

# Iraq Situation Report: July 12, 2014

**1** An IED exploded in the Bayaa neighborhood in southwestern Baghdad city resulting in the death of two people and injury of four people. Unidentified gunmen stormed an apartment complex in eastern Baghdad's Zayuna neighborhood resulting in the death of 28 women and 2 males. The gunmen reportedly targeted specific apartments in what ISW assesses to be morality executions by Iraqi Shi'a militias.

**2** According to Shafaq News, ISIS has opened a police department in the city of Mosul and is now accepting volunteers to the department which is known as the "Islamic Police." According to reports, ISIS is offering a salary to its new police force estimated at over 400 USD, but what time period that covers is unclear.

**3** Unidentified gunmen kidnapped the head of the Independent High Electoral Commission in Diyala, Amer Latif, in Buhriz which is located 8 km south of Baquba

**4** ISIS attacked at 3:00am local time in the city of Haditha in western Anbar province. The Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) repelled the attack and reportedly killed 13 ISIS elements and detained 31 others. Four Iraqi Police (IP) members were killed while 11 were injured.

**5** An IED attack in a Mahmudiyah market resulted in the death of one person and injury of seven. Mahmudiyah is located in southern Baghdad province.

**6** Iraqi Air Force jets targeted an ISIS "court building" in the Riyadh sub-district in western Kirkuk resulting in damage to the building. ISIS members were wounded in the attack in addition to three civilians who were in the vicinity. The Iraqi Air Force also attacked an ISIS fuel-tanker convoy as it was passing the village of Safra in Riyadh. The convoy was reportedly destroyed.

**7** The Iraqi Ministry of Defense announced that it seized shells, explosive material, and bomb-making material in the Arab Jubur area in southern Baghdad. The operation was carried out by the 23rd brigade of the 17th Iraqi Army Division

**8** A medical source in Fallujah stated that in Fallujah 3 people were killed while 18 were injured in mortar attacks that targeted the neighborhoods of al-Jughaifi, Askari, Nazal, Dhubat, Jolan, Shuhada, Nazal, and al-Jbeil. Women and children were among the victims.

**9** An IED targeted a police patrol in the Corniche Street in southern Kirkuk city. The attack resulted in the injury of three police members.

**10** The ISF launched a clearing operation in the northern parts of Muqdadiah in northeastern Diyala. The ISF is operating alongside the tribes and with support from the Iraqi Army Aviation to clear the areas of the Sudur orchards and the villages of Khamis, Sansal, and al-Jazeera. The ISF reportedly cleared a neighborhood in Sudur.



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The ISIS attack in Haditha demonstrates the continuation of its urban offensive to control cities in the middle Euphrates. The attack is also likely intended to either control the city before the deployment of recently-arrived reinforcement to Anbar, or to divert those resources to Haditha in order to weaken defenses around Ramadi and eventually control it. Either way, ISF defenses in Anbar and northern Diyala will demonstrate how effectively the ISF can hold terrain against ISIS and other armed groups. The interdiction of an ISIS fuel tanker convoy by the Iraqi Air Force demonstrates the intent of the ISF to disrupt ISIS logistics and finance. Meanwhile, ISIS low-level activity near Baghdad continues. The presence of a weapons cache in Arab Jabour indicates that ISIS has established a presence in southeast Baghdad in addition to the north and west. The visible activity of Iraqi Shi'a militia extra-judicial killings is indicative of their freedom of movement and that their role in the defense of Baghdad affects security for citizens. The report of an ISIS police force in Mosul is consistent with their measures of social control in ar-Raqqa, Syria.