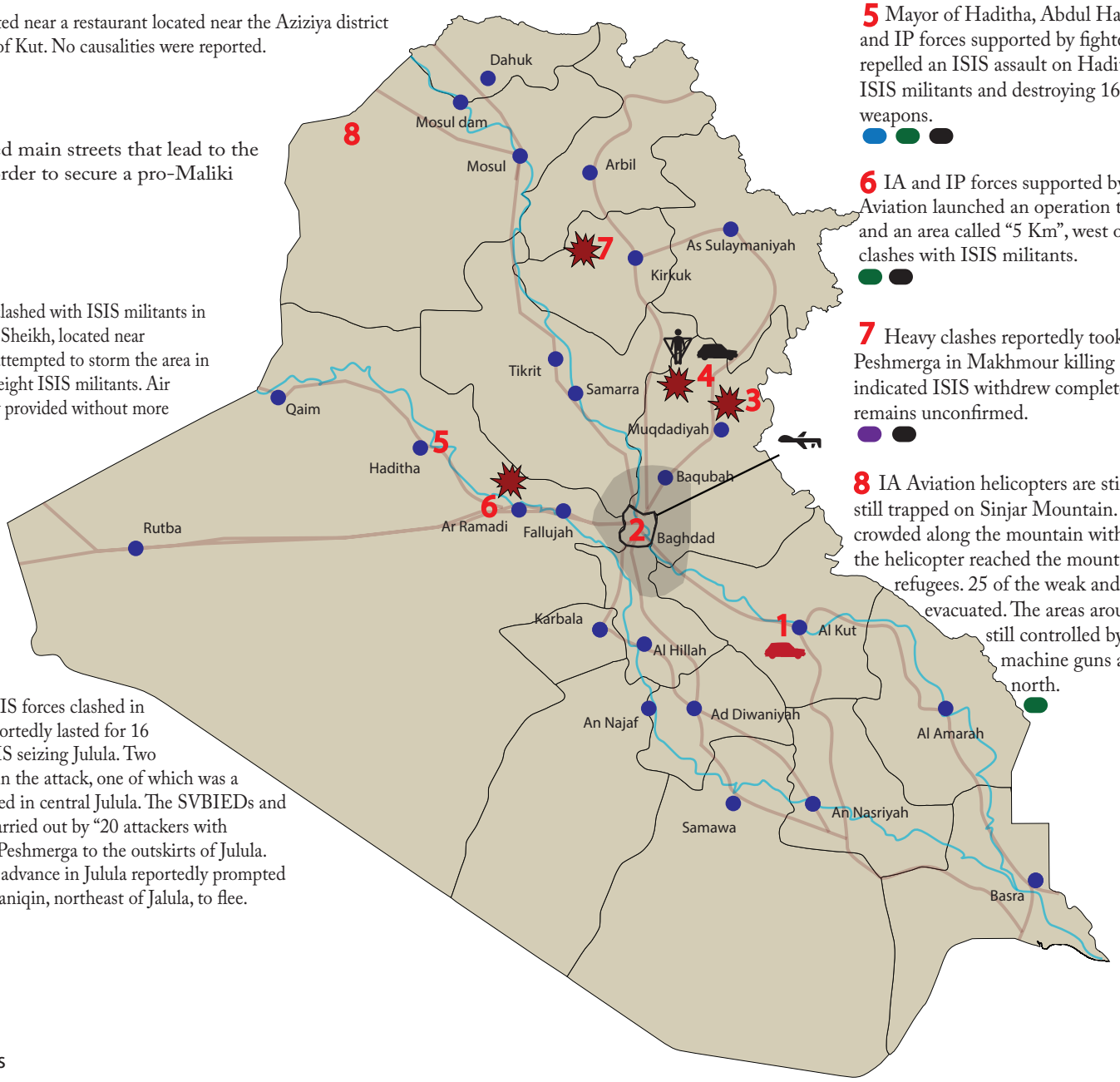
Iraq Situation Report: August 11, 2014

1 A VBIED detonated near a restaurant located near the Aziziya district located 90 km north of Kut. No causalities were reported.

2 The ISF blocked main streets that lead to the Furdus Square in order to secure a pro-Maliki demonstration.

3 Peshmerga forces clashed with ISIS militants in the vicinity of Baba al-Sheikh, located near Khanaqin when ISIS attempted to storm the area in eastern Diyala, killing eight ISIS militants. Air support was reportedly provided without more specifics.

4 Peshmerga and ISIS forces clashed in Julula. The clashes reportedly lasted for 16 hours and resulted ISIS seizing Julula. Two SVBIEDs were used in the attack, one of which was a fuel tank that detonated in central Julula. The SVBIEDs and the reported assault carried out by "20 attackers with SVESTs" pushed the Peshmerga to the outskirts of Julula. News about this ISIS advance in Julula reportedly prompted dozens families in Khaniqin, northeast of Jalula, to flee.



5 Mayor of Haditha, Abdul Hakim al-Jughaifi, stated that IA and IP forces supported by fighters from the al-Jughaifi tribe repelled an ISIS assault on Haditha from four axes, killing 15 ISIS militants and destroying 16 vehicles with mounted weapons.

6 IA and IP forces supported by tribal fighters and IA Aviation launched an operation to regain the areas of al-Tamim and an area called "5 Km", west of Ramadi, sparking heavy clashes with ISIS militants.

7 Heavy clashes reportedly took place between ISIS and the Peshmerga in Makhmour killing 10 ISIS members. The report indicated ISIS withdrew completely from the area, but this remains unconfirmed.

8 IA Aviation helicopters are still delivering aid to the Yezidis still trapped on Sinjar Mountain. Thousands of refugees were crowded along the mountain with only tarps for shelter. When the helicopter reached the mountain, it was mobbed by the Yezidi refugees. 25 of the weak and dehydrated refugees were evacuated. The areas around Mount Sinjar appear to be still controlled by ISIS militants, who fired machine guns at the helicopter as it returned north.

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ISF and ISOF were reportedly heavily deployed around the Green Zone and in strategic areas in Baghdad yesterday in what appeared to be a military coup. As of 0030 on August 12, 2014 local time, there were no reports that these forces detained anti-Maliki officials to achieve political gains to secure a third term as prime minister. Maliki and approximately 28 Dawa Party members insisted in a video statement that the SLA is the largest bloc and the appointment of the new prime minister is a constitutional breach. Maliki also stated that Abadi's appointment was a "setback" and it will be "fixed." Maliki intends to overturn the decision to appoint Abadi as prime minister by appealing to the federal court. Reports indicated that the ISF blocked main streets in central Baghdad to secure a pro-Maliki demonstration, but there were no further reports of demonstrations taking place in the capital. If ISF units did indeed block the streets in Baghdad to support pro-Maliki demonstrations, this would indicate these units remain loyal to Maliki. Maliki's use of ISF and ISOF units to maintain political gains remains a possibility. There were also reports that dozens of Maliki supporters from his tribe blocked the road between Basra and Maysan for half an hour in protest. Meanwhile, President Obama spoke in support of Abadi. The ISF and ISIS continue clashes in the provinces. ISIS reportedly took control of Jalula, which the Peshmerga had previously held.