

# Iraq Situation Report: November 6-7, 2014

**1** On November 6, commander of the Emergency Regiments in Baghdadi sub-district of Hit stated that the 7th IA Division in Anbar Operations Command (AOC) armed 600 members of the Abu Nimr, Abu Mahal, Karabla, and Salman tribes. He also stated that security forces in Asad armed 3,000 members of the Popular Mobilization Units (PMUs) which include Iraqi Shi'a militias who arrived the base "few days ago." These forces were then placed in positions facing Hit. On November 7, Sheikh Khalaf al-Nimrawi, from the Abu Nimr tribe, stated that "more than" 3,000 members form the Sadrist Peace Brigades (PB) of Moqtada al-Sadr, previously known as Jaysh al-Mahdi, will fight with Abu Nimr against ISIS and that leaders of PB met with tribal leaders from Abu Nimr in preparation for the operation. Deputy Chairman of Anbar Provincial Council Sabah Karhut denied that the Council has any knowledge of this cooperation.



**2** On November 6, ISIS reportedly executed two former IP officers in Mosul and delivered their dead bodies to the forensic medicine department in the city. The officers were kidnapped by ISIS a month ago despite having previously "repented" to ISIS.



**3** On November 6, an SVBIED detonated at a joint security checkpoint in Jaba area, southeast of Hit, reportedly killing seven civilians and injuring nine others.



**4** On November 7, a joint force from the IA and (PMUs), reportedly killed 12 ISIS members as they attempted to cross from areas near Amiriyat al-Fallujah into Fadhliya in northern Babil.



**5** ISIS reportedly launched an attack that lasted for "hours" on Haditha Dam, north of Haditha, and on Haqlaniya, south of Haditha. The attack was repelled by the ISF and tribal fighters from the Jughaifi tribe. On November 7, Chairman of Haditha District Abdul-Hakim al-Jughaifi denied reports of an attack on the district, but it was unclear if he was referring to Haditha proper or other areas of Haditha District.



**6** On November 6, IA artillery and Aviation targeted ISIS in Baiji district reportedly killing 80 ISIS members. Also, ISF claimed to have killed 22 ISIS members in the Buaiji village, southeast of Baiji. Meanwhile, ISIS executed seven members of one family in the Shawish sub-district of Baiji for allegedly giving intelligence to the ISF. On November 7, four SVBIEDs reportedly targeted security forces in the Sinai neighborhood of southern Baiji killing a general in the Rapid Reaction Forces while 12 other members were injured. Also, security forces clashed with ISIS and entered the Asri neighborhood of eastern Baiji.



**7** On October 6, IP commander in Amiriyat al-Fallujah stated that ISIS shelled the Akha residential complex killing dozens of civilians during the last two days. He added that military supplies in the area are not sufficient due to the presence of many tribal fighters from Abu Issa tribe. The commander added that ISIS established defensive berms in areas of its presence near Amiriyat al-Fallujah.



**8** The Iraqi Air Force targeted an ISIS convoy of 15 vehicles that was headed to Qaim district from Abu Kamal in eastern Syria. The attack killed 21 ISIS members and destroyed weapons and rockets carried by the convoy.



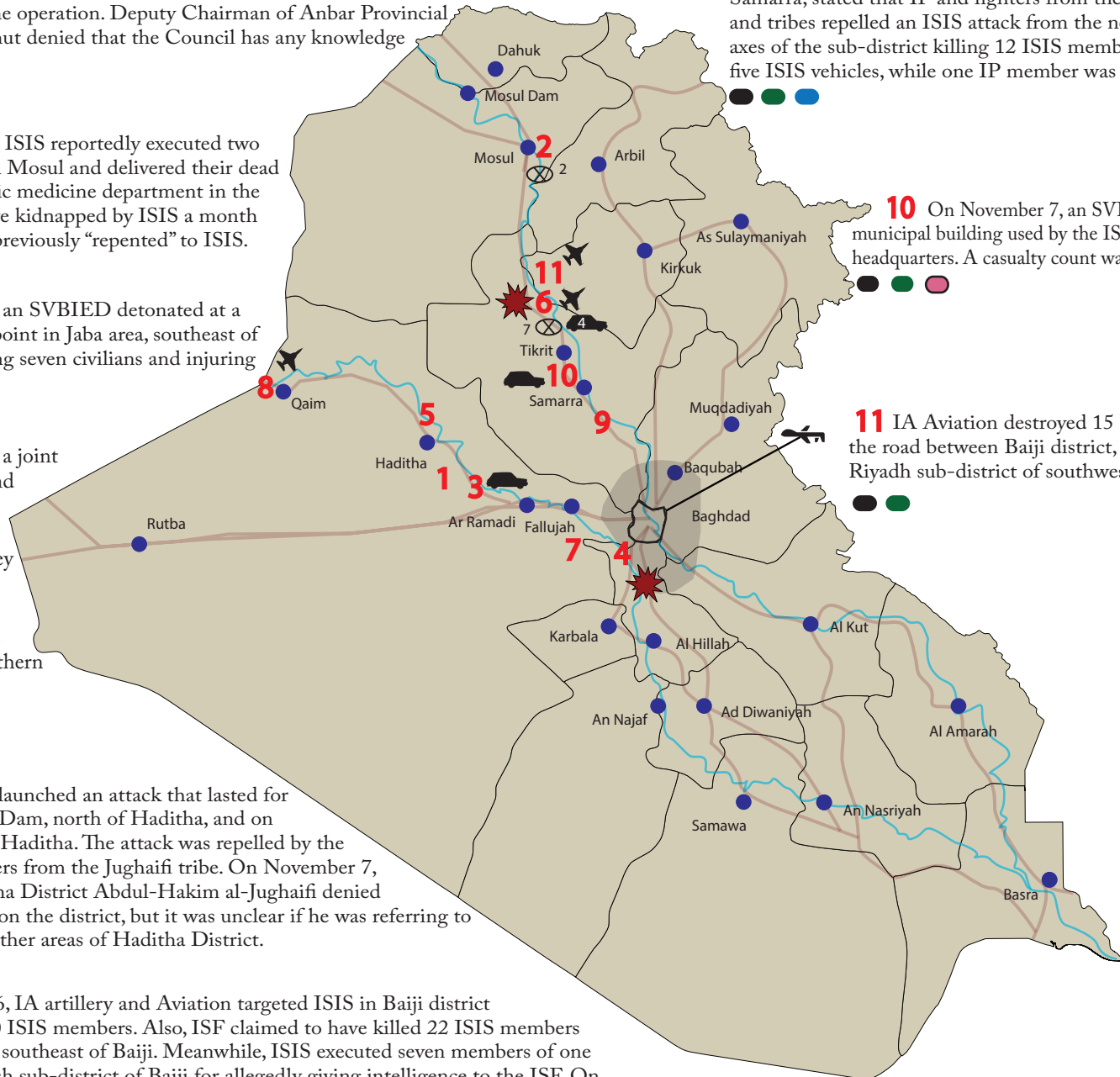
**9** On November 7, the IP commander in Dhuluiya, southeast of Samarra, stated that IP and fighters from the Golden Division and tribes repelled an ISIS attack from the northern and eastern axes of the sub-district killing 12 ISIS members and destroying five ISIS vehicles, while one IP member was injured.



**10** On November 7, an SVBIED targeted Ouja municipal building used by the ISF and PMUs as a headquarters. A casualty count was not reported.



**11** IA Aviation destroyed 15 ISIS oil tankers on the road between Baiji district, north of Tikrit, and Riyadh sub-district of southwestern Kirkuk.



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The deployment of Iraqi Shi'a militias to Anbar province to support anti-ISIS Iraqi Sunni tribes in combating ISIS is a unique and important dynamic that underscores the desperate need of anti-ISIS Anbari tribes for support. The acceptance of militia presence in the Sunni heartland was almost certainly the result of the recent increase of targeting of Abu Nimr tribe members by ISIS in Hit district. The militia force was reported to be composed of the Sadrist Peace Brigades of Moqtada al-Sadr, previously known as Jaysh al-Mahdi, which is an artifact of Sadr's desire to portray the force as a nationalist force that defends all Iraqis. Also, Sadr and his militia have less of a strong relationship with Iran compared to militias such as AAH, the Badr Organization, Kata'ib Hizballah, and others. Therefore, Sadr is more likely to act independently of Iranian strategic objectives in Iraq which are focused on holy sites and strategic terrain in Diyala. Meanwhile, ISIS attacks in Dhuluiya and the use of SVBIEDs in Baiji and near Hit most likely aim to divert the resources of the ISF, militia, and tribes in their anti-ISIS campaign.