

Iraq Situation Report: October 13-15, 2014

1 On October 13, IA Aviation launched airstrikes against ISIS positions in Khazraj and Albjara, north of Dhuluiya. On October 14, Iraqi Shi'a militias within the Popular Mobilization Units engaged ISIS in the area around Dujail. On October 15, fighters from the Khazraj tribe along with the ISF carried out an operation to clear the al-Wisat area near al-Dujail, north of Baghdad, killing three ISIS militants and dismantling six IEDs. Clashes are reportedly ongoing in the district and reports indicate that tribes and Iraqi Shi'a militias cleared the Hawasa area near Dujail.



2 On October 14, ISIS launched an attack on the Baiji refinery using bulldozers and also detonated four VBIEDs to break through the concrete barriers protecting the refinery. Iraqi Army Aviation and Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) repelled the attack. From October 14 to October 15, U.S. attack and fighter aircraft conducted four airstrikes near the Baiji refinery, north of Tikrit, destroying a building, a Humvee, and a machine gun while also damaging an artillery piece.



3 On October 13, ISIS took control of Camp Hit after the first regiment of the 27th brigade, 7th Iraqi Army Division withdrew to al-Baghdadi where al-Asad airbase is located. On October 14, Anbar Operations Command stated that ISF have reinforced the al-Asad airbase in preparations of a possible ISIS attack. Reports also indicate that U.S. Apache helicopters were deployed to al-Asad airbase and Habbaniyah as well. On October 15, U.S. aircraft conducted an airstrike near the Haditha Dam, western Anbar province, destroying an ISIS armed vehicle and a guard shack.



4 On October 15, head of Amiriyat al-Fallujah sub-district Shakir Mahmoud, stated that ISIS members who arrived from the nearby areas of Zawbaa, al-Hasi, and al-Awsat have surrounded Amiriyat al-Fallujah, southeast of Fallujah, from three sides in preparation to attack the town. Mahmoud added that ISIS forces have fighters, tanks, armored vehicles, and Humvees.



5 On October 13, a VBIED detonated in Habibiyyah in eastern Baghdad, killing three and wounding 21 including members of the Iraqi Army. Additionally, an IED detonated in Mredi market in Sadr City, killing eight and wounding 25. An SVBIED detonated in Aden Square in Kadhmiah in northern Baghdad that killed 22 and wounded 41 including ISF personnel. On October 14, another SVBIED in Kadhmiah detonated killing 24 and wounding 54 including Badr Organization and parliament member Ahmed al-Khafaji.



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- 🚚 VBIED
- ISF
- ISIS
- Anti-ISIS Iraqi Sunni Tribes
- USA
- Unknown Gunmen
- Iraqi Shi'a militias

6 On October 15, the head of the Diyala provincial Security Committee, Sadiq al-Husseini, stated that ISF and Iraqi Police (IP) attacked an ISIS position near Udham, north of Baquba. ISF and IP forces also defused nine homes rigged with explosives along the border between Diyala and Salah ad-Din provinces. Al-Husseini also reported that ISF members conducted a clearing operation near Jebel al-Mansouriyah and Shirwain, north of Muqadiyah.



7 On October 13, ISIS launched an attack on the village of al-Hatamiya and tried to seize control of the al-Sindhi Bridge which connects Diyala to Salah ad-Din. The Iraqi Army (IA) and volunteers were able to hold the bridge against ISIS and killed an unknown number of ISIS militants.



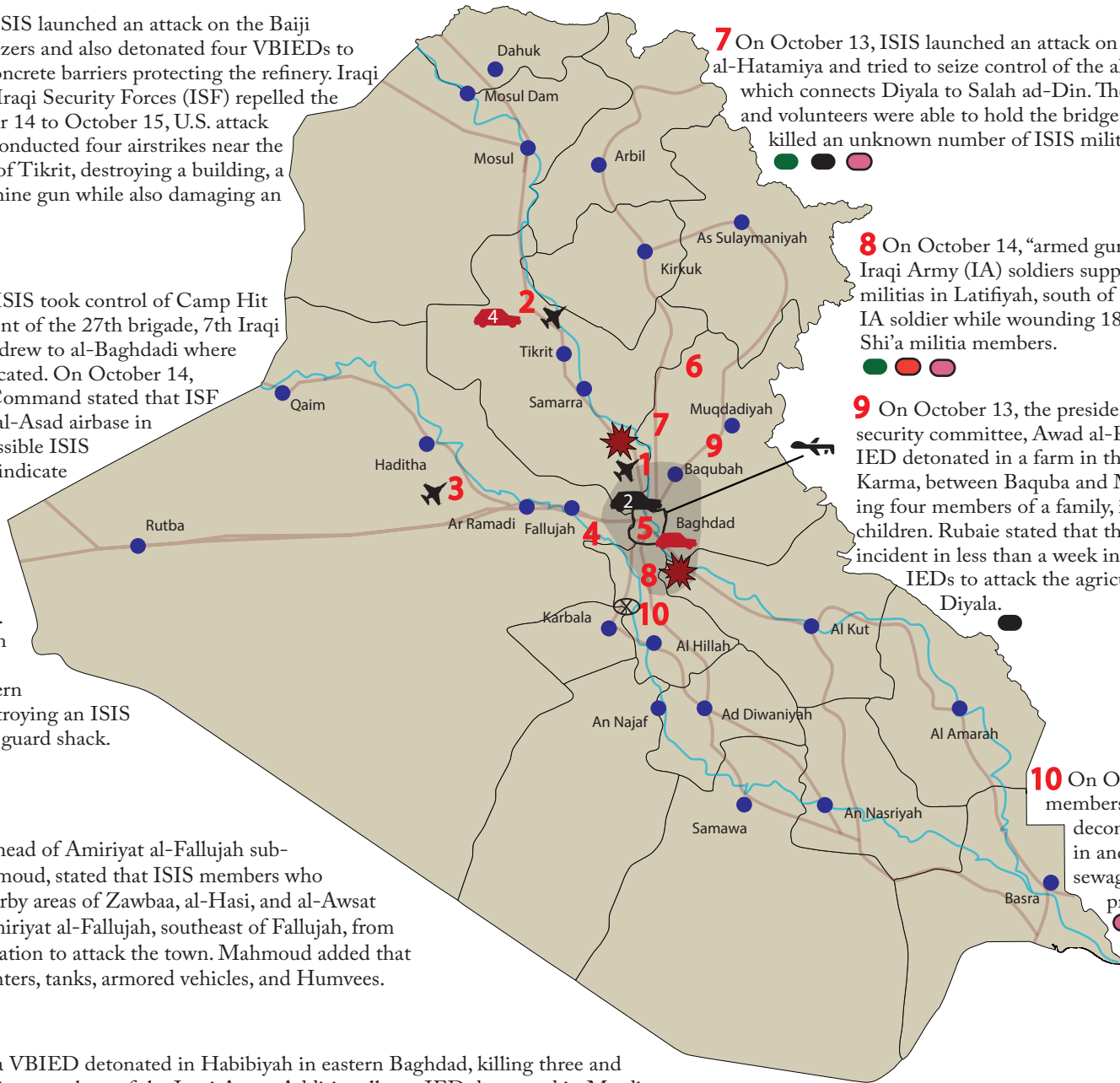
8 On October 14, "armed gunmen" clashed with Iraqi Army (IA) soldiers supported by Iraqi Shi'a militias in Latifiyah, south of Baghdad, killing one IA soldier while wounding 18 IA soldiers and Iraqi Shi'a militia members.



9 On October 13, the president of the Albu Saida security committee, Awad al-Rubaie, stated that an IED detonated in a farm in the village of Abu Karma, between Baquba and Muqadiyah, wounding four members of a family, including two children. Rubaie stated that this is the fourth incident in less than a week in which ISIS has used IEDs to attack the agricultural areas in Diyala.



10 On October 14, ISF members discovered 36 decomposed bodies lying in and around pools of sewage in northern Babil province.



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The Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and Iraqi Shi'a militias continue to challenge the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) on two fronts. In Northern Baghdad, the combined effort is intended to deny ISIS the opportunity to control terrain in Dhuluiya which has witnessed tribal anti-ISIS resistance in recent months by the Juburi tribe. Additionally, the ISF-militia effort is intended to prevent ISIS from launching attacks that will result in disrupting the vital highway between Baghdad and Samarra. In Diyala, the ISF and militias are also working to ensure ISIS does not enjoy freedom of movement in the northeastern parts of the country and that ISIS is unable to reinforce its fronts between Diyala and Salah ad-Din. For ISIS, controlling Anbar continues to be the priority as ISIS is now further isolating the al-Asad airbase and is likely seeking to control Amiriyat al-Fallujah in order to establish an open corridor to Jurf al-Sakhar to its south where ISIS has been contesting the ISF since the early months of this year.