

Iraq Situation Report: July 11, 2014

1 Peshmerga forces took control of the Bai Hassan oil field in northwestern Kirkuk. The field produces 195,000 barrels per day. The oil ministry called on the Peshmerga to withdraw from the field. An SVBIED detonated at a Peshmerga checkpoint in southern Kirkuk city resulting in the death of 2 people and injury of at least 21 people.

2 An anonymous security source stated that the Sadrist Peace Brigades (PB) prevented ISIS elements from entering north Samarra. The PB fired 20 mortar shells at ISIS elements at which point ISIS elements were forced to withdraw to neighboring houses, using civilian homes as shields.

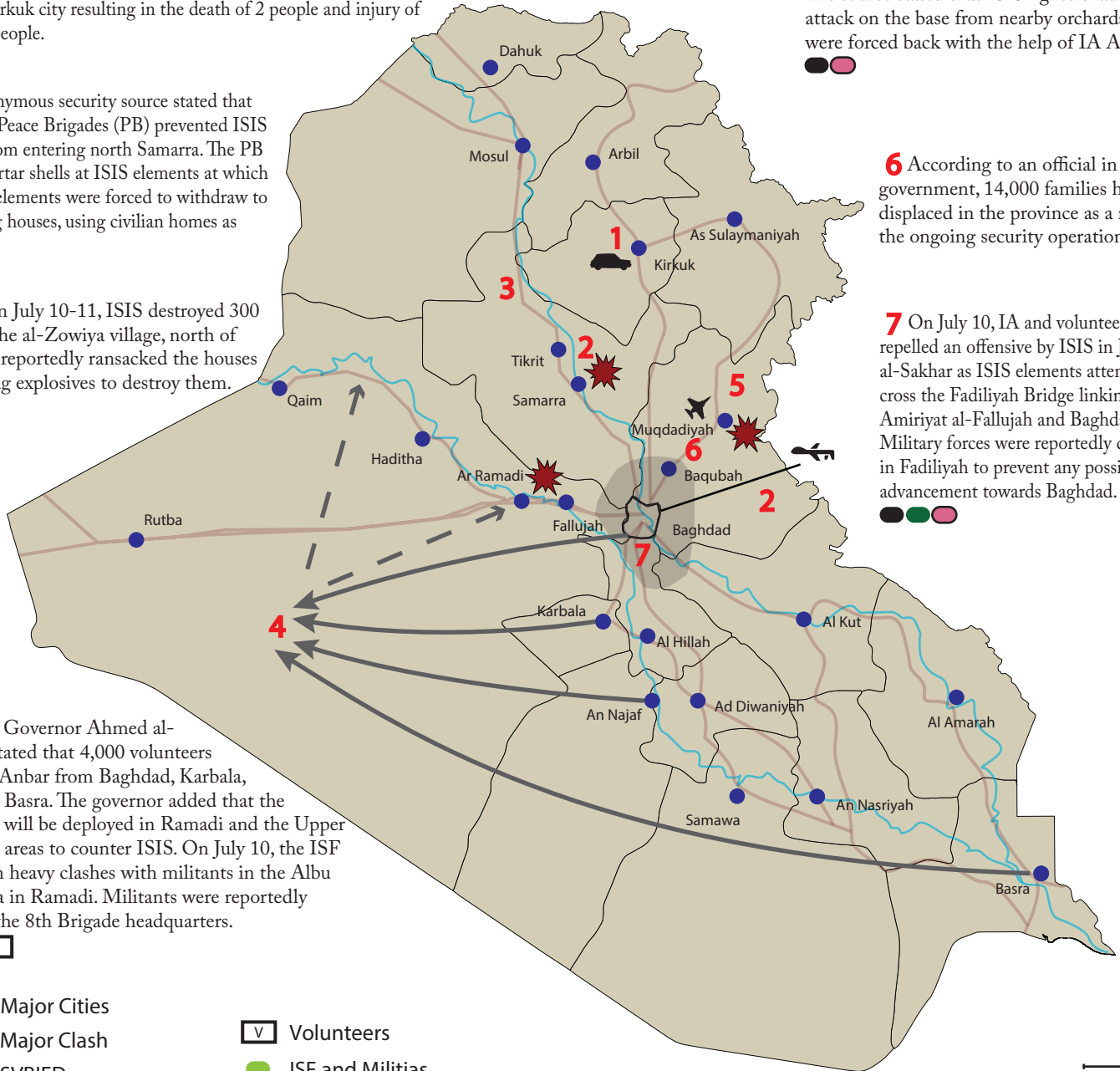
3 Between July 10-11, ISIS destroyed 300 homes in the al-Zowiya village, north of Baiji. ISIS reportedly ransacked the houses before using explosives to destroy them.

4 Anbar Governor Ahmed al-Dulaimi stated that 4,000 volunteers arrived in Anbar from Baghdad, Karbala, Najaf, and Basra. The governor added that the volunteers will be deployed in Ramadi and the Upper Euphrates areas to counter ISIS. On July 10, the ISF engaged in heavy clashes with militants in the Albu Hayes area in Ramadi. Militants were reportedly targeting the 8th Brigade headquarters.

5 ISF and ISIS clashed near a military base known as the 2nd Corps in Muqdadiyah, northeastern Diyala, killing three ISIS fighters. The source stated that ISIS fighters launched an attack on the base from nearby orchards, but were forced back with the help of IA Aviation.

6 According to an official in Diyala's government, 14,000 families had been displaced in the province as a result of the ongoing security operations.

7 On July 10, IA and volunteer forces repelled an offensive by ISIS in Jurf al-Sakhar as ISIS elements attempted to cross the Fadiliyah Bridge linking Amiriyyat al-Fallujah and Baghdad. Military forces were reportedly deployed in Fadiliyah to prevent any possible ISIS advancement towards Baghdad.



- Major Cities
- ★ Major Clash
- ☎ SVBIED
- ✈ Airstrikes
- 🚁 Armed Drones
- ➡ Volunteers Movement
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Armed groups south, west, and north of Baghdad are becoming increasingly active. ISIS may be on the offensive in Ramadi, Jurf al-Sakhar, Samarra, and northern Diyala. ISIS's attempt to move from strongholds near Fallujah toward southern Baghdad, in operational coordination with elements in Babil, illustrates ISIS's continued intention to penetrate the capital's southern belt with maneuver forces as well as terrorist cells. Ramadi is likely to be the next urban objective that ISIS seeks to control. Volunteers from Shi'a provinces deployed to Anbar in order to shore up security, prevent or delay ISIS's advance into Ramadi, and force the culmination of the ISIS middle Euphrates offensive. The reinforcements may also increase sectarian clashes in the predominantly Sunni province. ISIS has a presence north of Baghdad that should be considered a separate and available fighting force. Meanwhile, the displacement of populations in Diyala, Anbar, and northern Iraq is exacerbating the humanitarian crisis. The depopulation of these urban and rural areas may further preclude the development of tribal forces resisting ISIS.