

Iraq Situation Report: July 6-7, 2014

1 On July 7, an airstrike targeted the Rashedeya area, north of Mosul, killing and injuring 40 individuals and damaging 20 houses, prompting 75 Turkmen families to flee the area.

2 On July 6, ISIS launched an attack on Camp Speicher, west of Tikrit, where IA, CTS, and Iraqi Shi'a militias are positioned.

3 On July 7, heavy clashes took place between ISIS and tribal elements from the villages of Zowiya and Mishak in northern Salah ad-Din after ISIS attempted to enter the villages.

4 On July 7, Badr and AAH forces were reportedly tasked with protecting the Askari Shrine in Samarra while forces from the Federal Police were deployed to the area of Jalam, northeast of Samarra. Meanwhile, forces from the Sadrist Peace Companies are protecting the area around the city.

5 On July 7, the commander of the 6th IA Division was killed in an area west of Baghdad. There were conflicting reports whether he was killed by mortars or sniper fire.

6 On July 6, an SU-25 aircraft targeted a bridge connecting Zab, south of Kirkuk, to an area north of Salah ad-Din.

7 On July 7, an SVBIED targeted a security checkpoint in Kadhmiya, northwestern Baghdad, killing at least five individuals and injuring 15 others. On July 6, an SVEST attack on a local café in the area of Washash, western Baghdad, killed 5 individuals and injured 12 others.

8 On July 6, the Babil local government announced that it will create a 50 km sand berm extending from the Owissat area in northern Babil to the Razaza Lake. The berm is intended to disrupt ISIS supply lines. Also, a local government official stated that Asa'ib Ahl al-Haq (AAH), Katai'b Hizb Allah, and Abu Fadhil al-Abbas Battalions are operating in northern Babil.



- Major Cities
- ★ Major Clash
- ✈ Airstrikes
- 🚗 SVBIED
- 👤 SVEST
- ISF
- ISIS
- Unknown gunmen
- Shi'a militias
- Anti-ISIS Tribes



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ISIS attacked the northwest Baghdad neighborhood of Kadhmiya for the second time in a week, this time employing an SVBIED. This indicates that ISIS can still attack heavily protected areas in Baghdad with vehicles. The attack upon the 6th IA Division west of Baghdad, indicates that anti-government forces in the area are conducting visual observation of ISF movements. Meanwhile, ISIS went on the offensive in Tikrit and also attacked ISF and Shi'a militia elements at Camp Speicher. It is unclear if ISIS attacked from within downtown Tikrit or from outside the city, but ISIS is still able to go on the offensive in the north. Nevertheless, ISIS is meeting with resistance from some tribes in northern Salah ad-Din as they attempt to enter new villages. The ISF response to ISIS now includes airstrikes against bridges deep within ISIS control zones, such as the Zab Triangle connecting northern Salah ad-Din to Hawija. The precision of the airstrike against a bridge in this zone indicates that the pilot of the SU-25 was likely Russian or Iranian. The overt activities of Shi'a militias in northern Babil indicate that Jurf al-Sakhar may become a principal attack zone as ISIS and Shi'a militias face off directly. The task organization of multiple Shi'a militia groups and Federal Police to protect Samarra demonstrates orchestrated role management.