

Iraq Situation Report: September 29, 2014

1 The Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) launched an attack on Amiriyat al-Fallujah, south of Fallujah City. ISIS attacked from the two positions of Yatama and Falahat north of Amiriyat al-Fallujah. The attack was repelled by the tribes and Iraqi Security Forces (ISF). Iraqi security sources reported that “coalition airstrikes” targeted ISIS positions in the vicinity of Amiriyat al-Fallujah that disrupted an ISIS gathering. CENTCOM announced on September 28 that it had conducted three airstrikes near Fallujah the previous day.

2 Member of the Anbar provincial council, Athal al-Fahdawi, stated that ISIS is besieging 240 Iraqi army soldiers in the areas of Albu Aitha and the Japanese Bridge north of Ramadi. Fahdawi stated that the soldiers belong to the 10th battalion of 30th tank brigade and that they have been besieged for three days and have “run out of food and supplies.”

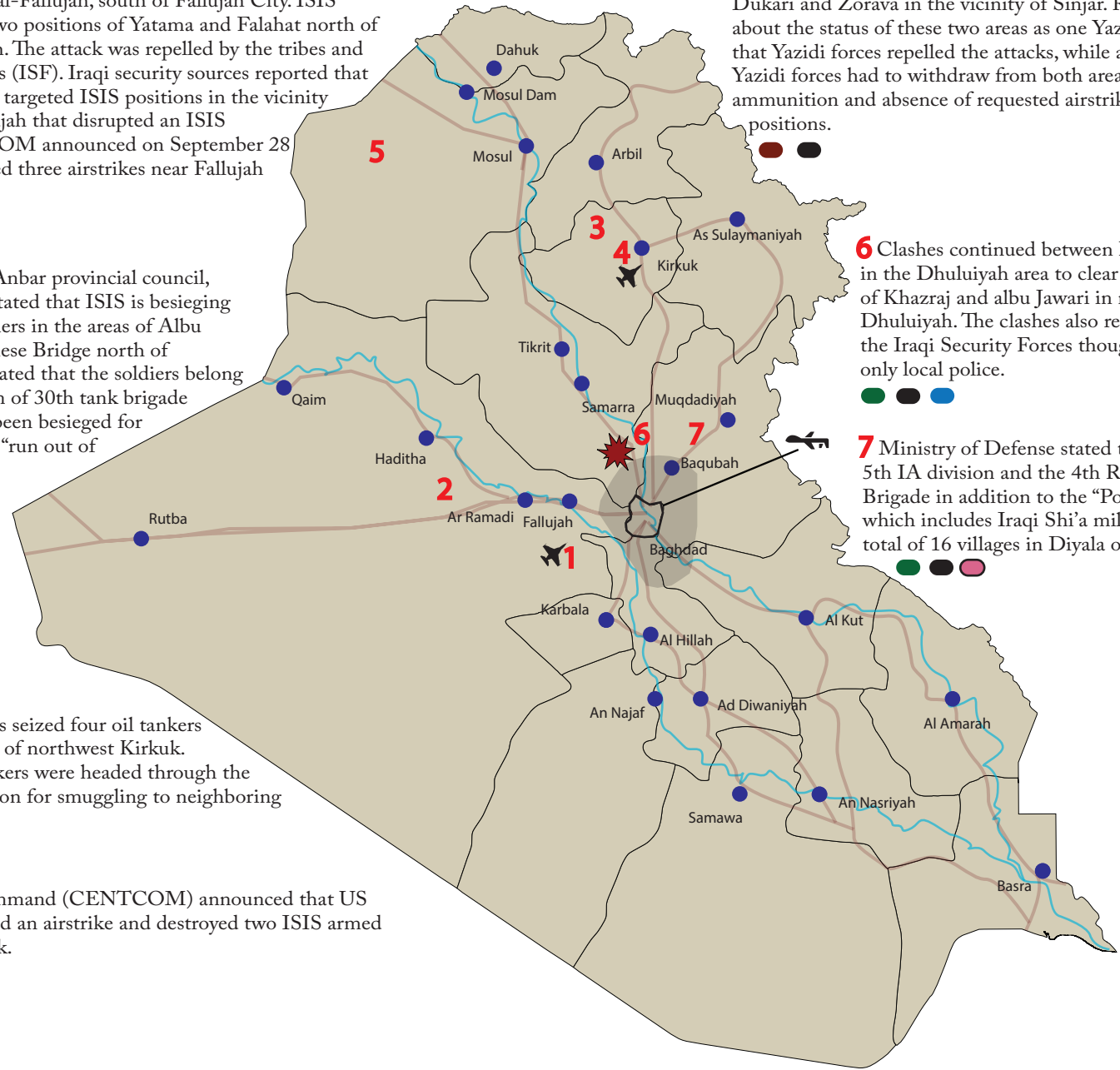
3 Peshmerga forces seized four oil tankers in the Dibis district of northwest Kirkuk. Reportedly, the tankers were headed through the Iraqi Kurdistan region for smuggling to neighboring countries.

4 US Central Command (CENTCOM) announced that US warplanes conducted an airstrike and destroyed two ISIS armed vehicles near Kirkuk.

5 Iraqi Yazidi forces engaged ISIS fighters in the areas of Dukari and Zorava in the vicinity of Sinjar. Reports conflict about the status of these two areas as one Yazidi source stated that Yazidi forces repelled the attacks, while another stated that Yazidi forces had to withdraw from both areas due to lack of ammunition and absence of requested airstrikes to support their positions.

6 Clashes continued between ISIS and the tribes in the Dhuluiyah area to clear ISIS from the areas of Khazraj and albu Jawari in northern Dhuluiyah. The clashes also reportedly included the Iraqi Security Forces though they were likely only local police.

7 Ministry of Defense stated that forces from the 5th IA division and the 4th Rapid Reaction Brigade in addition to the “Popular Mobilization” which includes Iraqi Shi’a militias have cleared a total of 16 villages in Diyala of ISIS so far.



- Major Cities
- ✈ Airstrikes
- ✈ Armed Drones
- ★ Major Clash
- Yazidi Gunmen
- ISF
- ISIS
- Peshmerga
- USA
- Anti-ISIS Iraqi Sunni Tribes
- Iraqi Shi'a militias



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The Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) continues to escalate its campaign in Anbar. In addition to the clashes in Ramadi over the weekend, ISIS is likely working to prevent any Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) reinforcements into the province. ISIS is likely attempting to overcome ISF ground forces near Ramadi to ensure that airstrikes do not effectively interrupt its Anbar urban offensive. ISIS control of Amiriyat al-Fallujah will allow it freedom of movement towards Jurf al-Sakhar to the south, Abu Ghraib to the northeast, and Mahmudiyah to the southeast. In northern Iraq near the town of Sinjar, it is possible that ISIS is receiving reinforcements from Syria in order to consolidate its strength around the city. ISIS operations appear intended to establish a buffer zone to preclude any counteroffensive to retake the city. The ISF counteroffensive in Diyala appears to be gaining momentum against ISIS in the east.