

Iraq Situation Report: July 31, 2014

1 ISIS gunmen carried out an attack with small arms and an SVEST on a defensive position of the Jubur tribe and the IP in the Jubur village located in eastern Dhuluiya. The attack resulted in the death of one IP member and injured eight others while two ISIS gunmen were killed.



2 ISIS gunmen launched six mortar rounds that landed on homes in the area of Taza, south of Kirkuk City. One individual was injured in the attack. Also six other mortar rounds landed on a joint Sahwa and IP checkpoint in the area with no reported casualties.



3 Airstrikes targeted the village of Dira, Hawija district. One individual was killed and seven others were wounded, including children



4 A force from the IP found two unidentified dead bodies in a deserted yard in Maamil, northeastern Baghdad. The bodies had signs of torture and gunshot wounds to the head and chest.



5 Heavy clashes took place between ISIS and a force from the IA in the Sichar area, northeast of Fallujah. Unconfirmed reports indicated that 23 gunmen were killed in the clashes and three vehicles outfitted with heavy machine guns were destroyed.



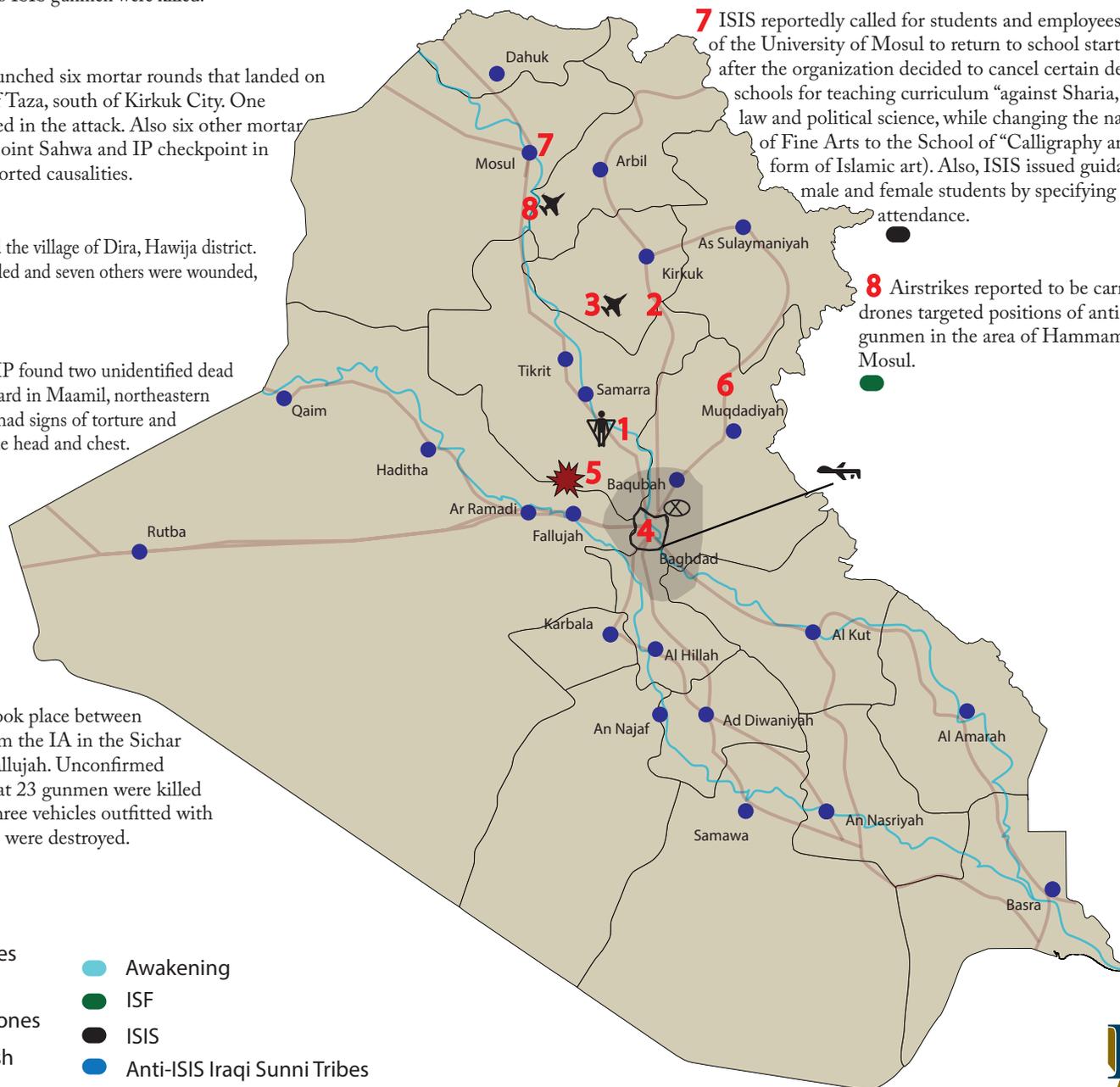
6 ISIS gunmen have reportedly redeployed to the neighborhoods of Wihda and Tajnid, southern Julula.



7 ISIS reportedly called for students and employees of the University of Mosul to return to school starting September 1, after the organization decided to cancel certain departments and schools for teaching curriculum “against Sharia,” like the school of law and political science, while changing the name of the School of Fine Arts to the School of “Calligraphy and Zakhrafa” (a form of Islamic art). Also, ISIS issued guidance to separate male and female students by specifying different times for attendance.



8 Airstrikes reported to be carried out by armed drones targeted positions of anti-government gunmen in the area of Hammam al-Alil, south of Mosul.



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- ⊗ Execution
- ✈ Armed Drones
- ★ Major Clash
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- Iraqi Shi'a militias



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Although ISIS has had experience in governing urban centers in Syria and Iraq before, the City of Mosul is the largest and most developed area now under ISIS control now. Aside from providing services and security, ISIS is also faced with state institutions that it will want to either dismantle or run under its own rules. The attempt to re-open the University of Mosul is one such indicator that ISIS is attempting to return life to “normal,” and it will be important to watch for the way the Mosul population will react to these measures.