

Iraq Situation Report: June 27, 2014

1 The ISF clashed with unidentified gunmen, likely ISIS, around Tikrit University. The clashes followed the ISF's June 26 assault on the university.



2 Unidentified gunmen targeted the ISF with mortar rounds in central Samarra and the Jalam area to the east of the city. Three ISF members were killed and another 25 were wounded.



3 The ISF raided compounds in the Salhia area, and detained 12 individuals. The Baghdad Municipality also sent a number of its crews to establish fortifications in the northern areas of the city and block roads that may be used by anti-government gunmen approaching Baghdad.



5 A joint force composed of the ISF, pro-government tribes, and likely Iraqi Shi'a militias clashed with ISIS in Sadia, in northeastern Diyala Province.



6 Four mortar rounds landed on Mahmudiyah, south of Baghdad, resulting in four deaths and eight injured. Mahmudiyah had witnessed an SVEST attack on June 25. Both attacks were likely carried out by ISIS.



7 The 17th IA Division launched an operation in the Latifiyah area in southern Baghdad, reportedly killing two snipers along with 13 others.



4 ISIS gunmen and other groups clashed with the Iraqi Army (IA) and Police (IP) in the Tamim area in western Ramadi, taking control of the area following IA and IP withdrawal. The gunmen were in control of Tamim's police station and reportedly captured 12 HUMVEEs, two tanks, four APCs and large amounts of ammunition.



- Major Cities
- ★ Major Clash
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- ISF and Militias
- ISIS
- Unknown Gunmen



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The Iraqi government is preparing defenses for the Battle of Baghdad as Ramadan approaches. This effort is centered on securing areas near the Green Zone and the Baghdad Belts. The government's plan will also likely include the deployment of Iraqi Shi'a militias. ISIS's gains in Ramadi indicate the increasing threat to the city as it remains one of the few remaining areas in Anbar under Iraqi government control. ISW has assessed that ISIS aims to take Ramadi as part of its interim, operational objectives. Ramadi's fall would facilitate ISIS's push into Baghdad. *Read more about ISIS's potential plans in "ISIS Battle Plan for Baghdad," by Jessica D. Lewis, ISW's Research Director. Find it here: <http://iswiraq.blogspot.com/>*