

# Iraq Situation Report: June 21, 2014

**1** The ISF foiled an attack targeting the Baiji oil refinery involving three Suicide Vehicle Borne IEDs in the form of fuel tankers. SVBIEDs are signature ISIS attacks. The oil refinery remains contested.



**2** ISIS elements took control of the cities of Rawa and Ana, in western Anbar. There are conflicting reports about whether the IA and IP clashed with ISIS or if they left their posts.



**3** ISF reinforcements reportedly arrived in Qaim while an IA brigade commander was killed during clashes with ISIS in eastern Qaim. The Qaim Border Crossing is now under ISIS control.



**7** IA forces and ISIS elements reportedly clashed at the entrances of Haditha district in western Anbar. Meanwhile, a general curfew was imposed on the district.



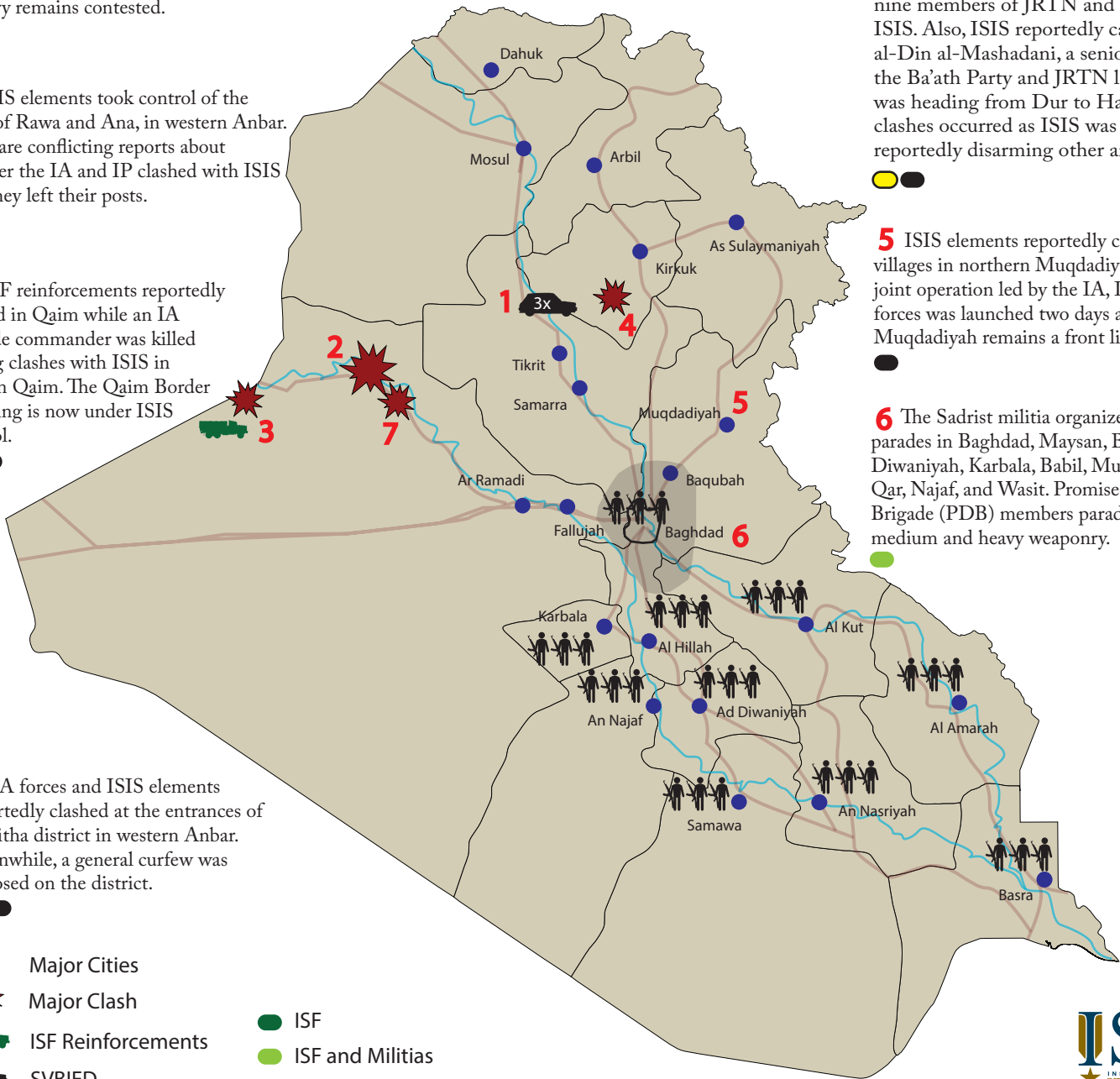
**4** ISIS reportedly clashed with JRTN in the Tar al-Baghal area in southwestern Kirkuk, which resulted in the deaths of nine members of JRTN and eight from ISIS. Also, ISIS reportedly captured Saif al-Din al-Mashadani, a senior member of the Ba'ath Party and JRTN leader, as he was heading from Dur to Hawija. The clashes occurred as ISIS was reportedly disarming other armed groups.



**5** ISIS elements reportedly captured five villages in northern Muqdadiah, where a joint operation led by the IA, IP and tribal forces was launched two days ago. Northern Muqdadiah remains a front line.



**6** The Sadrist militia organized military parades in Baghdad, Maysan, Basra, Diwaniyah, Karbala, Babil, Muthana, Dhi Qar, Najaf, and Wasit. Promised Day Brigade (PDB) members paraded with medium and heavy weaponry.



- Major Cities
- Major Clash
- ISF Reinforcements
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- Military Parade
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- ISF and Militias
- ISIS
- JRTN



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ISIS advanced in Anbar along the Euphrates River from the border crossing with Syria at Qaim, taking control of Rawa and Ana in order to obstruct the ISF's freedom of movement in the province. The ISF will likely resort to deploying Iraqi Shi'a militias such as AAH in Anbar to slow ISIS's advance, as the deployment of additional forces to Habbaniyah on June 20 suggested. AAH, in conjunction with the Iraqi Army and Federal Police, had conducted on June 20 a clearing operation in part of Garma, a predominantly Sunni piece of key terrain that permitted ISIS to move between Anbar, Baghdad, and Salah ad-Din. The Sadrist parade is a major show of force by the Trend as the Sadrists vie to position themselves as defenders of the Iraqi Shi'a. ISIS and the Ba'athist insurgent group JRTN have violently clashed in pockets of terrain in northern Iraq. These events are early indications that ISIS wants to dominate the insurgency, and that the groups have different leadership and objectives at the tactical as well as strategic levels. Further violence between ISIS and JRTN is likely.