

Iraq Situation Report: July 14, 2014

1 An SVEST attack targeted a Peshmerga checkpoint in the Qara Tapa area in northern Diyala. The attack resulted in the death or injury of about 11 Peshmerga elements.

2 An anonymous security source stated that the Sharia Court in Sharqat was targeted by IA Aviation in the village of al-Sderah, in the vicinity of Sharqat, in northern Salah ad-Din province, resulting in the death of ISIS's judge in the area, Abu Hajir al-Iraqi.

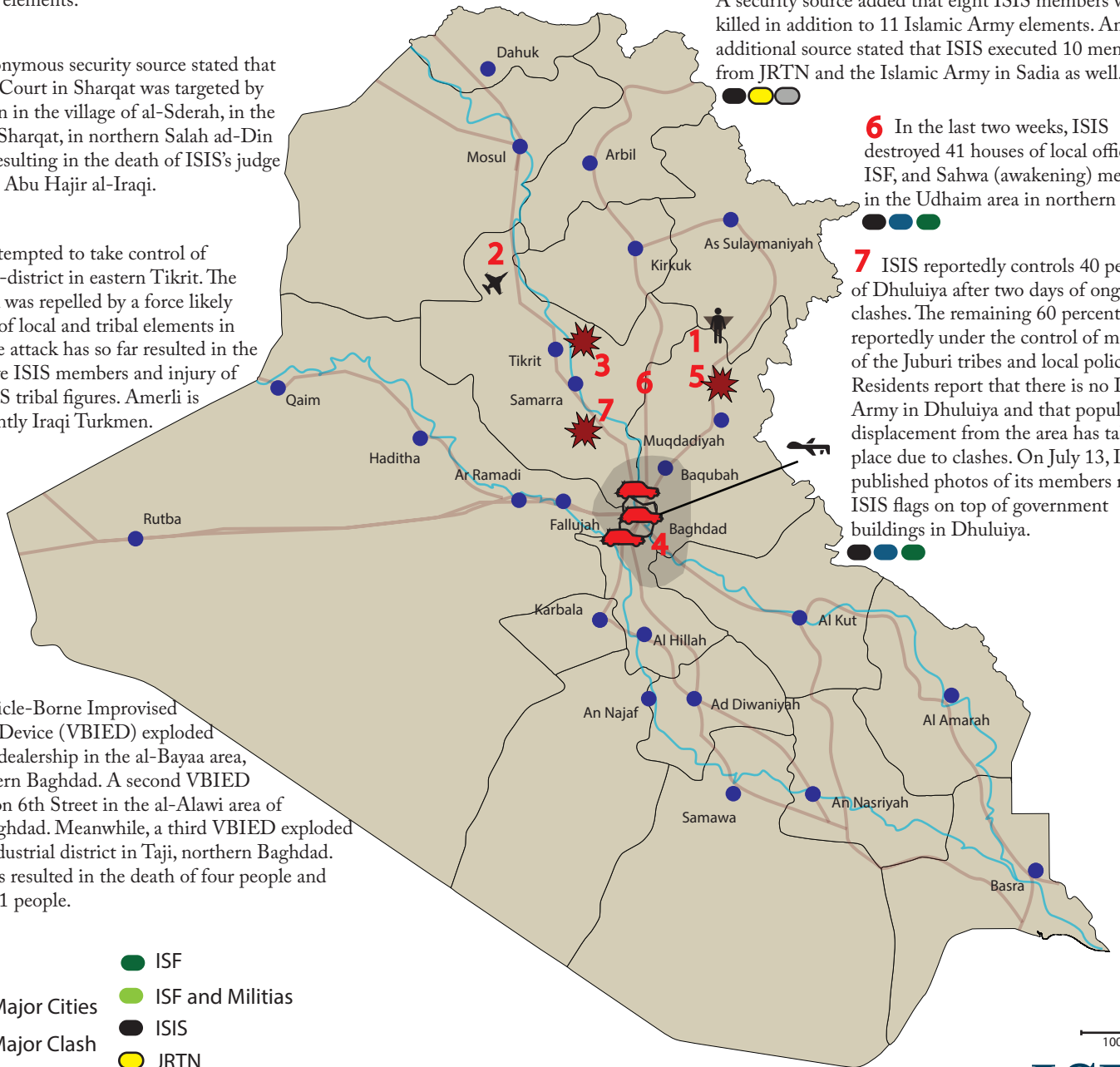
3 ISIS attempted to take control of Amerli sub-district in eastern Tikrit. The ISIS attack was repelled by a force likely comprised of local and tribal elements in Amerli. The attack has so far resulted in the death of five ISIS members and injury of 15 anti-ISIS tribal figures. Amerli is predominantly Iraqi Turkmen.

4 A Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) exploded near a car dealership in the al-Bayaa area, southwestern Baghdad. A second VBIED exploded on 6th Street in the al-Alawi area of central Baghdad. Meanwhile, a third VBIED exploded near an industrial district in Taji, northern Baghdad. The attacks resulted in the death of four people and injury of 21 people.

5 ISIS clashed with elements of the Islamic Army in the eastern suburbs of Sadia in northern Diyala province. A security source added that eight ISIS members were killed in addition to 11 Islamic Army elements. An additional source stated that ISIS executed 10 members from JRTN and the Islamic Army in Sadia as well.

6 In the last two weeks, ISIS destroyed 41 houses of local officials, ISF, and Sahwa (awakening) members in the Udham area in northern Diyala.

7 ISIS reportedly controls 40 percent of Dhuluiya after two days of ongoing clashes. The remaining 60 percent is reportedly under the control of members of the Juburi tribes and local police. Residents report that there is no Iraqi Army in Dhuluiya and that population displacement from the area has taken place due to clashes. On July 13, ISIS published photos of its members raising ISIS flags on top of government buildings in Dhuluiya.



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ISIS is launching attacks into Baghdad with a series of VBIEDs in and near the capital in order to set the terms of battle by probing the defenses of pro-government forces and demoralizing them. The efforts center on the northern belt. The VBIED in Taji's industrial area is particularly significant as ISW continues to assess ISIS's northern approaches to Baghdad and intent regarding ISF bases. ISIS continues to consolidate its gains in Dhuluiya. ISIS continues to destroy houses in ways consistent with the Soldiers' Harvest campaign it has conducted for the past year. ISIS need not be present to cause destruction in a place such as Udham, where ISW previously assessed it had a headquarters that it reportedly left several weeks ago. Even though the ISF along with Iraqi Shi'a militias were able to remove ISIS from the area, those forces do not fully control the terrain. The clashes within the ranks of anti-government forces illustrate that ISIS will continue to impose its will on other groups, including the Islamic Army, an Iraqi Sunni insurgency group that fought US forces after 2003, through the use of force despite a conciliatory tone from JRTN leader Izzat al-Duri towards ISIS in his weekend speech.