Baquba. ISF reported clashes with ISIS near Camp Ashraf. ISIS also attacked a recruitment center in Muqdadiyah.



June 15: An SVEST took place near the shrine of Sheikh Abdul-Qadir al Gilani in central Baghdad, killing 12 individuals and wounding 30 others.



- ISF
- ISF and Militias
- ISIS
- Unknown Gunmen (likely ISIS)
- Major Cities
- JRTN
- Peshmerga
- Major Clash
- Assessed ISIS HQ
- Assessed ISIS Staging Area
- ISF Recruitment Center



The Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) attacked the ethnically and religiously mixed town of Tal Afar in Ninewa, provoking a mobilization of Iraqi Shi'a and Turkmen. Should ISIS gain control of the city, it is likely to inflict ethno-sectarian violence. Tal Afar is also an important hub on the roads between Anbar, Ninewa, and Syria. The ISF are withdrawing from the Iraq-Syria border likely in order to mass and counterattack ISIS. If ISIS controls the contested Sadia, it will be a major gain for its effort in Diyala. ISIS is attempting to slow down the ISF recruitment effort by attacking a recruitment center in Muqdadiyah.