

ISIS may now possess 88 pounds of unenriched uranium that had been stored at Mosul University, elevating the terrorist threat that ISIS poses. Meanwhile, the former IA officers kidnapped in Mosul were most likely targeted by ISIS in in order to minimize their influence over a potential resistance to ISIS control of the city. It is not clear at this time who was responsible for the separate kidnapping of farmers near Balad Airbase, but the presence of armed groups near the base continues to pose a threat to the facility. To the east, ISIS continued to challenge the ISF in central Diyala for a second day while gunmen also clashed with the ISF near Tikrit University. The ISF conducted airstrikes in Mosul and Tikrit, apparently selecting targets assessed to hold strategic value for ISIS.