

Iraq Situation Report: September 3-4, 2014

1 On September 3, the Sadrist Peace Brigades and the IA reportedly killed 30 ISIS members in the Abu Hassan village near Amerli after six hours of clashes. The clashes resulted in the death of eight Peace Brigades members including a high-ranking Sadrist local official. On September 4, ISIS and the Peshmerga clashed in the Yenkejah village, west of Tuz Khurmatu and near Amerli in Salah ad-Din province resulting in the death of two Peshmerga and the injury of four others.



6 On September 4, Mayor of Haditha district Abdul-Hakim al-Jughaifi stated that ISIS is preparing to launch a major assault on the district. He added that ISIS deployed forces from Anna, Rawa, Qaim, and Rutba districts to attack from four axes. Jughaifi highlighted that the district had not seen Iraqi or U.S. air operations in the last two days.



2 On September 4, an SVBIED detonated near a gathering of IP officers and Sahwa (Awakening) members at a school in Amiriyat al-Fallujah, south of Fallujah, killing three IP and three civilians while wounding six other civilians.



7 On September 4, an SVBIED targeted an IA checkpoint on the Abu Faraj Bridge, north of Ramadi killing two IA members and injuring six others in addition to damaging IA equipment with no reported damage to the bridge.



3 On September 3, ISIS attacked the village of Tal Gharbi in Hawijah, southwestern Kirkuk province, and 'kidnapped' 50 males after residents of the village burned an ISIS flag.



8 On September 3 ISIS reportedly clashed with members of the Bani Aziz tribe in Daquq, south of Kirkuk city, after ISIS kidnapped six people from the area.



4 On September 3, a VBIED detonated in the Abu Rahman area, 300 meters from the Askari shrine in Samarra. The explosion injured 10 members of Iraqi Shi'a militias who are part of what is known as the "Popular Mobilization." On September 4, ISIS and the Iraqi Police exchanged mortar rounds on the northern side of Samarra on the road to al-Dur district.



9 On September 4, an SVBIED detonated near Abdul Mohsen al-Kadhimi Square in the Kadhi-miya neighborhood of northern Baghdad, killing nine people and wounding 34 others. A second VBIED detonated in the Sadun Street in central Baghdad, causing an unknown number of casualties.

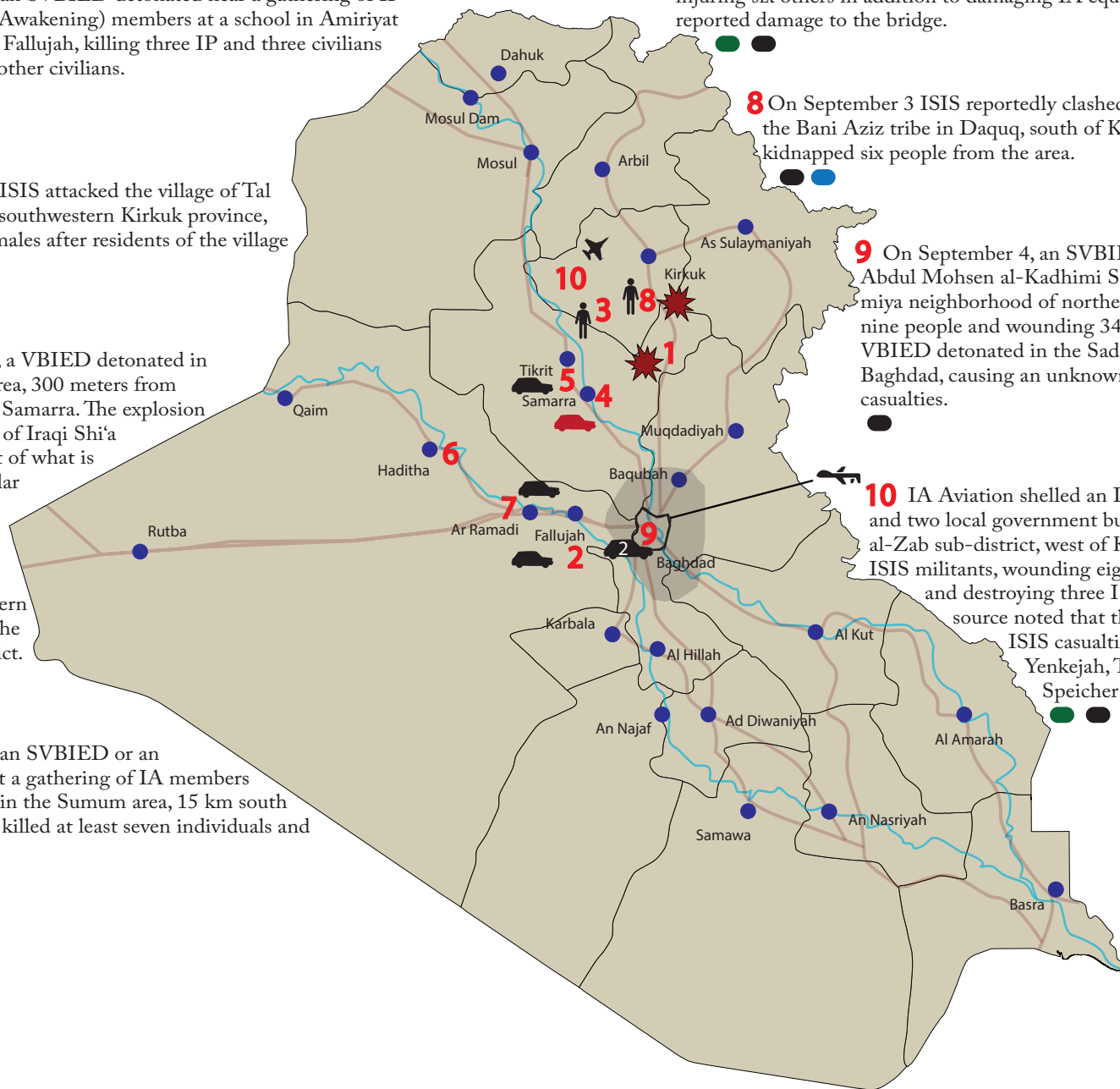


5 On September 3, an SVBIED or an SVEST detonated at a gathering of IA members at a mosque located in the Sumum area, 15 km south of Tikrit. The attack killed at least seven individuals and injured 20 others.



10 IA Aviation shelled an ISIS field hospital and two local government buildings in the al-Zab sub-district, west of Kirkuk, killing five ISIS militants, wounding eight ISIS militants, and destroying three ISIS vehicles. The source noted that this hospital treats

ISIS casualties from Amerli, Yenkejah, Tikrit, and Speicher Air Base.



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The Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) is orienting its effort towards Anbar province in western Iraq and Samarra. ISIS is likely doing so due to the difficulties it is facing in northern Iraq and particularly in the aftermath of the breaking of Amerli's siege and ISIS's subsequent withdrawals from areas near Amerli. Continuous ISIS operations targeting Haditha have established the conditions for a major ISIS attack on the district, and lack of ongoing air support by the ISF will make defense of the city against ISIS more challenging. ISIS's campaign against tribes and villages is likely the result of its fear of an anti-ISIS tribal movement and an effort to stamp out any signs of resistance. Iraqi Sunni tribes are likely to work against ISIS particularly if they perceive that its momentum is being reversed.