

# Iraq Situation Report: July 9, 2014

**1** An airstrike targeted oil tankers in the area of Hamam al-Alil, south of Mosul causing serious damage with no reported casualties. The reserves included tanks of fuel. The incident was reported as a drone strike, although the ISF is not known to possess this capability.

**2** According to a security source in Kirkuk, ISIS members conducted an armed parade using 300 vehicles in the areas of Hawija, Manzala, Multaqa, and Riyadh, located southwest of Kirkuk. ISIS members paraded using equipment recently seized from the Iraqi Army.

**3** Three Syrian aircraft carried out airstrikes in Qaim. The strikes targeted the meteorological observatory center and the city council, and caused damage to four homes and three shops which resulted in the death of seven civilians and injured six others.

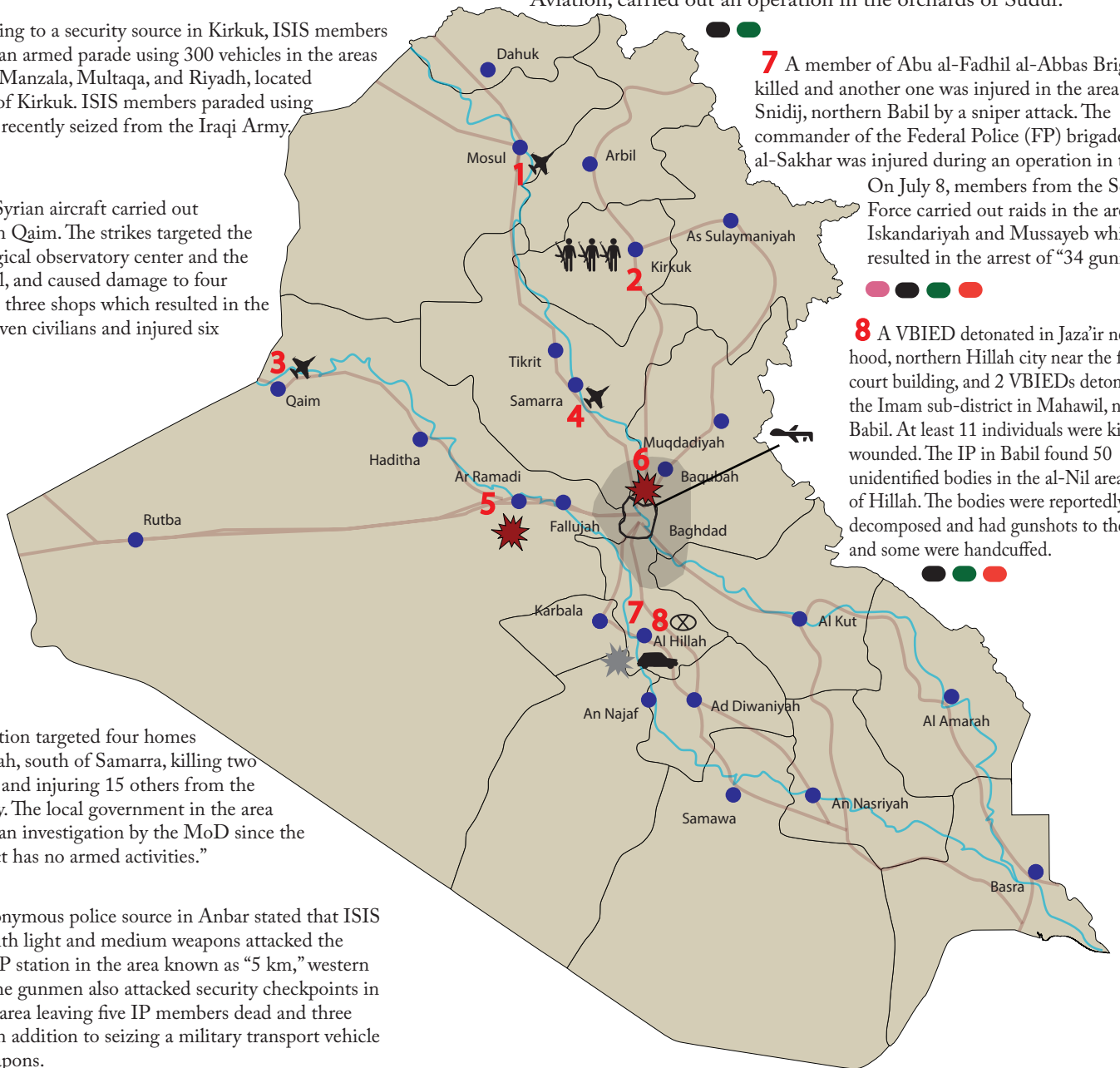
**4** IA aviation targeted four homes in Dhuluiyah, south of Samarra, killing two individuals and injuring 15 others from the same family. The local government in the area demanded an investigation by the MoD since the "sub-district has no armed activities."

**5** An anonymous police source in Anbar stated that ISIS gunmen with light and medium weapons attacked the Hurriyah IP station in the area known as "5 km," western Ramadi. The gunmen also attacked security checkpoints in the "5 km" area leaving five IP members dead and three wounded in addition to seizing a military transport vehicle and IP weapons.

**6** ISIS seized the Sudur mini-dam located approximately 3 miles east of Khalis after clashing heavily with the ISF in the area. The ISF started an effort to retake it. Earlier, ISIS targeted the Sudur IP station, in the outskirts of Mansouriya, which resulted in the death of one captain and the injury of five IP members. The IA and the IP, supported by IA Aviation, carried out an operation in the orchards of Sudur.

**7** A member of Abu al-Fadhil al-Abbas Brigade was killed and another one was injured in the area of Snidij, northern Babil by a sniper attack. The commander of the Federal Police (FP) brigade in Jurf al-Sakhar was injured during an operation in the area. On July 8, members from the Scorpion Force carried out raids in the areas of Iskandariyah and Mussayeb which resulted in the arrest of "34 gunmen."

**8** A VBIED detonated in Jaza'ir neighborhood, northern Hillah city near the federal court building, and 2 VBIEDs detonated in the Imam sub-district in Mahawil, northern Babil. At least 11 individuals were killed and wounded. The IP in Babil found 50 unidentified bodies in the al-Nil area, north of Hillah. The bodies were reportedly decomposed and had gunshots to the head and some were handcuffed.



- Major Cities
- ★ Major Clash
- ✈ Airstrikes
- Unknown Gunmen
- ISF
- ISIS
- Shi'a militias
- Syrian Government Forces
- ★ Raid
- ☒ Execution
- ☒ Armed Drones
- ☒ Military Parade



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ISIS has expanded its posture in Diyala, an area in which it has clashed for territory. Iraqi Shi'a militias have, however, held a line against ISIS advances at Khalis. The seizure of the nearby Sudur mini-dam is significant in particular if ISIS continues to control it. ISIS has experience with utilizing dams as assets to demobilize the ISF, as evident in the April flooding of areas around the Fallujah dam. The discovery of bodies in Babil is a significant event as well. The identities of the victims and perpetrators are unclear. However, on June 23, 70 prisoners were killed in an attack targeting a convoy transporting prisoners from Hillah to Nasriyah. ISW assessed that they were likely killed by the ISF to prevent their escape and no bodies were found. If the bodies discovered are those of the victims of the June 23 attack, the Iraqi Sunni community will likely view this as a retaliatory sectarian attack.