

Iraq Situation Report: August 10, 2014

1 On August 9, 2014 U.S. CENTCOM stated that a combination of U.S. warplanes and UAVs struck two ISIS Armored Personnel Carriers (APCs) near Sinjar, one of which was firing on Yazidi civilians in the area. U.S. forces monitored the movement of another APC from the area, discovering two additional ISIS APCs and an armored truck. U.S. forces destroyed all three, and all aircraft safely exited the area.



2 ISIS launched an attack on a Peshmerga position in the Khraba Rout village of Dibis District, located 22 miles northwest of Kirkuk city. The Peshmerga reportedly repelled the attack with no reported casualties.



3 Three mortar rounds landed on the Bank Street, 200 meters from the Imam al-Hadi Shrine in Samarra which resulted in the injury of four individuals.



4 An unspecified number of volunteers were sent from southern provinces to support the IA in its operation against ISIS in the area of the Hamrin Ridge.



5 Clashes took place between ISIS and the Peshmerga supported by IA Aviation in Jalula. The clashes reportedly resulted in the death of 20 ISIS members and were ongoing.



6 Peshmerga forces clashed heavily with ISIS in the area of Gwer; located 30 miles southwest of Arbil city. The clashes took place after the Peshmerga supported by IA Aviation launched an operation from four axes on the area. The clashes were reported to be ongoing and unconfirmed reports indicated that the Peshmerga controlled part of the sub-district while ISIS remained in control of the other part.



7 Heavy clashes took place between the Peshmerga and ISIS in the area of Makhmour, 18 miles southeast of Gwer. Unconfirmed reports indicated that 50 Peshmerga members were killed in the clashes while the others withdrew.



8 The Peshmerga reportedly clashed with the ISIS and killed many of them in addition to destroying an unspecified number of vehicles in the area of Khazir, 18 miles northwest of Gwer.



9 Airstrike reportedly targeted an ISIS Sharia court in the area of Suleiman Beg which resulted in the reported death and injury of dozens of ISIS.



- Major Cities
- ✈ Armed Drones
- ★ Major Clash
- ✈ Airstrikes
- V Volunteers
- U.S.
- Peshmerga
- ISF
- ISIS

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The "largest bloc" was not tasked by the Iraqi president to form the government today, missing the deadline that was already extended for three days per a request from the president. Instead, the speaker of the CoR specified August 19 in order to allow more time for negotiations. Negotiations are still ongoing within the National Alliance to nominate a Prime Minister candidate. While the National Alliance minus Maliki's State of Law Alliance presented their candidates, the SLA insists on nominating Maliki for the position. In northern Iraq, at least two ISIS contingents are active and engaged with Peshmerga forces near Arbil. One contingent is operating the area of Gwer while the other is operating in the area of Makhmour. A third ISIS force is also still active in the vicinity of Sinjar. These forces remain active despite US airstrikes near Arbil and Sinjar. Although there are reports indicating that the Peshmerga retook Gwer and Makhmour, these reports are initial and remain unconfirmed. While no further reports emerged to describe ISIS activity in Haditha, Tikrit, Baghdad, or Diyala, the ISIS forces engaged on these fronts are also separate and capable to surge while ISIS forces meet strong resistance between Mosul and Arbil. Meanwhile, the support of IA Aviation to the Peshmerga reflects the recent cooperation between the KRG and Baghdad through the creation of a joint ISF/Peshmerga operations room with the participation of US advisors on August 9. The surge in ISF and Iraqi volunteer activity in northern Diyala may exercise this cooperation further. Additionally, the Syrian Kurdish YPG militia posted footage that showed the crossing of Sinjar refugees into what was portrayed as Syrian territory, a transfer which may have been made possible by US targeted airstrikes near Sinjar. The cross-border movement of refugees and Kurdish militias will be important to watch.