

# Iraq Situation Report: October 4-5, 2014

**1** On October 4, ISIS launched a major attack on the sub-district of Kubaisa in western Anbar. Three Iraqi Army (IA) companies reportedly engaged ISIS but were not able to repel the attack. ISIS now controls the majority of the sub-district including government buildings and has reportedly seized government vehicles. ISIS also took control of a bridge that connects Kubaisa to Hit.



**2** On October 5, a security source in Anbar stated that Iraq Security Forces (ISF) units withdrew from all areas in Ramadi and concentrated their presence in the Anbar Operations Command in northern Ramadi. The reason for the withdrawal is unknown and the source claimed that the city is now under ISIS control. There are unconfirmed reports that ISIS now controls parts of Ramadi while the local government denied those reports.



**3** As of October 5, Iraqi Army, police, and tribes are reportedly amassing on the northern and eastern fronts of Hit in preparation to retake the city from ISIS and also to prevent a possible ISIS attack on the al-Asad airbase. ISIS, meanwhile, attacked the sub-district of Dulab west of Hit and blew up the police station in the area.



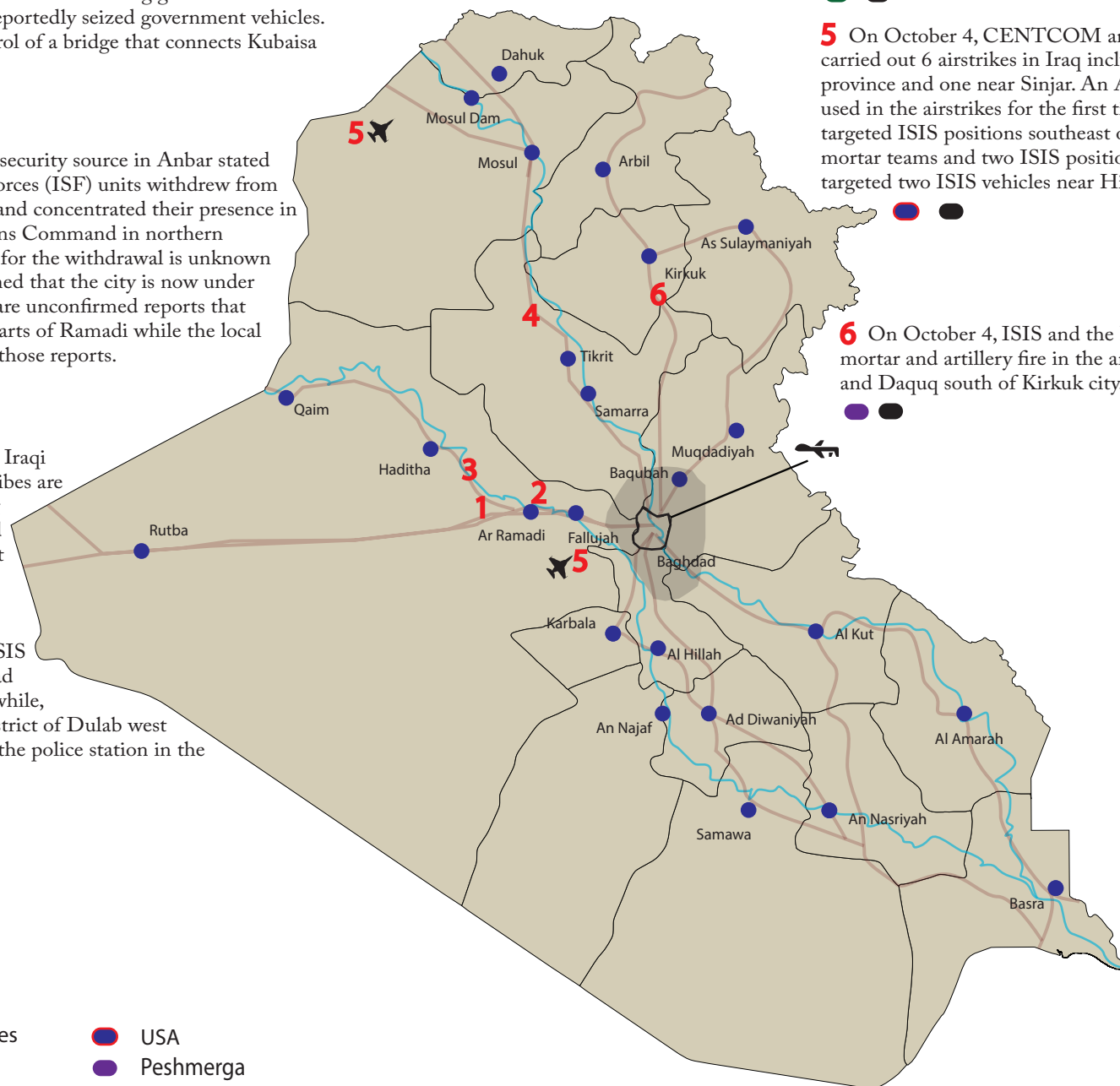
**4** On October 5, ISIS launched an attack on the Baiji oil refinery near the town of Baiji. The attack was launched from three axes and was repelled by the security forces protecting the refinery.



**5** On October 4, CENTCOM announced that it had carried out 6 airstrikes in Iraq including five in Anbar province and one near Sinjar. An Apache Helicopter was used in the airstrikes for the first time. Four airstrikes targeted ISIS positions southeast of Fallujah including mortar teams and two ISIS positions. A U.S. airstrike also targeted two ISIS vehicles near Hit.



**6** On October 4, ISIS and the Peshmerga exchanged mortar and artillery fire in the areas between Kirkuk and Daquq south of Kirkuk city.



- Major Cities
- USA
- Airstrikes
- Peshmerga
- Major Clash
- Anti-ISIS Iraqi Sunni Tribes
- Armed Drones
- ISF
- ISIS

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The situation continues to escalate in Anbar. The few remaining areas that are not under the control of the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) are now under attack by the group. The withdrawal of Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) units from Ramadi and their subsequent concentration in one location will make it challenging for the ISF and anti-ISIS tribes to counter ISIS's pursuit of its strategic objective of controlling Ramadi. The city has been contested in some neighborhoods since January of this year when ISIS took control of Fallujah. ISIS will continue to seek control of the ISF base at al-Asad airbase which it also views as a strategic objective in order to achieve full control of Anbar and threaten Baghdad. The ISF are attempting to prevent ISIS from having complete freedom of movement towards al-Asad by deploying troops to Hit.