Parliamentary committee names senior officials accountable for fall of Mosul. The Commission of Inquiry into the Fall of Mosul named former PM Nuri al-Maliki, Ninewa governor Atheel al-Nujai/f_i, and several former IA senior officers and Sunni officials as accountable for the fall of Mosul. Mutahidun bloc issued a statement strongly denouncing the Commission’s results as “completely unacceptable, and SLA members threatened to resign from the CoR if Maliki’s name was not removed, though Speaker Juburi refused to remove any names. The CoR referred the report to the judiciary. No legal action has been taken against the named individuals.

ISF advance into Ramadi city. Forces under Babil Operations Command and the Counter-Terrorism Service (CTS) advanced into the main rail terminal and Stadium areas of southeastern Ramadi, the furthest the ISF have reached into eastern Ramadi since operations to recapture the city began on July 13. ISF continued clearing operations to the north and east of the city, destroying one VBIED east of Ramadi and repelling three VBIEDs in the 5 Kilo Area, west of Ramadi. Between August 14 and 17, DoD announced 16 airstrikes “near Ramadi.”

Chairman of anti-corruption committee escapes attack. Mutahidun member Talal al-Zobaie, who is the chairman of the CoR Integrity Committee, an anti-corruption body in the CoR, stated that his motorcade was attacked by unidentified gunmen and a “bomb” in Abu Ghraib, west of Baghdad, wounding three bodyguards. Zobaie was unharmed.

Clashes continue in eastern Anbar and Salah al-Din’s Hamrin Mountains. Clashes were reported in the Alas and Ajil oil field area, northeast of Tikrit, as well as in Garma sub-district, northeast of Fallujah, where ISF reportedly killed four “suicide bombers.”

ISIS launches complex attack on Baiji. On August 14, ISIS used at least seven VBIEDs and more than 200 fighters to attack Baiji, capturing three neighborhoods in western Baiji and killing civilians in Albu Tama villages south of Baiji with mortars. ISIS, IA Aviation, Iraqi Shi’a militias repelled additional ISIS attacks after the initial assault, clashing with ISIS in Baiji and west of the city. Between August 14 and 17, DoD reported five airstrikes “near Baiji.”

ISIS continues high casualty VBIEDs in eastern Baghdad. On August 15, a VBIED exploded in Habibiya area of Sadr City, killing ten and wounding 71. On August 16, an SVBIED detonated at a police checkpoint in Jisr Diyala near Qudim neighborhood in southeastern Baghdad, killing at least one police member and wounding nine. The attacks are a continuation of an uptick in VBIED attacks in Baghdad that started on August 5 and included a massive VBIED attack on August 13.

Popular unrest continues in southern Iraq. Demonstrators marched in Baghdad, Babylon, Dhi Qar, Muthanna, and Karbala over the weekend, calling for changes in the structures of local government. Demonstrations saw at least three occurrences of violence by unidentified assailants, with one death reported in Basra that sparked large protests calling for the expedited trial and punishment of the attackers.