The Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) have finalized conditions to begin the push north towards Mosul and its environs. The ISF recaptured Shirqat on September 22, the last ISIS-held city in Salah al-Din Province. Shirqat’s recapture extends the ISF’s control up the Tigris River from Baghdad to the northern entrance of Tikrit. The announcement came in the midst of President Barzani’s visit to Baghdad.

Iraqi officials have rejected Turkish pressure in the operation. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs renewed calls for Turkey to leave its base near Mosul after the Turkish parliament voted to extend the mandate for Turkish troops in Syria and Iraq on October 1. Turkish President Recep Erdogan stated on October 1 that Turkey will "play a role in the Mosul liberation operation," adding that Turkey will work to both fight the PKK in Iraq and protect minority Turkmen populations in Ninerwa Province.

Consequently, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemned the mandate’s renewal and stated its intention to withdraw from their current base in Basrah, northeast of Mosul.

ISIS spectacular attacks target security leadership in Tikrit. A security source stated that a Suicide Vehicle-borne Improvised Explosive Device (SVEIED) detonated at the northern entrance of Tikrit on September 24, killing six members of Salah al-Din Operations Command (SODOC) leadership.

The Council of Representatives (CoR) voted on September 29 to dismiss Finance Minister Hoshyar Zebari in a no-confidence vote rendered by a simple majority of 158-77. The Constitution requires an absolute majority, but the dismissal of Defense Minister Khalid al-Obeidi on August 21 set the precedent of only needing a minority of votes.

In Baghdad, the shadow party of former PM Nouri al-Maliki announced on September 29 that it has collected signatures to question Minister of Foreign Affairs Zebari in no-confidence proceedings. The Reform Front, a small party of former PM Maliki’s Reform Front, the shadow party of former PM Maliki, announced on September 29 that it has collected signatures to question Minister of Foreign Affairs Zebari in no-confidence proceedings.