1. U.S. Embassy and Iraqi Government issue warnings over Mosul Dam, Prime Minister Haidar al-Abadi issued a statement on February 28 detailing preparations for maintenance on the Mosul Dam and calling for residents of Mosul to move six kilometers away from the Tigris River. The U.S. Embassy issued a call on February 29 for people to evacuate the Tigris flood plain area.

2. Turkish forces shell ISIS from base near Mosul. A National Mobilization source stated that Turkish forces at the Zayliyan Camp, northeast of Mosul, fired eight Grad rockets at ISIS gatherings in Bashishi sub-district, northeast of Mosul.


4. ISIS claims SVEST attack on ISF stronghold in western Anbar. The War Media Cell stated on February 29 that the 19th Emergency Battalion killed six IS members wearing SVESTs attempting to attack a headquarters in Al-Haqaniyah, south of Haditha. ISIS claimed that the attack involved five Suicide Vest (SVST) attackers targeting a police checkpoint, and that all of them successfully detonated their explosives.

5. Security forces mass amid reported future assault on Hit District. Tribal fighters reportedly clashed with ISIS in Hit District, west of Ramadi, on February 23. The Hit District mayor also stated that security forces identified a date for Iraqi Army (IA), tribal fighters, Federal Police (FP), Counter-Terrorism Service (CTS), and Emergency Police to recapture the ISIS-held town, and an Emergency Police commander stated on February 28 that all civilians needed to leave Hit District within 48 hours in preparation for an upcoming attack.

6. Ramadi continues to target FP base west of Ramadi. FP reported that the 18th FP Brigade destroyed two Suicide Vehicle-borne Improvised Explosive Devices (SVBIEDs) in al-Saljiyah village, west of Ramadi, on February 26.

7. Security forces recapture village south of Fallujah. Security forces cleared Albu Daij, north of Amiriyat al-Fallujah on February 25. ISIS later fired rockets and mortar shells at Amiriyat al-Fallujah, south of Fallujah, killing two civilians and wounding seven others. On February 28, security forces killed two SVST attackers attempting to target security forces in al-Abadi and Hitawin areas, east of Fallujah.

8. ISIS attacks key town west of Baghdad. Five groups of ISIS attackers attacked the Abu Ghraib area, west of Baghdad, on February 28 using five SVBIEDs as well as light and medium weapons. The attackers burned the Abu Ghraib Customs building and captured the Khan Dhiar grain silos area, north of Abu Ghraib. IA, Iraqi Police (IP), IA Aviation, and Asa'ib Ahl al-Haq killed the attackers and recaptured all areas.

9. ISIS represses internal resistance from Sunni tribes in Ninewa. A security source in Ninewa province stated on February 24 that ISIS destroyed 20 houses and arrested an unspecified number of people in al-Shura and al-Qayyara sub-districts, south of Mosul. An anonymous source stated that unidentified gunmen shot and killed four ISIS members at a checkpoint in Yarmouk neighborhood in Mosul on February 28.

10. “Most” of 15th IA Division deployed to Mosul operations area. The Ninewa Operations Commander stated on February 23 that the 71st Brigade of the 15th IA Division arrived in Makhmour in preparation for the Mosul operation, and that “most” of the 15th IA Division units had been deployed to Makhmour.

11. Deadly SVST attack targets Shi'a militia funeral in majority Sunni town. An ISIS attacker detonated an SVST at a Popular Mobilization funeral on February 29 in Muqdadiyah, northeast of Baquba, killing at least 35 people and wounding at least 50 others. ISIS claimed that four leaders from Asa'ib Ahl al-Haq were among the casualties.

12. Deadly SVST attacks target civilians in Baghdad. An SVST attacker detonated his explosives at a mosque in Shuala in northwestern Baghdad on February 25, killing seven people and wounding fourteen others. A second SVST attacker detonated at a checkpoint as security forces rushed to the scene, killing two security forces members and wounding eight others. Two SVST attackers on motorcycles detonated their explosives at a mobile phone market in Sadr City in northeastern Baghdad on February 28, killing 70 people and wounding at least 100 others.

13. Tens of thousands of Sadrist supporters demonstrate in Tahrir Square in favor of government reforms. Tens of thousands of supporters of the Sadrist Trend fared Tahrir Square in central Baghdad on February 26 to demonstrate against the financial and administrative corruption rampant in the Iraqi government. Sadrist Trend leader Muqtada al-Sadr gave a sermon in Tahrir Square calling for comprehensive reforms. Weekly protests also occurred across southern Iraq.