

# Iraq Situation Report: June 20, 2014

**1** The chairman of the district council stated that the IA controls half of Tal Afar, west of Mosul, while operations continued. The chairman added that the vast majority of the residents departed amid the clashes. Also, the Babil local government announced that 2,000 "trained fighters" were sent to the district. Those fighters are likely volunteers and Iraqi Shi'a militias.

**2** ISIS elements reportedly launched an offensive on central Qaim, western Anbar and took control of the municipal council, the customs office, the border crossing with Syria, and the IP station of Qaim. The gunmen reportedly released detainees while the two IA companies stationed in the area departed their posts.

**7** ISF forces, volunteers, and tribal elements from Mussayib, northern Babil, reportedly launched an operation in the area of Buhairat, which sparked clashes resulting in the deaths of two volunteers and nine ISIS fighters.

**3** Clashes resumed today at the Baiji oil refinery after ISIS gunmen launched an attack. This comes after a truce was reportedly negotiated yesterday which resulted in the evacuation of civilian employees from the facility. ISIS clashed with Counter Terrorism Services and control of the refinery remains contested.

**4** Mortars landed on Arab Jabour village, northern Muqadiyah, targeting the joint IA, IP and tribal forces that launched an operation in the vicinity and entered the village yesterday. Also, four ISIS members were reportedly killed in another village in the area amid clashes with the joint forces.

**5** Babil reportedly sent 1,000 "volunteers trained in urban warfare" to the area of Taji, north of Baghdad. The volunteers were transferred to Taji and will be distributed to support the ISF units in the area. Babil appears to be a major provider of volunteers. The composition of the volunteer force is unclear, and could likely include veterans of Iraqi Shi'a militias or newly trained volunteers.

**6** Reports indicate that 750 volunteers were sent to the Habbaniya military base located between Ramadi and Fallujah and will be distributed to ISF units in Anbar.



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ISIS has launched offensives to take control of the Al Qaim border crossing in Anbar. The city and border crossing are still contested. Meanwhile, volunteer fighters, likely a mix of new recruits and Shi'a militias, have deployed to multiple locations including Tal Afar and Taji. Tal Afar, Baiji, and Muqadiyah remain the key front lines against the advance of ISIS from the north. As of June 20, the ISF have not launched a counter-offensive against ISIS.