

Iraq Situation Report: September 9-11, 2014

1 On September 9, U.S. warplanes and remotely piloted aircraft carried out five strikes near Haditha dam, destroying or damaging eight ISIS vehicles, including two with anti-air artillery capability and one transport vehicle.



2 On September 10, Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) reportedly cleared the areas of Khazraj and Mashru, east of the Dhuluiyah sub-district. In response, ISIS reportedly reinforced its positions around the area with 400 gunmen from Yathrib, Tal al-Thahab, and al-Mazari. As of September 11, clashes continued between ISIS, the ISF, and Iraqi Sunni tribes.



3 On September 10, unknown gunmen killed Hussein Kredi, a senior leader in the Sadrist Peace Brigades, with a silenced weapon in Baghdad's eastern Baladiyat neighborhood. An unconfirmed report indicated ISIS responsibility. Kredi was buried in Najaf on September 11.



4 On September 10, an SVBIED and a VBIED detonated in Baghdad al-Jadida in eastern Baghdad. The VBIED reportedly exploded near a major intersection and commercial area and was followed by an SVBIED near a police checkpoint minutes later. Seventeen people were killed and 60 wounded in the two attacks. In addition, two VBIEDs or SVBIEDs targeted the Ghadir and Maysalun areas of eastern Baghdad, killing at least 10 individuals and injuring 37 others.



5 On September 11, ISIS reportedly detained Mahmoud Nadhim al-Kaka, a tribal leader from the Albu Rayash branch of the Obaidi tribe, in the Humaira village in southern Kirkuk.



6 On September 11, ISIS reportedly detained 20 individuals in the Saddam Complex village near the Riyadh sub-district west of Kirkuk City after receiving reports that "Sahwa members from the village intend to form the nucleus of an [anti-ISIS force]."



7 On September 11, a VBIED detonated near the Imam Abbas Shrine in downtown Karbala in central southern Iraq, killing two and injuring seven individuals.



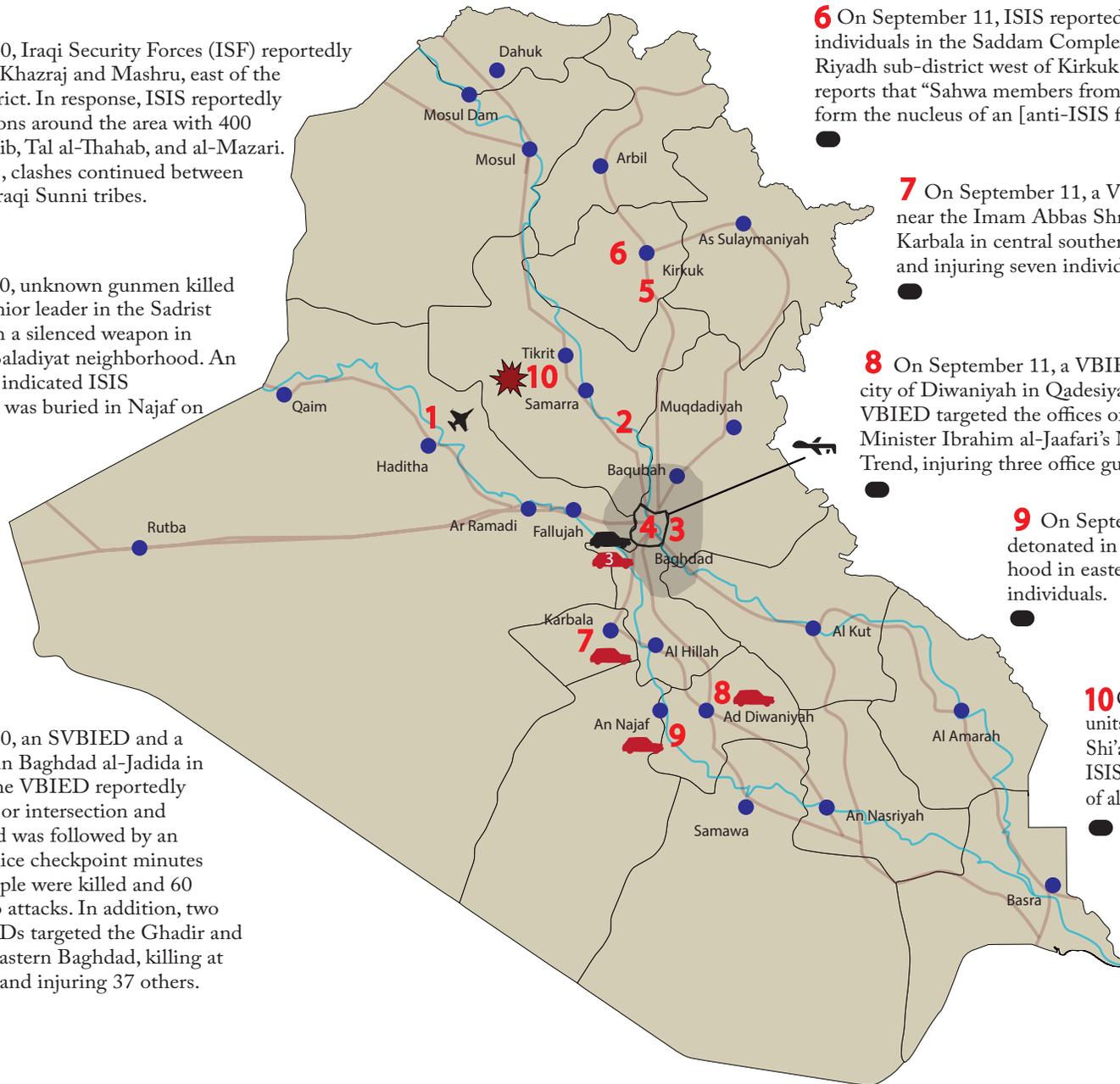
8 On September 11, a VBIED detonated in the city of Diwaniyah in Qadesiyah province. The VBIED targeted the offices of Iraqi Foreign Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari's National Reform Trend, injuring three office guards.



9 On September 11, a VBIED detonated in al-Amir neighborhood in eastern Najaf, injuring 12 individuals.



10 On September 11, ISF units, likely backed by Iraqi Shi'a militias, clashed with ISIS elements near the town of al-Dur south of Tikrit.



- Major Cities
- ✈ Airstrikes
- ★ Major Clash
- 🚗 VBIED
- 🚚 SVBIED
- 🚁 Armed Drones
- Iraqi Shi'a militias
- Anti-ISIS Iraqi Sunni Tribes
- Unknown Gunmen
- USA
- ISF
- ISIS

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ISIS continues to test the security measures of the Iraqi Security Forces in Southern Iraq. These attacks represent the second mini-wave of VBIED attacks in southern Iraq since August 25, and are likely to result in increased security measures in the south. The assassination of the Peace Brigades' Kredi is significant given his position and the location of his assassination. If he was assassinated by ISIS, it signals ISIS's reach within Baghdad; alternatively, if he was assassinated by rival Iraqi Shi'a militias, it signals a possible future retaliation attack by the Peace Brigades against other Iraqi Shi'a militias.