

Iraq Situation Report: October 6, 2014

1 According to a local Anbar government official, 3,000 ISIS members recently arrived in Anbar from Mosul and Syria. The official stated that these reinforcements are contributing to ISIS advances in the province. The tribal leader of the Abbasiyen and Mowali tribe stated that 500 members of his tribe are now mobilized against ISIS. ISIS also reportedly moved 80 people it has in its custody from Qaim, Iraq to Albu Kamal, Syria. The 80 individuals are reportedly officers in the Iraqi Army and police in addition to local officials.



2 According to police sources, ISIS attacked and is besieging the police station in Hit, western Anbar. ISIS is clashing with the police in the vicinity of the station, and the sources added that reinforcements are needed to defend the position. Also in Hit, ISIS is now in control of the Abu Sayer area west of Hit City.



3 The Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) attacked the Albu Risha area in Ramadi. The attack included tens of ISIS members and was repelled by the Iraqi Army and tribes. The Albu Risha area is home to prominent anti-ISIS tribal leader Ahmed Abu Risha. Iraqi Army Aviation reportedly attacked ISIS positions in northern Ramadi and killed 19 ISIS members.



4 ISIS and the Peshmerga clashed in Daquq, south of Kirkuk, after ISIS reportedly approached a Peshmerga checkpoint. Five ISIS members were killed as a result of the clashes.



5 ISIS reportedly blew up buildings that belong to the 12th Iraqi Army Division in Kirkuk. The buildings belonged to the 46th and 47th brigades of the 12th Division and were used to house ISIS after June 10. The buildings were likely blown up to avoid targeting by airstrikes.



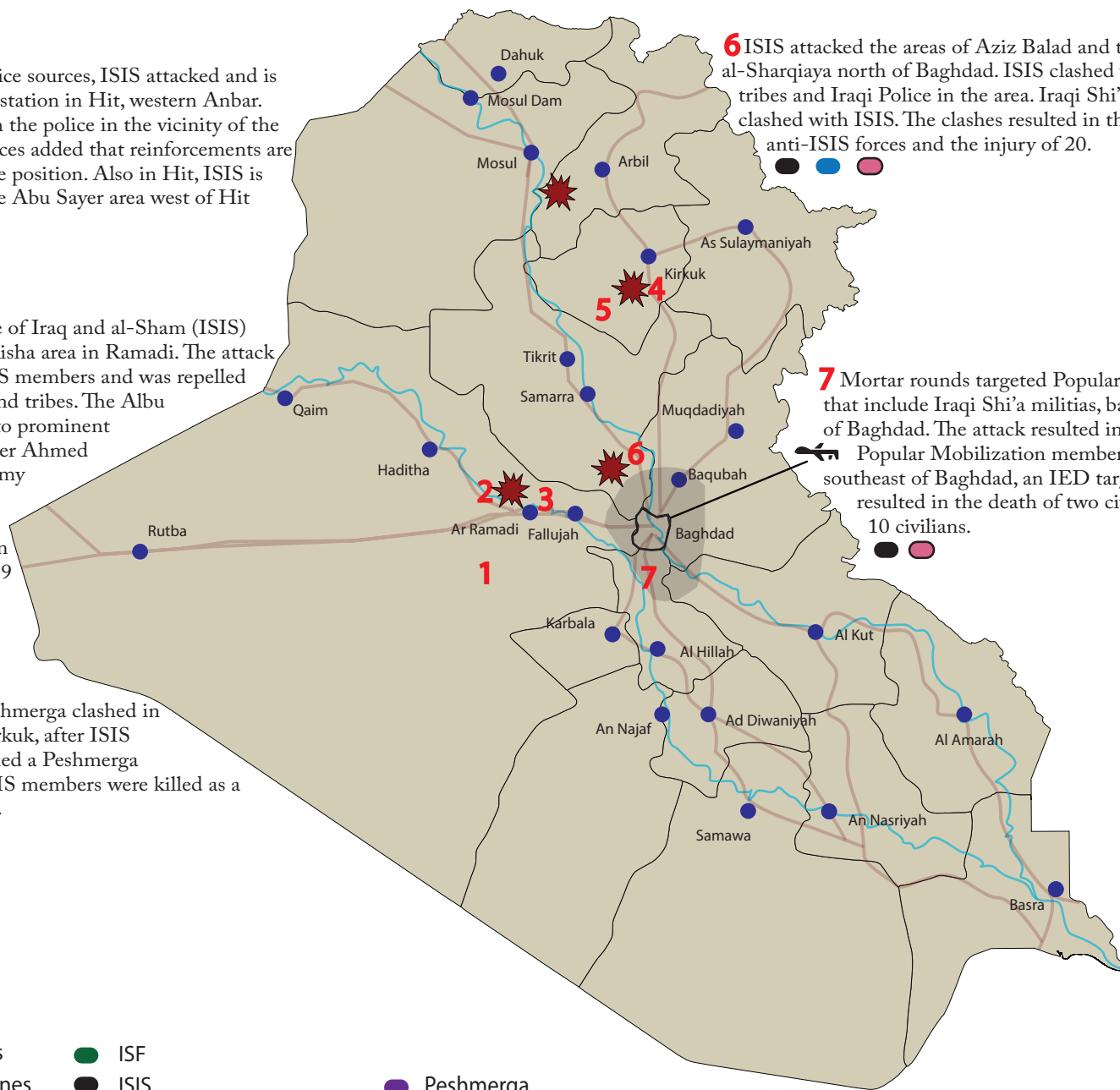
6 ISIS attacked the areas of Aziz Balad and the Hadhira al-Sharqiya north of Baghdad. ISIS clashed with tribes and Iraqi Police in the area. Iraqi Shi'a militias also clashed with ISIS. The clashes resulted in the death of 11 anti-ISIS forces and the injury of 20.



7 Mortar rounds targeted Popular Mobilization forces, that include Iraqi Shi'a militias, based in Latifiyah south of Baghdad. The attack resulted in the injury of 7 Popular Mobilization members. In Mada'in southeast of Baghdad, an IED targeted a café that resulted in the death of two civilians and injury of 10 civilians.



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ISIS continued its offensive into downtown Ramadi and downtown Hit. The ISF and tribal forces in Ramadi repelled an attack upon Albu Risha, located in Ramadi, and IA Aviation reportedly supported the defense of Ramadi with airstrikes north of the capital. ISIS also continues to attack north of Baghdad, indicating that the ISIS forces attacking in Ramadi are distinct from those applying force in the northern Baghdad Belts. The ISIS urban offensive to control Anbar, if successful, will severely hamper efforts by the ISF and the government of Iraq to engage the Anbar tribes and support their mobilization against ISIS. ISIS is also likely working to clear ISF military positions in Anbar in order to eliminate potential staging points for ISF counter-offensives to block its progress. ISIS may also be destroying military facilities southwest of Kirkuk to limit its footprint in anticipation of possible airstrikes.