

Iraq Situation Report: July 4, 2014

1 Forces from the Counter-Terrorism Services (CTS), 9th IA Division, and IA Aviation repelled an ISIS attack against the Baiji refinery.



2 A Suicide Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device (SVBIED) targeted a gathering of the Iraqi Army (IA) in the Dijla district, south of Tikrit. The attack resulted in the death of 12 soldiers and injury of 27 soldiers.



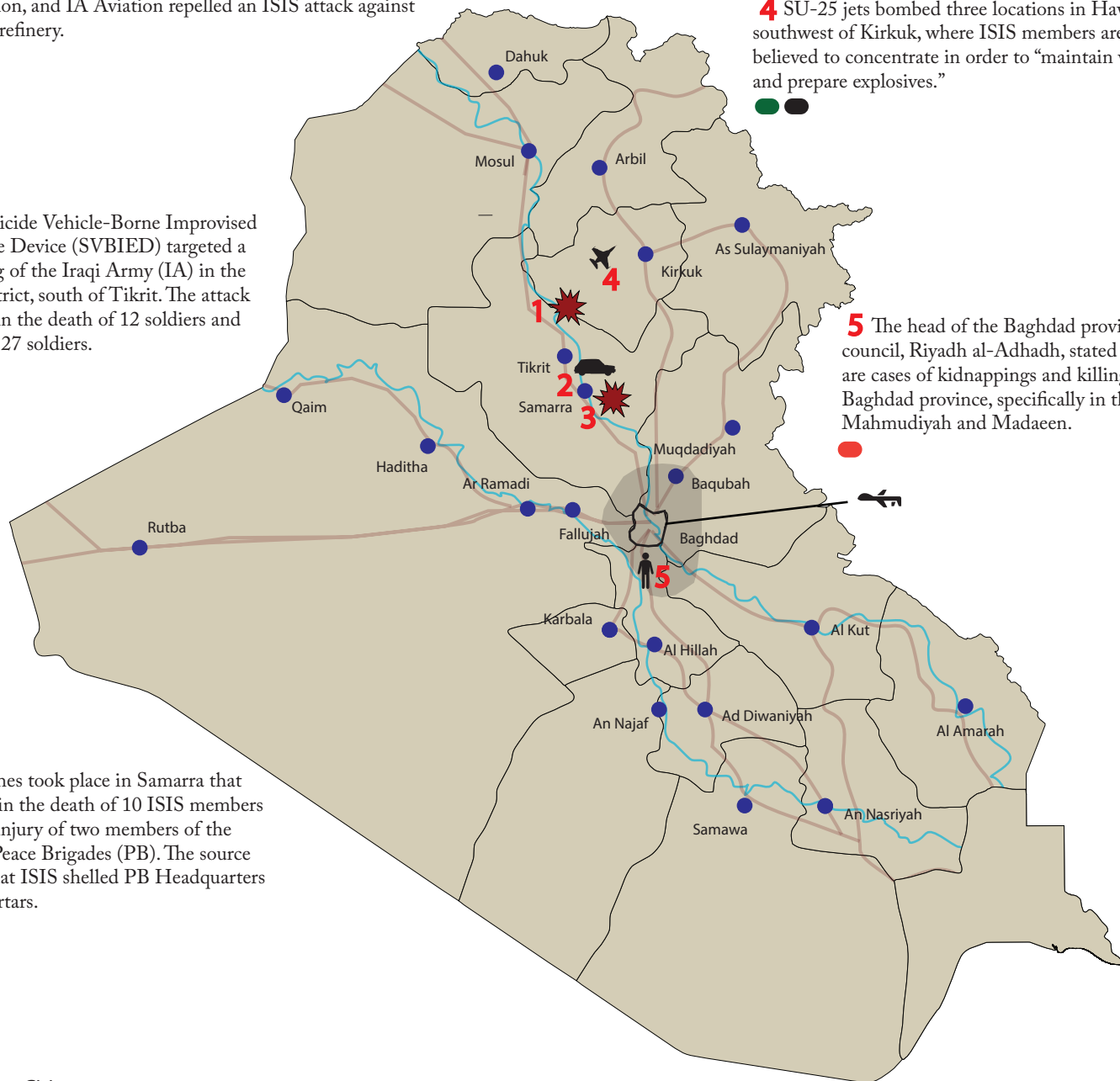
3 Clashes took place in Samarra that resulted in the death of 10 ISIS members and the injury of two members of the Sadrist Peace Brigades (PB). The source added that ISIS shelled PB Headquarters with mortars.



4 SU-25 jets bombed three locations in Hawijah southwest of Kirkuk, where ISIS members are believed to concentrate in order to “maintain weapons and prepare explosives.”



5 The head of the Baghdad provincial council, Riyadh al-Adhadh, stated that there are cases of kidnappings and killings in Baghdad province, specifically in the areas of Mahmudiyah and Madaeen.



- Major Cities
- Major Clash
- SVBIED
- Airstrikes
- Kidnapping
- Armed Drones
- ISF
- ISIS
- ISF and Militias
- Unknown gunmen



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ISIS targeted the Baiji refinery and IA positions south of Tikrit, likely to divert attention and resources from the ISF counter-offensive in Tikrit. Clashes and indirect fire continued in Samarra, indicating that ISIS has forces that can operate in the vicinity of Baiji, Tikrit, and Samarra simultaneously. There is also increased Iraqi Shi'a militia activity south of Baghdad. The protection of Mahmudiyah and Madaeen is a priority for the Iraqi Shi'a militias in order to prevent ISIS advance into Baghdad from the south, in addition to securing the shrines in Samarra and Karbala.