

# Iraq Situation Report: August 1, 2014

**1** “Armed elements” using heavy and medium weaponry attacked a checkpoint manned by IP and Sahwa in the al-Wasta area of northern Haditha, western Anbar province. The attack killed two IPs and wounded five others, including two Sahwa members. Additional security personnel were sent to reinforce the area.

**2** ISF members, supported by IA Aviation airstrikes and artillery, clashed with ISIS militants in various areas IVO Jurf al-Sakhar, northern Babil, killing 30 ISIS members and destroying three ISIS vehicles.

**3** Mortar shells fell on the Baiji oil refinery, north of Tikrit. The attack resulted in large fires inside of the refinery, no casualties were reported.

**4** ISIS elements attacked a military convoy in Ishaqi, near Samarra, killing four SWAT members and seven volunteers. Two volunteers were killed and six others wounded as a result of an attack by ISIS militants in Dhuluiya, south of Tikrit.

**5** A VBIED detonated near a restaurant in Sadr City; killing 15 and wounding 22 people. A VBIED detonated near the Baghdad Municipality building, killing 15 individuals. IEDs detonated in the Amil district, west of Baghdad. No casualties have been reported. An IED detonated near the Iraqi Ministry of Trade in central Baghdad. Two IEDs detonated in a market in central Baghdad.

**6** Gunmen launched several mortars in the vicinity of the Haditha Dam, western Anbar province, killing one soldier, injuring five more, and damaging a military vehicle. ISIS militants stormed Haditha, resulting in clashes between ISIS and IA with IP and tribal forces. “Dozens” of ISIS militants were killed or injured in the clashes, which are ongoing. Various armed groups in Anbar province, including ISIS, Jaysh al-Mujahedeen, and “other factions” are using tanks, armored vehicles, and weapons that had been seized from security forces. The equipment has been used in attacks against military headquarters in Ramadi and surrounding areas.

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ISIS continues to attack the Baiji oil refinery with the intent to complete its control of Baiji city. The ISF continues to withstand the assault. ISIS and possibly other anti-government militants launched an assault on Haditha in the vicinity of Haditha Dam. The last attack on Haditha Dam was reported on July 13, 2014. Anti-government groups also attacked an ISF checkpoint north of Haditha. ISIS likely seeks to control this terrain. The reported use of captured armored vehicles in the assault is a shift in tactics by these groups, but it is not clear the degree that their use will neutralize ISF defenses. Clashes between ISIS and the ISF with IA air support have occurred several times since July 8, 2014, indicating an enduring ISIS presence southwest of Baghdad. ISIS attacks south of Samarra also indicate the enduring presence of ISIS elements north of Baghdad. The ISF must remain vigilant against the threat of an offensive by either of these ISIS contingents in the vicinity of the capital.