

Iraq Situation Report: November 24, 2014

1 An officer in Anbar Police, Colonel Hamid Shandukh, stated that a battalion from the Rapid Reaction Brigade arrived Sachariya area, east of Ramadi. Another report indicated that ISIS fighters attempted to cross into Sachariya from Hamdhiya area, across the Euphrates to the north, but were intercepted by security forces who opened fire killing “dozens” and destroying three boats. Also, Shandukh stated that the central government did not arm two recently trained battalions of Anbari tribal fighters.



2 Unspecified military units reportedly massed south of Tikrit while reinforcements arrived west of the city in preparation for an assault. Meanwhile, military planes dropped leaflets in central Tikrit urging the residents to support the IA.



3 A local source from Mosul reported that ISIS started transporting prisoners from its prisons in Mosul to Raqqa in Syria.



4 Colonel Hamid Shandukh of the Anbar Police stated that clashes between security forces and ISIS continued in various areas of Ramadi and that military supplies did not arrive in the Government Compound in central Ramadi. He added that it has been 20 days since the IP directorate received military supplies. Also, a force from the Counter-Terrorism Services (CTS) reportedly deployed from Baghdad to the Huz neighborhood of western Ramadi while clashes continued in the area.



5 MoD stated that forces from the 7th IA Division directed by Jazeera and Badia Operations Command (JBOC), Baghdadi Emergency Battalion, PMUs, and tribal fighters from Albu Nimr and Ubaid tribes, supported by IA Aviation and the air force, launched a “preemptive” operation from four axes. The operations resulted in clearing the area between Sin a-Thib and Zkhikha areas of ISIS.



6 ISIS launched an attack on Peshmerga positions in Bashiqa sub-district, east of Mosul. The attack was repelled and the clashes resulted in the reported death of 18 ISIS fighters and three ISIS vehicles.



7 Peshmerga forces reportedly established “dozens” of ambushes and military positions in Jalula sub-district, east of the Hamrin Ridge in northeastern Diyala. Also, the Peshmerga declared Jalula a closed military area for two weeks to dismantle the IEDs emplaced by ISIS.



8 A coalition airstrike reportedly targeted ISIS in a base located in Shura sub-district, south of Mosul killing 25 ISIS members.



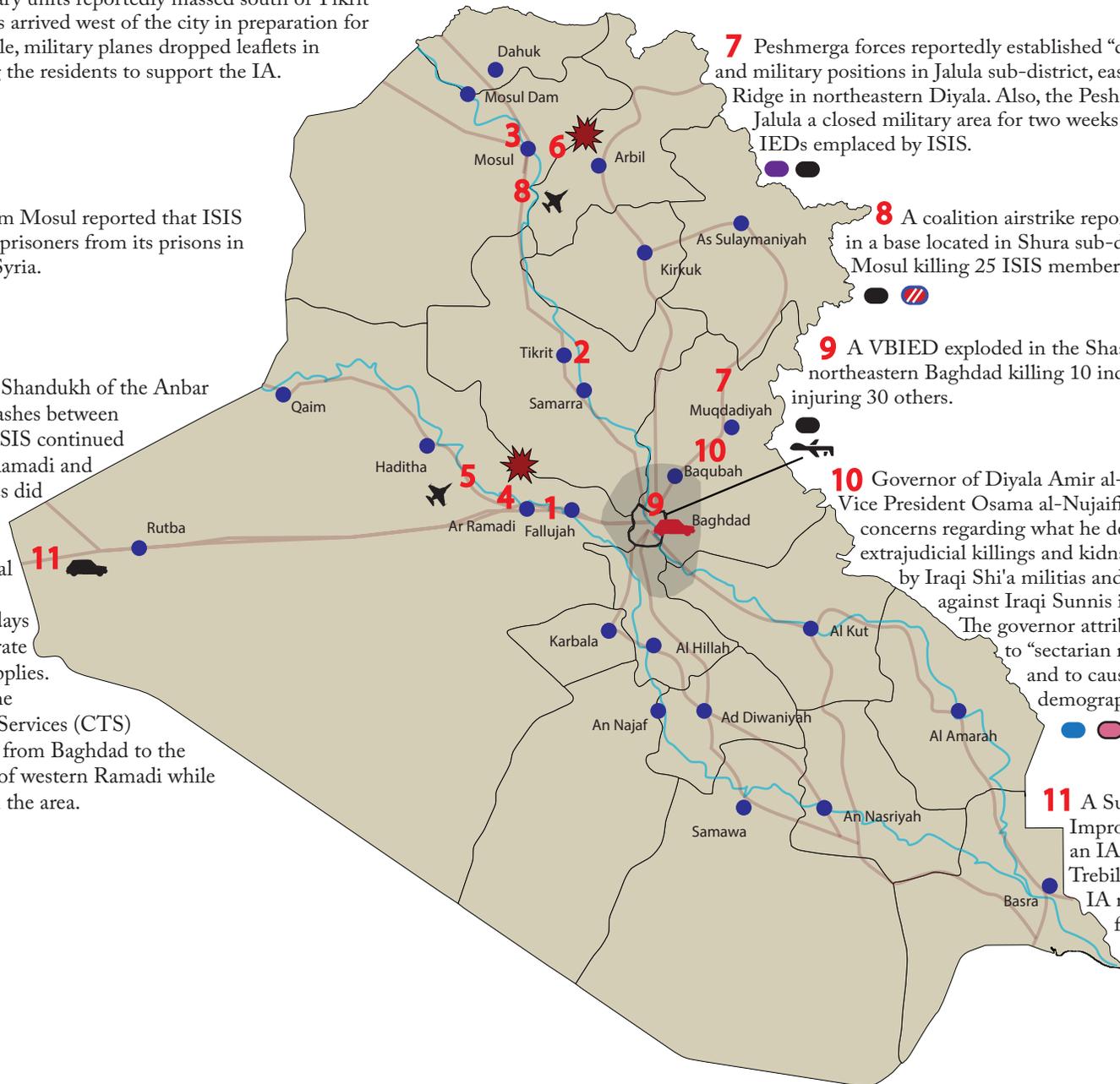
9 A VBIED exploded in the Shaab area of northeastern Baghdad killing 10 individuals and injuring 30 others.



10 Governor of Diyala Amir al-Majmai met with Vice President Osama al-Nujaifi and expressed his concerns regarding what he described as extrajudicial killings and kidnappings carried out by Iraqi Shi'a militias and some ISF members against Iraqi Sunnis in Diyala province. The governor attributed these actions to “sectarian reasons, extortion, and to cause change in demographics.”



11 A Suicide Borne Vehicle Improvised Devise targeted an IA checkpoint near Trebil crossing, killing two IA members and injuring four others.



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The Iraqi Kurdish Peshmerga are establishing a security zone around Jalula in northeastern Diyala, northeastern Iraq. On November 23, the Peshmerga along with the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and Iraqi Shi'a militias were able to regain both Jalula and Sadia, which is also in northeastern Diyala, from the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS). The Peshmerga are applying security measures in Jalula in order to prevent the reconstitution of ISIS inside the city and also to address the threat of the Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) emplaced by ISIS. Furthermore, the Peshmerga are implementing these preemptive measures to weaken future ISIS plans to attack the center of Jalula. The ISF and supporting Iraqi Shi'a militias within the Popular Mobilization Units (PMUs) are seeking to capitalize on recent gains made in Baiji in northern Iraq's Salah ad-Din province to reclaim the provincial capital of Tikrit. There have been attempts to retake Tikrit in the past, but it will be important to watch if the recent gains against ISIS can result in more successful operations to clear the group from Tikrit. As the threat of ISIS persists, the threat of lawlessness is also increasing. This threat is increasing particularly in Diyala, Baghdad, and also in Basra in southern Iraq. In most cases, Iraqi Shi'a militias, or groups operating under the cover of Iraqi Shi'a militias are carrying out the operations. In Anbar, the contest between ISIS and anti-ISIS continues and ISIS is now targeting the Trebil border crossing on the Iraqi-Jordanian border in the province in order to divert ISF and anti-ISIS tribal resources.