

# Iraq Situation Report: July 25, 2014

**1** A VBIED detonated near a Shi'a mosque south of Kirkuk City, killing 4 and wounding 14 worshippers. Also, two IEDs were detonated near two other Shi'a mosques in northern and southern Kirkuk City which resulted in the injury of four individuals.

**2** ISIS published images of what was described as an Islamic outreach event in Mosul with the participation of dozens of young males. Meanwhile, ISIS continued destroying shrines in Mosul; photos were published of the demolition of Jonah's tomb using IEDs.

**3** ISIS conducted attacks using IEDs against five power lines in Baiji that are used to provide Baghdad with electricity.

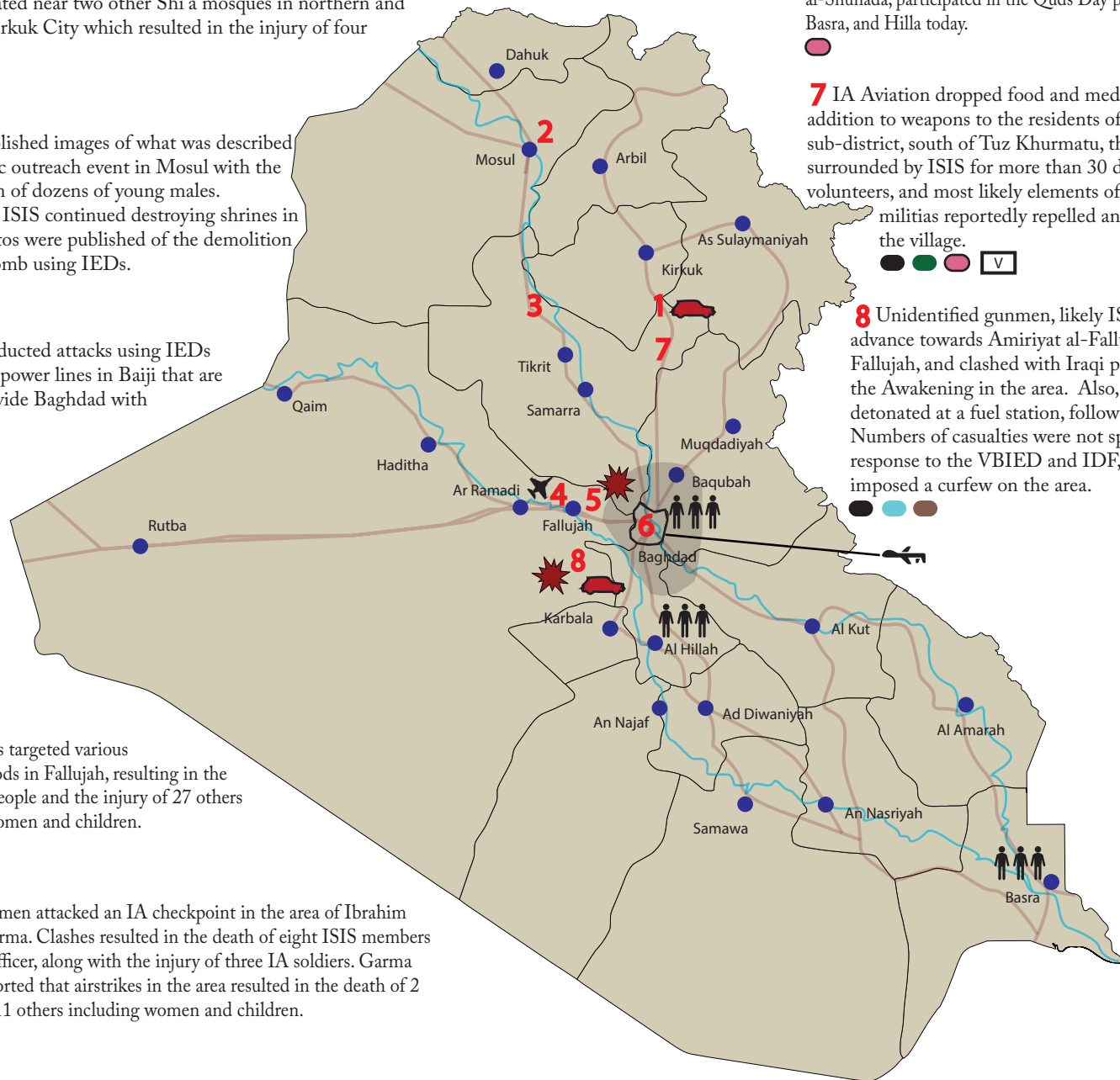
**4** Airstrikes targeted various neighborhoods in Fallujah, resulting in the death of 3 people and the injury of 27 others including women and children.

**5** ISIS gunmen attacked an IA checkpoint in the area of Ibrahim al-Ali in Garma. Clashes resulted in the death of eight ISIS members and an IA officer, along with the injury of three IA soldiers. Garma hospital reported that airstrikes in the area resulted in the death of 2 people and 11 others including women and children.

**6** Hundreds of participants, mostly members of Iranian-backed Iraqi Shia militias Asa'ib Ahl al-Haq and Katai'b Said al-Shuhada, participated in the Quds Day parades in Baghdad, Basra, and Hilla today.

**7** IA Aviation dropped food and medical supplies in addition to weapons to the residents of Amerli sub-district, south of Tuz Khurmatu, that has been surrounded by ISIS for more than 30 days. Also, ISF, volunteers, and most likely elements of Iraqi Shi'a militias reportedly repelled an ISIS attack on the village.

**8** Unidentified gunmen, likely ISIS, tried to advance towards Amiriyyat al-Fallujah, southeast of Fallujah, and clashed with Iraqi police forces and the Awakening in the area. Also, a VBIED detonated at a fuel station, followed by mortar fire. Numbers of casualties were not specified. In response to the VBIED and IDF, security forces imposed a curfew on the area.



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Hundreds of members of Iraqi Shi'a militias and their supporters gathered in central Baghdad to participate in parades celebrating Quds Day, an Iranian-backed annual event expressing solidarity with Palestine. A lack of attacks targeting these processions indicates either effective ISF security posture or limited ISIS activity despite the recent spate of VBIED and SVEST attacks in Baghdad. ISIS attacked power lines in Baiji that run electricity to Baghdad, possibly in an attempt to foster a lack of confidence in the Iraqi government. ISIS still contests the Baiji oil refinery, so these attacks could also be an attempt to strike a softer target in the area. Clashes remain ongoing in Garma between ISF and ISIS indicating the two opposing forces continue to fight for control of areas outside Fallujah. While gunmen attacked areas north of Fallujah, ISIS conducted more complex attacks south of the city seeking to solidify control in Anbar province.