

# Iraq Situation Report: September 15-16, 2014

**1** On September 15, ISIS shelled the areas north of Dhuluiya, with “chlorine shells.” The attacks resulted in the suffocation of at least 18 individuals. Meanwhile, an armored force from the Taji-based 9th Division was reportedly deployed to Dhuluiya. On September 16, ISIS shelled residential areas in Dhuluiya with 20-30 mortar rounds from the Albu Faraj area. The attack resulted in the death of at least three people and the injury of 12 people.

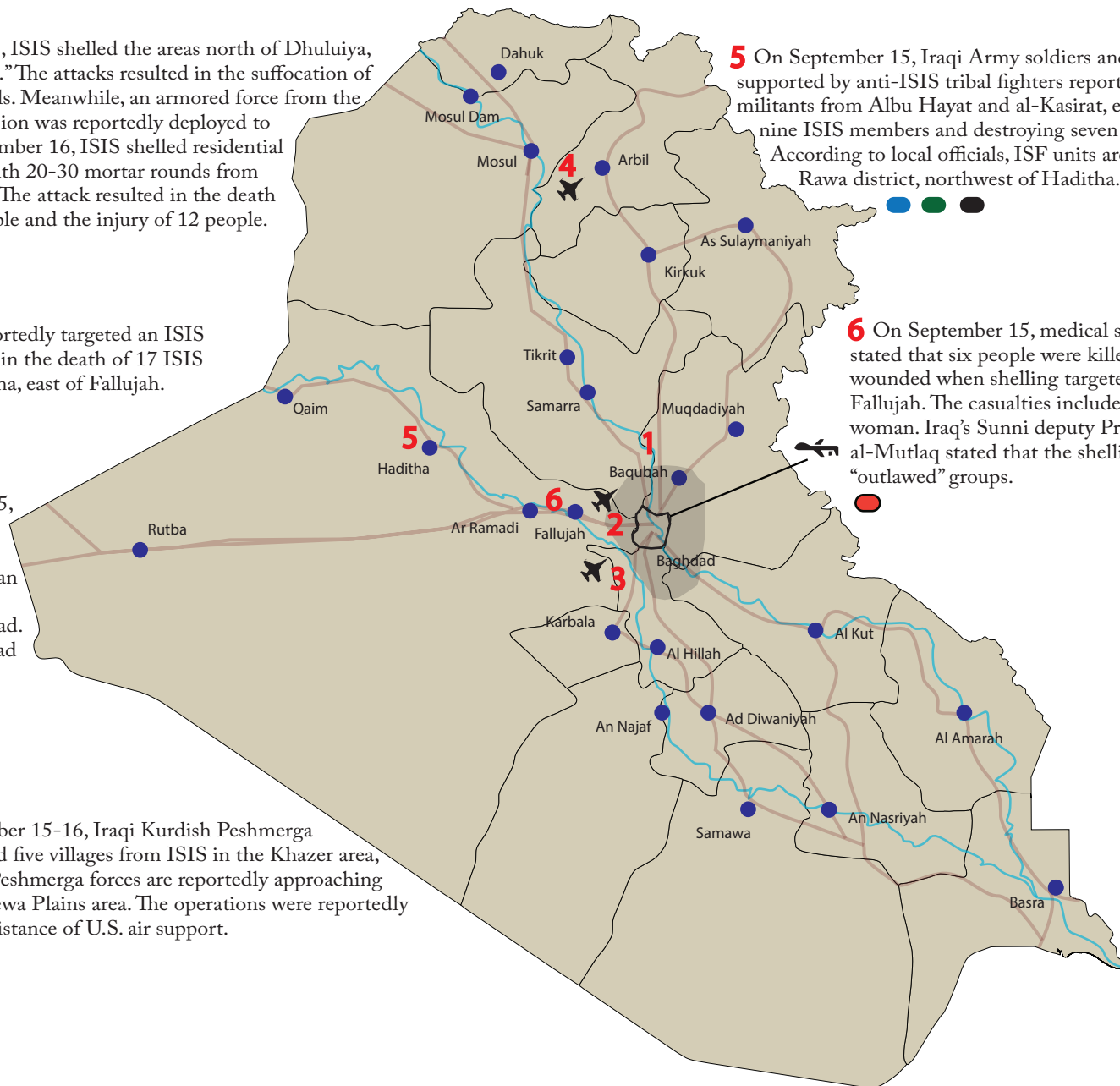
**2** IA Aviation reportedly targeted an ISIS gathering, resulting in the death of 17 ISIS members near Garma, east of Fallujah.

**3** On September 15, U.S. fighter jets conducted an airstrike destroying an ISIS position southwest of Baghdad. The ISIS position had been firing on ISF personnel.

**4** Between September 15-16, Iraqi Kurdish Peshmerga reportedly reclaimed five villages from ISIS in the Khazer area, west of Arbil. The Peshmerga forces are reportedly approaching Bartalla in the Ninewa Plains area. The operations were reportedly carried out with assistance of U.S. air support.

**5** On September 15, Iraqi Army soldiers and Iraqi Police supported by anti-ISIS tribal fighters reportedly cleared ISIS militants from Albu Hayat and al-Kasirat, east of Haditha, killing nine ISIS members and destroying seven ISIS SUVs. According to local officials, ISF units are now moving to clear Rawa district, northwest of Haditha.

**6** On September 15, medical sources in Fallujah stated that six people were killed and 22 were wounded when shelling targeted different areas in Fallujah. The casualties included nine children and a woman. Iraq’s Sunni deputy Prime Minister Saleh al-Mutlaq stated that the shelling was carried out by “outlawed” groups.



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The U.S. has expanded its military operations in Iraq. The targeting of Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) positions in southwest Baghdad indicates possible further targeting of ISIS in the vicinity of Baghdad by U.S. airpower. It will be important to watch how ISIS reacts to these attacks particularly in Baghdad. Moreover, it will be important to watch how Iraqi Shi'a militias respond to an expanded U.S. military role in areas where they have an active role. ISIS targeting of Dhuluiya using chlorine is a renewed but dangerous tactic, for ISIS which has used the same material in past attacks when it operated under the name al-Qaeda in Iraq. It is likely, however, that the usage of chlorine was limited given the low number of casualties.