

Iraq Situation Report: July 30, 2014

1 ISIS published images of Eid celebrations in Mosul showing kids and teenagers playing at a large carnival. The images also showed ISIS members handing out candy to children. This comes after residents from Mosul and ISIS reported that the organization launched a radio station in the city.

2 Unidentified gunmen reportedly shot and killed three ISIS members in central and western Mosul. Also, airstrikes targeted an ISIS position in the Badush Prison reportedly killing ISIS Shari'a officials.

3 Airstrikes targeted a convoy of 16 fuel tankers in Baiji.

4 On July 30, ISIS published images described as coming from ISIS-sponsored Eid celebrations in Ana. The images showed ISIS members interacting with residents and giving out toys for children.

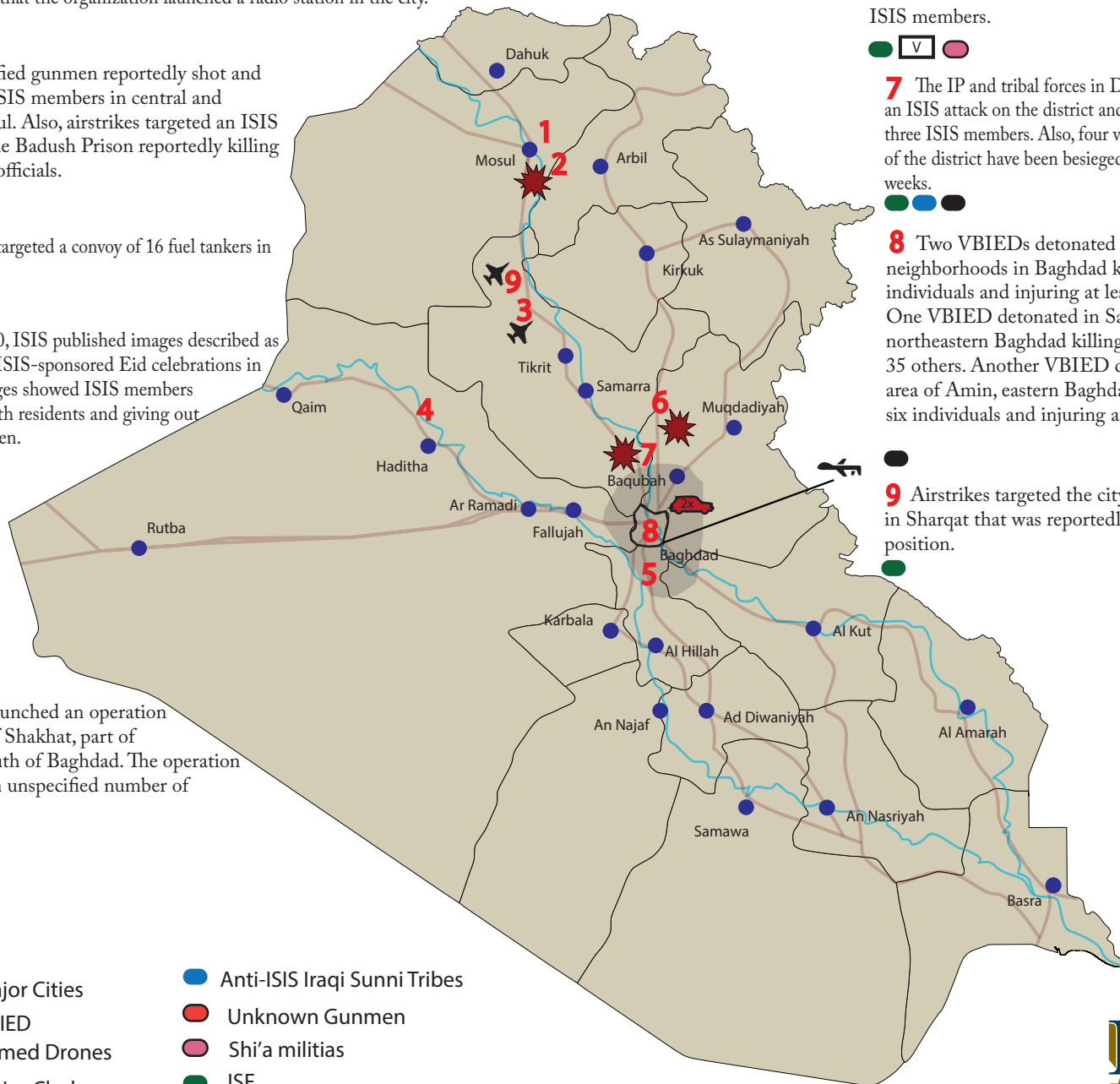
5 The IA launched an operation in the area of Shakhat, part of Latifiyah, south of Baghdad. The operation resulted in an unspecified number of casualties.

6 Clashes took place between ISIS and IA forces, including volunteers as well as likely members of Iraqi Shi'a militias, on the outskirts of Udhaim which resulted in the death of eight ISIS members.

7 The IP and tribal forces in Dhuluiya repelled an ISIS attack on the district and reportedly killed three ISIS members. Also, four villages located east of the district have been besieged by ISIS for three weeks.

8 Two VBIEDs detonated in mostly Shi'a neighborhoods in Baghdad killing at least 26 individuals and injuring at least 48 others. One VBIED detonated in Sadr City, northeastern Baghdad killing 20 and injuring 35 others. Another VBIED detonated in the area of Amin, eastern Baghdad, killing at least six individuals and injuring at least 13 others.

9 Airstrikes targeted the city council building in Sharqat that was reportedly used as an ISIS position.



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ISIS is aiming to establish normalcy in areas where it has control in Iraq. Hosting fairs and Eid celebrations represent an attempt to show the "friendly" side of ISIS, publicizing recreational activities rather than an oppressive state. It is also handing out leaflets in support of ISIS and broadcasting its propaganda using a radio station to Mosul residents. ISW has previously observed a rise in Shi'a militia activities over the past week, reflected in executions and the discovery of unidentified bodies. ISIS is likely attacking Sadr City and Amin, both predominately Shi'a areas that host Iraqi Shi'a militias, in order to spur further reprisal attacks similar to those observed over the past week.