

**1 Peshmerga and ISIS clash southeast of Mosul.** Large-scale clashes occurred on June 3 between the Peshmerga and ISIS in Wardak, on the Khazar Axis between Mosul and Arbil. The attacks killed one Peshmerga commander and injured seven Peshmerga soldiers.

**11 ISIS attacks Haditha district using SVESTs.** ISIS attacked an asphalt plant in Haditha District with four SVESTs on June 7. Security forces killed three attackers, however the fourth detonated killing two civilian women. ISIS had planned to retake the plant and a nearby explosives factory in the district in order to target the main entrances of Haditha city.

**10 ISIS detonates SVEST among IDPs in Fallujah.** ISIS detonated an SVEST on June 3 among families who had been evacuated from Saqlawiyah, northwest of Fallujah, resulting in an unspecified number of dead and injured. The ISF thwarted further attempts by ISIS to detonate a Suicide Vehicle Borne IED SVBIED and second SVEST in the area.

**9 Popular Mobilization gives residents 10 days to leave Fallujah as reports of abuse continue.** Badr Organization leader Hadi al-Amiri announced on June 4 that Popular Mobilization forces would storm Fallujah and gave ten-day deadline to vacate the city. Deputy Chairman of the Popular Mobilization Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis likewise stated on June 5 that Popular Mobilization forces would enter the city "if necessary" and that there were "2,500" terrorists inside the city. Meanwhile, reports of Popular Mobilization abuses continue to surface. The Sunni Etitah bloc accused Shi'a militias of "kidnapping, killing, and harassing" civilians fleeing from Fallujah. Likewise, the Anbar Provincial Council reported physical abuse and the death of four civilians in Saqlawiyah. Both hold Prime Minister Haidar al-Abadi responsible for any violations. The Popular Mobilization released a statement on June 7 that they are instrumental in the safe exit of residents from Fallujah and that any incidents were "unique" and were not "systematic or intentional."

**8 ISF, Popular Mobilization complete encirclement of Fallujah.** The ISF and Popular Mobilization with tribal fighters retook Saqlawiyah on June 5, completing the encirclement of Fallujah city. Defense Minister Khalid al-Obeidi visited the area on the occasion. In the south, the Counter Terrorism Service (CTS) encircled the neighborhoods of Hayy al-Shuhada and Hayy al-Jubail in southern Fallujah on June 6 and started to enter Hayy al-Shuhada on June 7.

**2 Armored brigade deploys to Makhmur for Ninewa operations.** The 37th Brigade of the 9th Iraqi Army Armored Division arrived at the Makhmur base, south of Mosul, on June 6 to participate in operations to retake Mosul. Badr Organization leader Hadi al-Amiri stated that the movement of the brigade to Mosul was a "betrayal" of the battle of Fallujah and stated that the move was out of pressure from the United States.

**3 ISIS reopens attacks east of Tikrit.** ISIS detonated a Suicide Vest (SVEST) on June 1 targeting an Iraqi Army and Popular Mobilization joint force in Zarka, east of Tikrit, killing one and injuring three. Armed clashes followed the attack. ISIS launched a two-axis attack against the ISF stationed in Zarka again on June 6. The ISF repelled the attack but four soldiers were wounded.

**4 ISIS detonates SVEST northeast of Baquba.** ISIS detonated an SVEST inside of a taxi in Mansouriyah, northeast of Muqdadadiyah, killing four people, including two policemen.

**5 ISIS detonates SVEST targeting ISF north of Baghdad.** ISIS detonated an SVEST targeting a group of Iraqi Army soldiers in Tarmiya, north of Baghdad. The attack killed two soldiers and injuring nine, as well as two civilians.

**6 Friday protests occur without incident in Baghdad, southern Iraq.** Protesters gathered in Tahrir Square in Baghdad to demand political reforms and in support of security forces in Fallujah. The protests occurred without further escalation and did not try to move into the Green Zone. Demonstrations also occurred in Maysan, Wasit, Karbala, Basra, Diwaniyah, Dhi Qar, Babil, Najaf, and Muthanna Provinces. Protesters in Babil stated that they would continue protests through Ramadan in order to maintain pressure on political parties. Security had tightened in Baghdad prior to the protests.

**7 ISIS detonates VBIED in Karbala.** ISIS detonated a Vehicle Borne IED (VBIED) in Karbala, in Hayy al-Muwatafin, three kilometers from the Hussein Shrine on June 7. The attack killed ten and injured 26 people. This is the first successful spectacular attack in Karbala since October 2014 and comes on the first day of Ramadan.



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The Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and Popular Mobilization completed the encirclement of Fallujah on June 5, retaking Saqlawiyah on Fallujah's western axis. The ISF's Counter Terrorism Service (CTS) encircled neighborhoods in southern Fallujah city on June 6 and entered city limits in Hayy al-Shuhada on June 7. Despite this progress, the Popular Mobilization has grown increasingly dissatisfied with the pace of the operations in Fallujah. Badr Organization leader Hadi al-Amiri called the recent deployment of an Iraqi Army armored brigade to Mosul a "betrayal" of Fallujah. Asa'ib Ahl al-Haq (AAH) spokesman Jawad al-Talabawi stated on June 1 that the pace of operation had reached a "standstill," and he demanded that Prime Minister Haidar al-Abadi resume operations. PM Abadi had reportedly slowed operations into Fallujah city out of humanitarian concerns on June 1, as an estimated 50,000 residents still remain in the city limits. Popular Mobilization militias may try to force the acceleration of the campaign and enter the city themselves, as has likely been their ambition all along. Popular Mobilization leader Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis stated on June 5 that militias would enter the city "if necessary," following Amiri's statement on June 4 that they would enter once all families were evacuated from the city. Amiri gave Fallujah residents a ten-day deadline to leave. This threat comes amidst additional claims of abuses by the Popular Mobilization on Sunni residents fleeing the area, including Saqlawiyah. The Popular Mobilization denied claims of purposeful violations, stating that any incidents were "unique" and not "systematic or intentional." ISIS spectacular attacks against Shi'a targets will also increase the chances that the Popular Mobilization will enter the city, as militias have historically reacted to ISIS attacks with attacks of their own on Sunni populations. ISIS detonated a Vehicle Borne-IED (VBIED) in Karbala on June 7, the first successful spectacular attack in Karbala since October 2014. The Karbala attack may propel the militias to enter the city limits before their ten-day deadline or to commit additional abuses against Sunni residents.