The U.S. Anti-IS Coalition allegedly conducted airstrikes targeting a courthouse operated by IS affiliate Jaysh Khalid ibn al-Walid in Salqin in Northern Syria on August 19. The strikes killed Jaysh Khalid ibn al-Walid General Commander Wael Faour al-Eid as well as thirty other individuals. The U.S. Department of Defense has not confirmed the strike. Israel has also previously conducted airstrikes targeting Jaysh Khalid ibn al-Walid in Southern Syria.

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August 19: Opposition Group Launches Counterattack Along Syrian-Jordanian Border: Hezbollah's Al-Abbas Brigade claimed to clear at least 80% of the terrain held by IS in Lebanon by August 23. The Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) began Operation ‘Fajr al-Jaroud’ to clear IS from the Syrian-Lebanese Border near Ras Baalbek and Al-Qaa in Northern Lebanon on August 18. The LAF claimed to clear at least 80% of the terrain held by IS in Lebanon by August 23. Lebanese Hezbollah and the Syrian Arab Army (SAA) also announced operations to clear IS from the Syrian-Lebanese Border in the Western Qalamoun Mountains of Syria on August 18. The LAF denied any coordination with Hezbollah or the SAA.

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Areas of Control*

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