

# Iraq Situation Report: August 2, 2014

**1** Clashes between ISIS and Peshmerga forces in al-Zammar sub-district, northwest of Mosul, reportedly resulted in the death of 62 ISIS members and 13 Peshmerga fighters. A local official has reported that ISIS is in full control of the area, but other reports indicate that Peshmerga elements still maintain a foothold in the center of the city after executing a tactical withdrawal to permit airstrikes by IA Aviation.

**2** ISIS elements reportedly made gains in Jalula, after launching attacks against Peshmerga assembly points. They are now reported to control most of the city, although the area remains contested. The clashes reportedly resulted in a small number of casualties for both sides.

**3** Iraqi Army Aviation targeted four ISIS vehicles near the Baiji oil refinery. The attack resulted in the death of an undisclosed number of ISIS elements and the destruction of the vehicles.

**4** Clashes around Haditha continued and IA, IP, and tribal forces, supported by Anbar Operations Command, are reported to have repelled an ISIS offensive in the Barwanah area south of Haditha, western Anbar province.

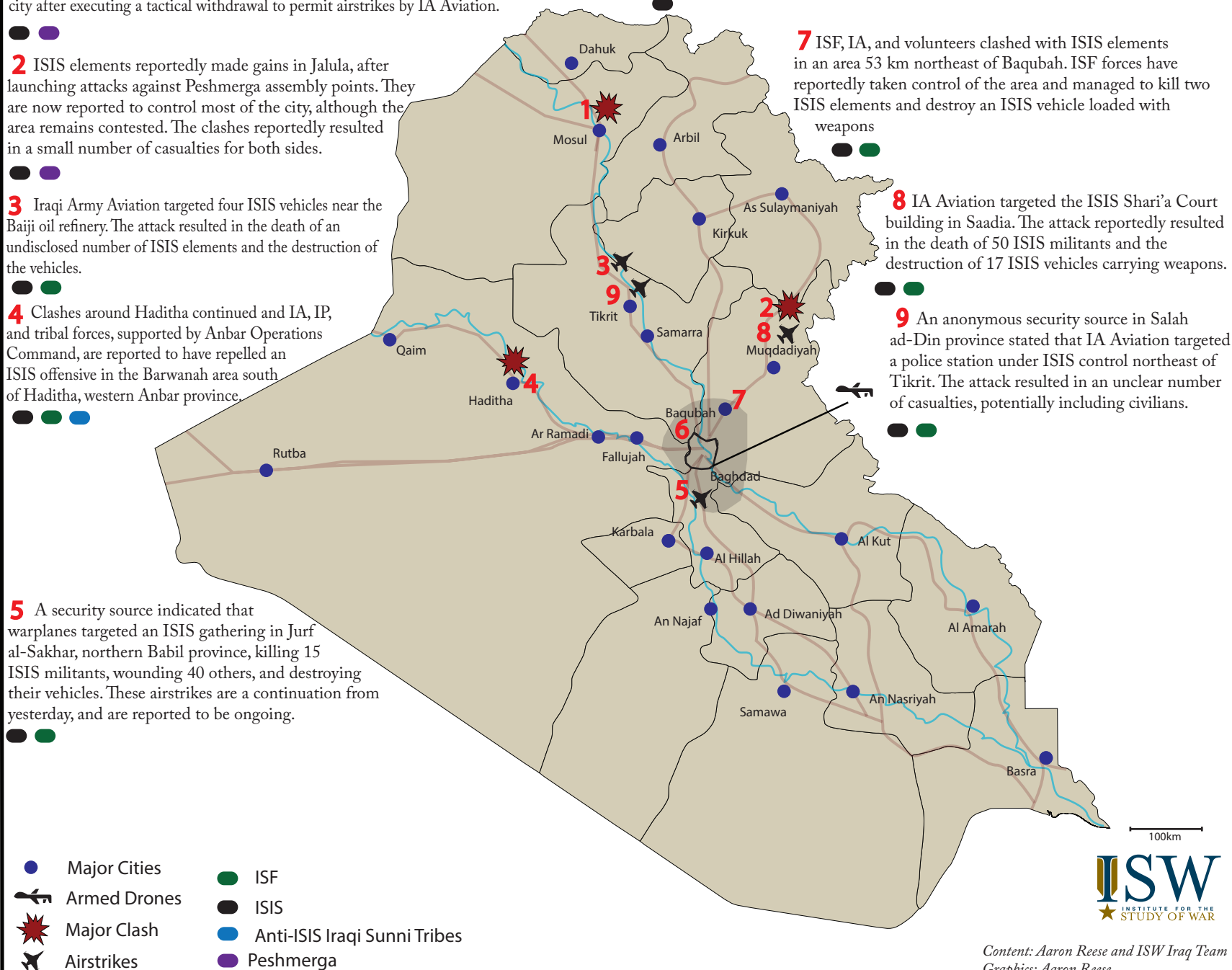
**5** A security source indicated that warplanes targeted an ISIS gathering in Jurf al-Sakhar, northern Babil province, killing 15 ISIS militants, wounding 40 others, and destroying their vehicles. These airstrikes are a continuation from yesterday, and are reported to be ongoing.

**6** An anonymous source in the Ministry of the Interior stated that unidentified gunmen detonated IEDs surrounding the home of a Sahwa [Awakening] leader in Tarmiyah, north of Baghdad. The attack killed the leader, as well as members of his family.

**7** ISF, IA, and volunteers clashed with ISIS elements in an area 53 km northeast of Baqubah. ISF forces have reportedly taken control of the area and managed to kill two ISIS elements and destroy an ISIS vehicle loaded with weapons.

**8** IA Aviation targeted the ISIS Shari'a Court building in Saadia. The attack reportedly resulted in the death of 50 ISIS militants and the destruction of 17 ISIS vehicles carrying weapons.

**9** An anonymous security source in Salah ad-Din province stated that IA Aviation targeted a police station under ISIS control northeast of Tikrit. The attack resulted in an unclear number of casualties, potentially including civilians.



Clashes between ISIS and Peshmerga forces in Zammar and Jalula indicate an attempt by ISIS to secure the areas that it is contesting against Kurdish troops. At the same time, IA Aviation airstrikes in Saadia, Tikrit, Jurf al-Sakhar and Baiji seems to reflect an increase in air activity against ISIS targets, and illustrate a danger for ISIS in occupying fixed positions. In addition to ongoing clashes in Haditha, these airstrikes also indicate areas where ISIS is pressing the ISF. The attack in Tarmiyah targeting a Sahwa leader indicates that ISIS still maintains the capability to attack in proximity to Baghdad.