

# Iraq Situation Report: September 27-28, 2014

**1** According to a YPG official, on September 27, ISIS launched an attack targeting the border crossing between Iraq and Syria known as the Rabia-Yarubiyah crossing. The attack included two SVBIEDs and then a ground attack with reinforcements from Zumar in Iraq. YPG units repelled the attack which according to YPG was intended to capture the crossing and Syrian town of Tal Kochar-Yarubiyah. ISIS also reportedly attacked the corridor between Sinjar and YPG-controlled territory in Syria.

**2** On September 28, local Anbar police sources reported that ISIS attacked Iraqi Army positions in Ramadi. Reportedly, the two-day clashes resulted in the withdrawal of ISF units from the neighborhoods of al-Shurta, Andalus, and 20th street. Clashes are also reportedly taking place in the vicinity of the houses of pro-government tribal leader, Ahmed Abu Risha.

**3** On September 27, a VBIED detonated in Yusufiyah south of Baghdad resulting in the death of five people and injury of 12 people. The explosion took place near a tea shop. In Radhwaniyah, an IED targeted an Iraqi Army convoy resulting in the death of two soldiers and injury of five.

**4** On September 27, an IED exploded in the Abu Dashir neighborhood south of Baghdad resulting in the death of two people and injury of 11. The attack targeted a vegetables and fruits distribution center known as "Alwa."

**5** On September 27, Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) along with Iraqi Shi'a militias reportedly cleared ISIS from the eastern areas of the Sudur mini-dam. The forces cleared the road leading to the location of 20 IEDs.

**6** On September 27, an IED exploded near an amateur sports stadium in Tuz Khurmatu resulting in the death of two civilians and injury of nine civilians.



- Major Cities
- SVBIED
- VBIED
- ✈ Airstrikes
- ✈ Armed Drones
- ★ Major Clash
- 🚩 YPG
- Unknown Gunmen
- ISF
- ISIS
- Anti-ISIS Iraqi Sunni Tribes



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ISIS launched a new attack from strongholds in northern Iraq to control the Syrian-Iraqi border crossing north of Sinjar mountain. The border crossing is controlled by the Syrian Kurdish YPG forces on both sides of the border, and the YPG successfully repelled the attack. This attack demonstrates that airstrikes in northern Iraq and northern Syria have not completely disrupted ISIS' ability to launch offensives in this zone. Concurrently, ISIS continued its Anbar offensive to seize control of neighborhoods within the city of Ramadi. While ISIS has not succeeded in controlling the Ramadi city center, the neighborhoods in question have been contested since January 2014. This second attack during the reporting period demonstrates that ISIS maintains the ability to launch multiple ground offensives within Iraq. Both the northern border attack and the Ramadi attack are likely attempts by ISIS to challenge opposing military forces within areas that ISIS seeks to control permanently. Meanwhile, the ISF and Shi'a militias advanced against ISIS positions northeast of Baghdad near Sudur mini-dam. ISF offensives in this zone may isolate ISIS forces in Diyala from those attacking in southern Salah ad Din and the northern Baghdad Belts.