

Iraq Situation Report: July 27, 2014

1 ISIS detonated a VBIED in the Khrisan area of central Baquba, wounding three civilians.

2 On July 26, the ISF found 17 unidentified dead bodies in the areas of Baladiyat in eastern Baghdad, Dora in southern Baghdad, and Maamil, Shaab, and Shula in northern Baghdad.

3 The IA sent reinforcements of 16 HMMWVs to Dhuluiya. The forces crossed the newly repaired bridge located south of the sub-district that was initially attacked by ISIS using a VBIED in the initial attack on Dhuluiya on July 13.

4 Three IEDs detonated in central Tuz Khurmatu which resulted in the injury of seven individuals.

5 Heavy clashes took place between ISIS and the IA supported by the IA Aviation in the areas of Latifyah and Yusufiyah, south of Baghdad. Casualties were not reported.

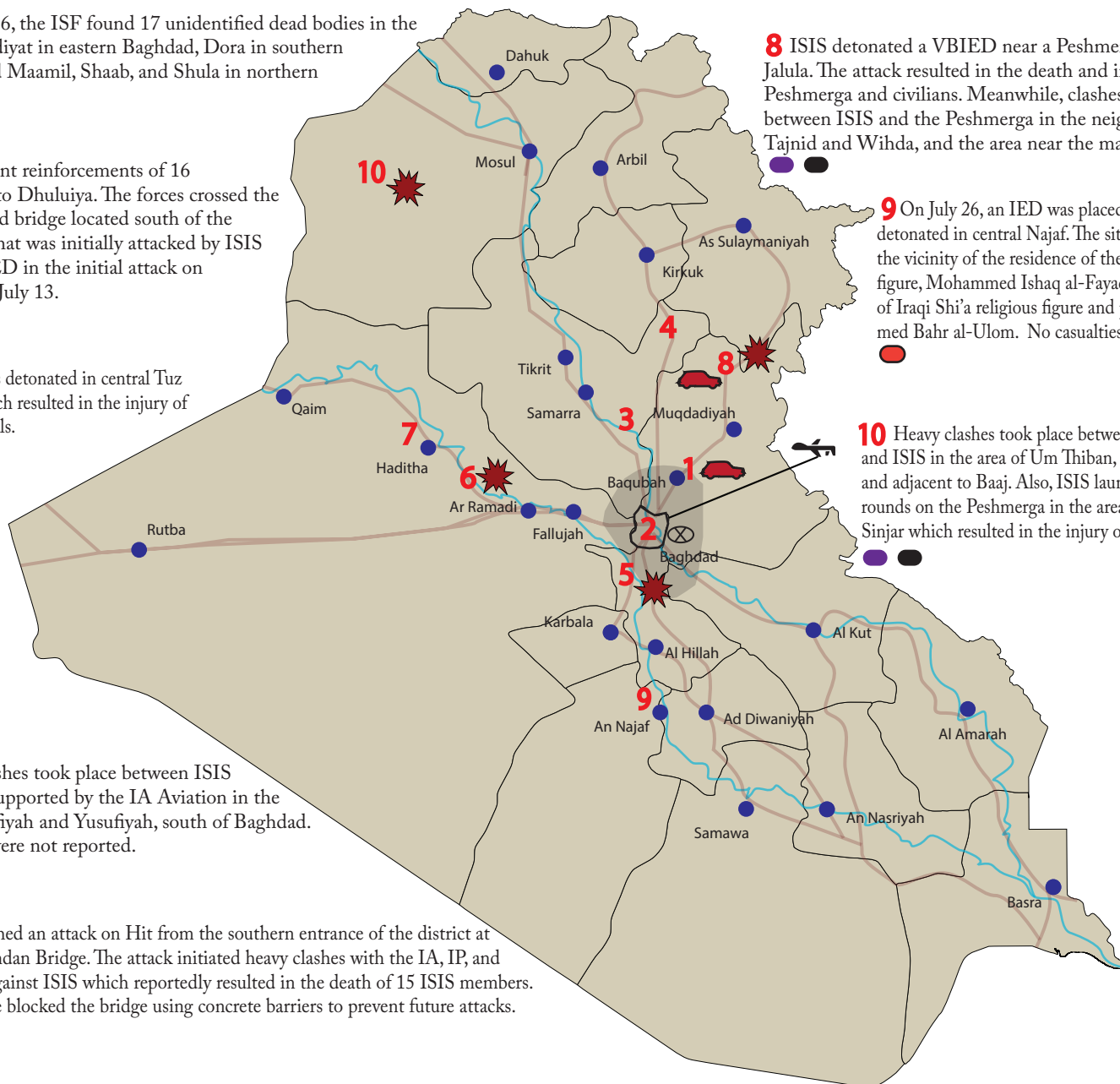
6 ISIS launched an attack on Hit from the southern entrance of the district at the Albu Hamdan Bridge. The attack initiated heavy clashes with the IA, IP, and tribal forces against ISIS which reportedly resulted in the death of 15 ISIS members. The joint force blocked the bridge using concrete barriers to prevent future attacks.

7 The mayor of Haditha, Abdul-Hakim al-Jeghifi stated that the forces from the IA, IP, Jighaifa and Albu Nimr tribes have been defending the district from daily attacks by ISIS launched from three axes.

8 ISIS detonated a VBIED near a Peshmerga position in Jalula. The attack resulted in the death and injury of 12 Peshmerga and civilians. Meanwhile, clashes renewed between ISIS and the Peshmerga in the neighborhoods of Tajnid and Wihda, and the area near the market.

9 On July 26, an IED was placed under a car and detonated in central Najaf. The site of the attack is in the vicinity of the residence of the Iraqi Shi'a religious figure, Mohammed Ishaq al-Fayadh and the residence of Iraqi Shi'a religious figure and politician, Mohammed Bahr al-Ulom. No casualties were reported.

10 Heavy clashes took place between the Peshmerga and ISIS in the area of Um Thiban, located near Sinjar and adjacent to Baaj. Also, ISIS launched 20 mortar rounds on the Peshmerga in the area of Jalul, north of Sinjar which resulted in the injury of three Peshmerga.



- Major Cities
- ⊗ Execution
- 🚗 VBIED
- ✈️ Armed Drones
- ★ Major Clash
- Anti-ISIS Tribes
- ISF
- ISIS
- Unknown Gunmen
- Shi'a militias
- Peshmerga



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Significant ISIS attacks occurred in the north, west, and east of Iraq. In the north, ISIS continued to attack in the vicinity of Sinjar, where ISIS may be preparing to challenge Peshmerga defenses and establish control. In the west, ISIS renewed attacks in the vicinity of Hit, which has the potential to isolate ISF and tribal forces in Haditha from those in Ramadi. The report from the mayor of Haditha indicating that ISIS regularly attacks the city raises concern that ISIS will also renew its offensive to seize control of Haditha. ISIS likely seeks to control the entire Euphrates river valley, including the cities of Haditha, Hit, and Ramadi. Meanwhile, on the eastern front, ISIS conducted attacks in two locations, including Peshmerga positions in Jalula in the north and also central Baquba, the provincial capital. These outer positions, may indicate that ISIS is trying to split the attention of the ISF. The attacks against Shi'a religious and political leaders in Najaf might serve the same purpose, but their attribution to ISIS is not certain. Near to Baghdad, ISIS engaged in clashes with the ISF in northern Babil, in Yusufiyah and Latifyah. Extra-judicial killings in Baghdad, likely the work of Iraqi Shi'a militias, indicate an increase of efforts to establish particular control over historical neighborhood support zones. Baladiyat, Maamil, Shaab, and Shula are neighborhoods that are predominantly Shi'a, but with small Sunni minorities, such that these may also be reprisal attacks. Dora in southern Baghdad is majority Sunni, and the bodies found there are also likely reprisal attacks.