

Iraq Situation Report: August 6, 2014

1 Heavy clashes took place between ISIS and Peshmerga in the area of Bewiza, north of Mosul. The clashes were followed by IA Aviation airstrikes.

2 Two SVESTs detonated on Peshmerga forces in the Hamdaniya district, south east of Mosul. The attacks were followed by heavy clashes that continued today. Also, ISIS reportedly controlled the Salmiya sub-district on the outskirts of Hamdaniya.

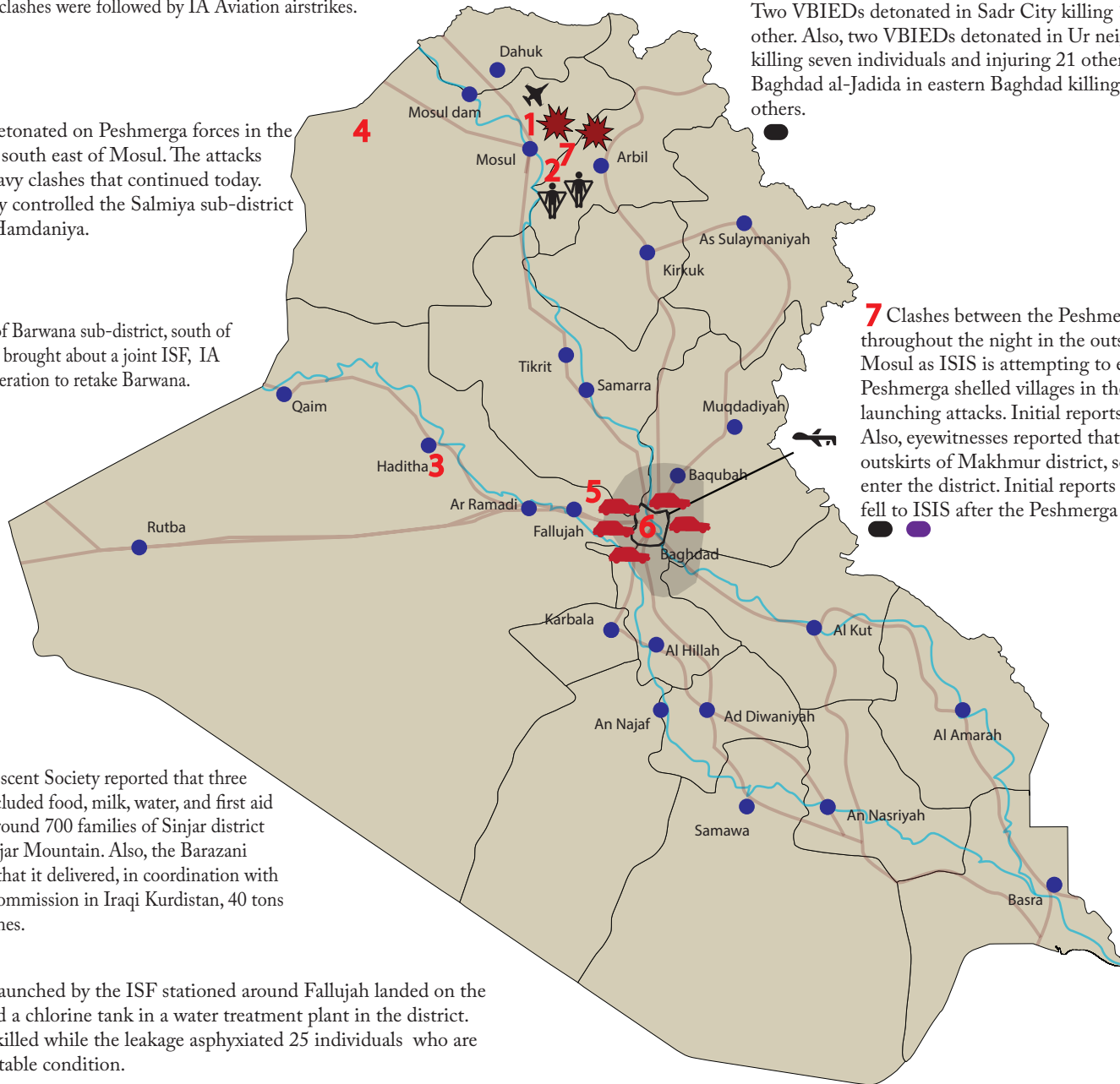
3 ISIS took control of Barwana sub-district, south of Haditha district which brought about a joint ISF, IA Aviation, and tribes operation to retake Barwana.

4 The Iraqi Red Crescent Society reported that three batches of aid that included food, milk, water, and first aid were air dropped to around 700 families of Sinjar district surrounded in the Sinjar Mountain. Also, the Barazani Foundation reported that it delivered, in coordination with the Human Rights Commission in Iraqi Kurdistan, 40 tons of aid using cargo planes.

5 Mortar rounds launched by the ISF stationed around Fallujah landed on the Fallujah hospital and a chlorine tank in a water treatment plant in the district. One employee was killed while the leakage asphyxiated 25 individuals who are reported to be in a stable condition.

6 Five VBIEDs detonated in mostly Shi'a neighborhoods in Baghdad which resulted in the death of at least 22 individuals and injured at least 58 others. Two VBIEDs detonated in Sadr City killing 11 individuals and injuring 26 other. Also, two VBIEDs detonated in Ur neighborhood, eastern Baghdad killing seven individuals and injuring 21 others. Also, a VBIED detonated in Baghdad al-Jadida in eastern Baghdad killing four individuals and injuring 11 others.

7 Clashes between the Peshmerga and ISIS continued throughout the night in the outskirts of Goyar, southeast of Mosul as ISIS is attempting to enter the area while the Peshmerga shelled villages in the vicinity from where ISIS is launching attacks. Initial reports indicate that Goyar fell to ISIS. Also, eyewitnesses reported that ISIS is massing forces on the outskirts of Makhmur district, south of Goyar with the intent to enter the district. Initial reports indicate that Makhmur district fell to ISIS after the Peshmerga withdrew.



- Major Cities
- ✈ Airstrikes
- ☠ SVEST
- 🚁 Armed Drones
- ★ Major Clash
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- ISF
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ISIS control of Sinjar has severely escalated the humanitarian crisis in northern Iraq, especially for minority populations like the Yezidis that face brutal persecution if they attempt to subsist under ISIS control. ISIS attacked into areas northeast and southeast of Mosul on August 6, likely in response to the Peshmerga offensive in the vicinity of Mosul launched on August 5. Early reports that ISIS has seized Goyar and Makhmur, areas southeast of Mosul, suggest that ISIS may be able to withstand the Peshmerga's offensive and seize control of new ground while in contact. Furthermore, these areas fall along the natural boundary between Ninewa and Arbil, and both are interior to Arbil province. The Peshmerga will likely need to concentrate Arbil's defense in response, which may compromise its ability to attack ISIS elsewhere. On other fronts, ISIS seized Barwana, a town immediately proximate to Haditha city and the Haditha dam. ISIS likely seeks to control them both and drive the ISF defensive line in Anbar east to Ramadi, securing control of the Middle Euphrates. This zone represents a strategic defense by the ISF and anti-ISIS Sunni tribes. The continuation of clustered VBIED activity in Baghdad demonstrates the persistent threat to the capital.