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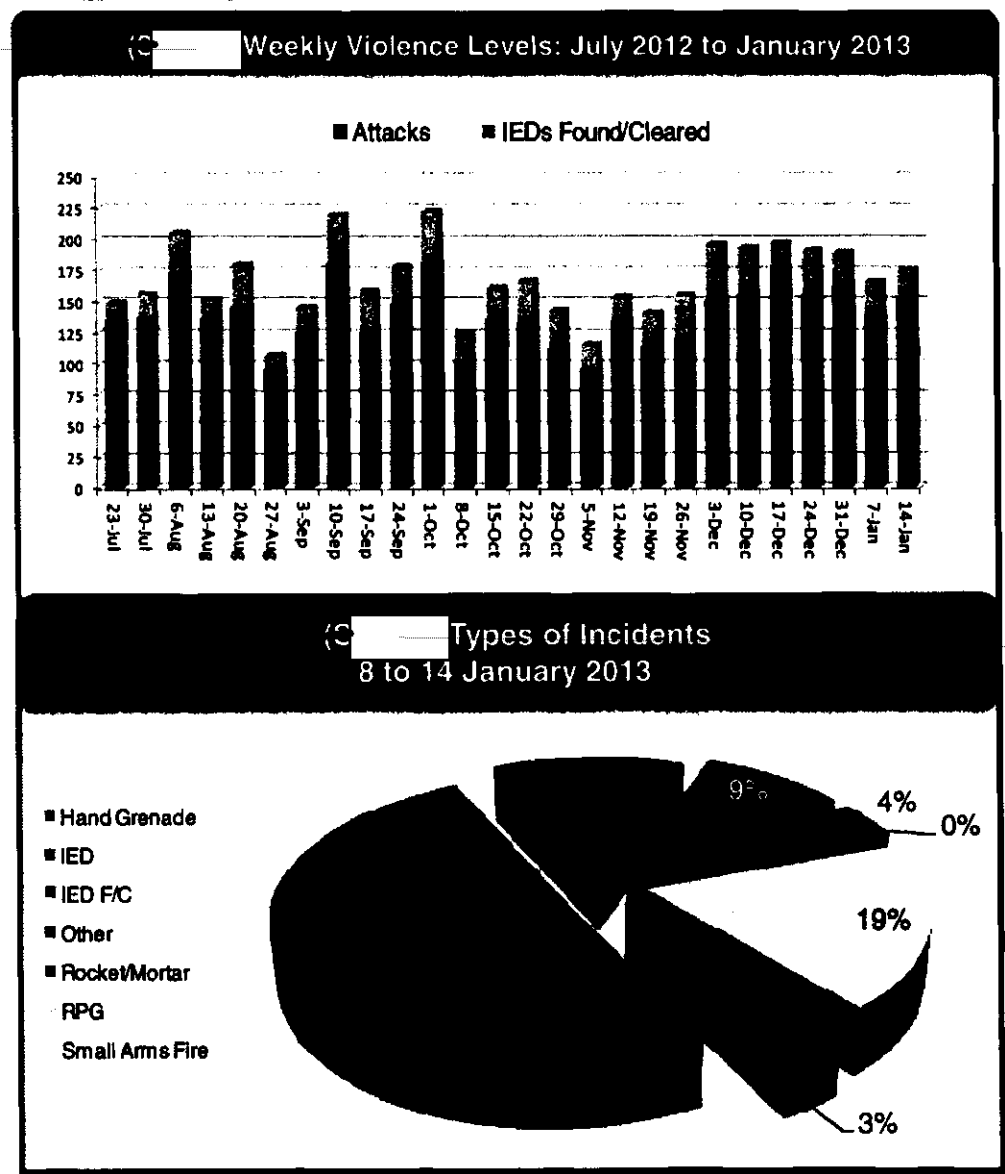
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(S) (b)(3):10 USC 424 Overall Levels of Violence

- The overall level of violence in Iraq this week increased 6 percent compared to last week
 - The most common attack methods this week were IEDs (51 percent) followed by small arms fire (19 percent)
- IED incidents increased 16 percent (77 to 89) from last week's level; 26 percent were found and cleared
- Baghdad (46 incidents) was the most violent province this week, followed by Ninawa (43), and Diyala (28)
 - Violent incidents increased by 14 percent (50 to 57) in the northern provinces, increased 7 percent (100 to 107) in the central provinces, and decreased 25 percent (16 to 12) the southern provinces this week
- 52 percent of attacks targeted Iraqi civilians and 37 percent of attacks targeted civilians
- VBIED and Suicide incidents increased 67 percent (9 to 15) compared to last week; there were four VBIED and Suicide incidents found and cleared
- Assassination incidents increased 37 percent (19 to 26) compared to last week



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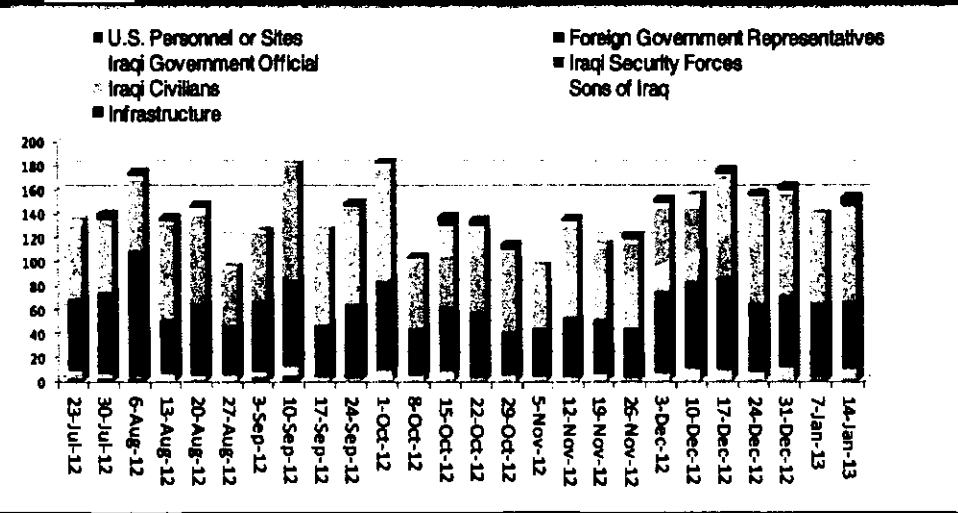


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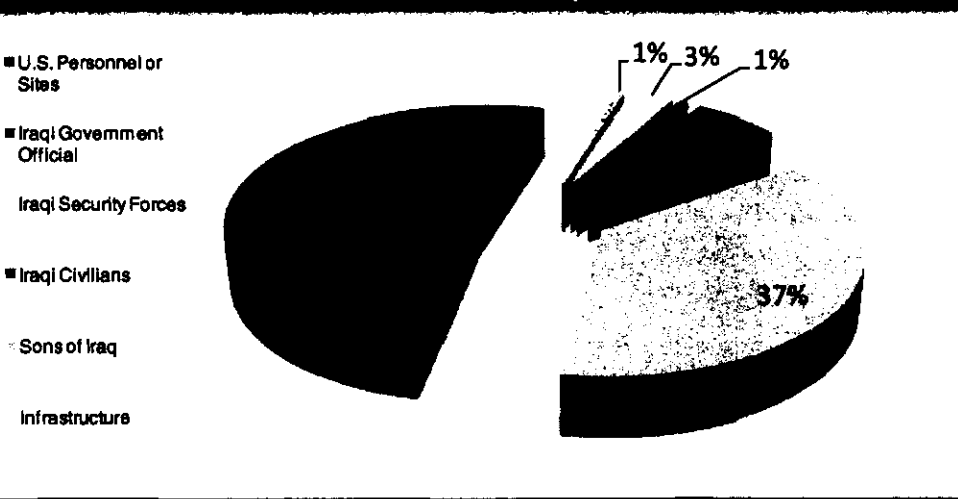
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USC 424 **Enemy Targeting Trends**

- There was one attack on U.S. Personnel or Sites (1 last week)
- There were no attacks on Foreign Government Representatives (0 last week)
- There were 2 attacks on Iraqi Government Officials (10 last week)
- There were 57 attacks on Iraqi Security Forces (63 last week)
- There were 79 attacks on Iraqi Civilians (72 last week)
- There was one attack on Sons of Iraq (2 last week)
- There were five attacks on Infrastructure (0 last week)

(C) **Attack Trends by Target from July 2012 to January 2013**



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USC 424 **Proportionality in Targeting Trends by Target 8 to 14 January 2013**

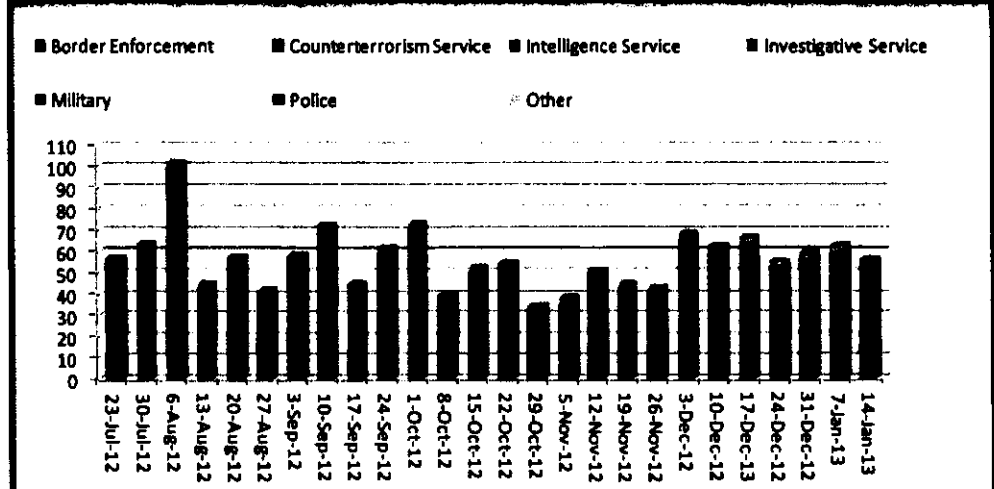




(S) (b)(3):10 USC 424 **Enemy Targeting ISF Trends**

- There were 57 attacks on Iraqi Security Forces (63 last week)
 - There were 9 attacks on ISF officials in transit (3 last week)
 - There were 40 attacks on ISF officials in stationary locations (48 last week)
 - There were 8 assassination attempts on ISF officials (12 last week); four were against police and four were against military
- The most common attack methods were IEDs (36 incidents) and small arms fire (15)
- Incidents were highest in Ninawa province (20) where police (10) were the most common target by means of IEDs (7) and small arms fire (2), tied with military (10) by means of IEDs (6) and small arms fire (4)

(C) **Attack ISF Trends by ISF Category from July 2012 to January 2013**



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(C) **Proportionality in ISF Targeting Trends by Location 8 to 14 January 2013**



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(U) Northern Provinces

VBIED and Suicide Attacks

- On 8 January, a VBIED detonated near a Mosul (Ninawa province) mall killing six civilians
- Security forces arrested three men attempting to detonate a VBIED near a Mosul checkpoint on 9 January
- National police forces seized and cleared a VBIED after clashing with its driver on 14 January in Mosul

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Noteworthy Attacks

- On 11 January, an IED detonated on a group of children playing soccer in Makmur (Ninawa) killing two and injuring four
- Two police officers were killed and three injured on 11 January when an IED struck their Hammam Al Ailil (Ninawa) patrol
- An IED targeted the Deputy Director of Internal Affairs, BG Orhan Kamal, in Kirkuk on 11 January wounding two civilians
- The Mayor of Shaykan district (Dahuk province), a major center of the Yazidi minority, was found with a gunshot wound to the head on 12 January; suicide has not been ruled out
- Three male relatives were shot execution style in Qayyarah (Ninawa) on 12 January
- On 13 January, an officer providing security for a Court of Appeals judge was kidnapped in Hawija (Kirkuk)
- A store owned by a member of the Kirkuk Governate council was the target of an IED on 14 January in Riyadh (Kirkuk)
- Security forces clashed with five gunmen after responding to a home invasion in Kirkuk on 14 January; one gunman and three civilians were killed during the shootout

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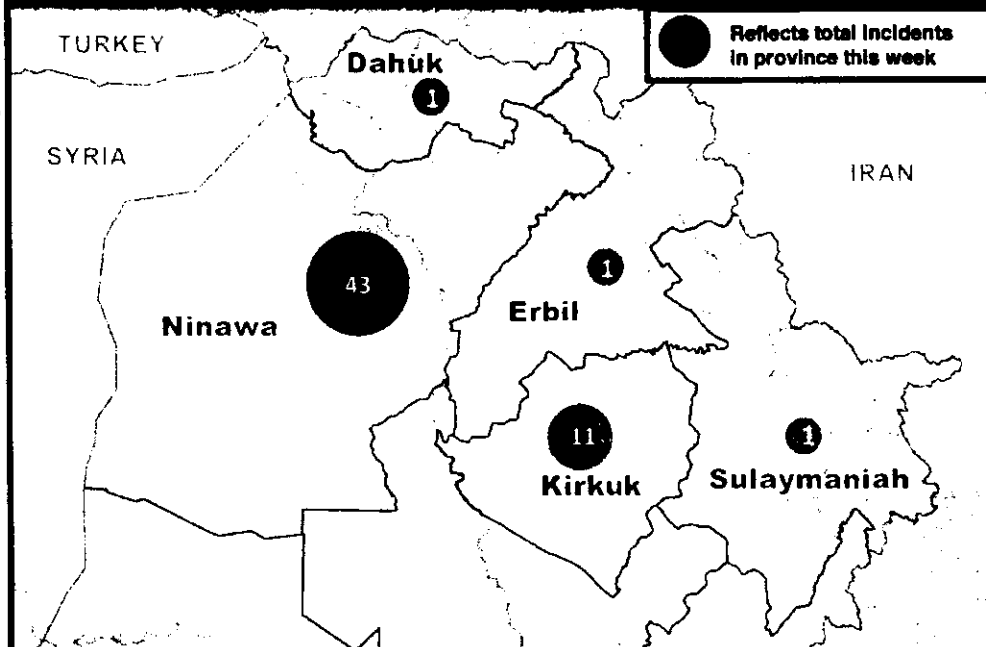
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Protests and Demonstrations

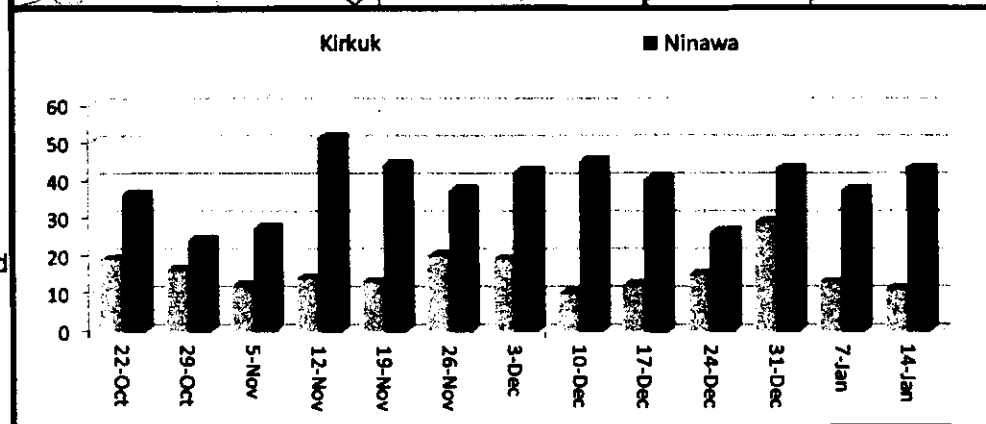
- Anti-GOI protests continued this week in Mosul, despite heightened security measures; smaller numbers showed up to support PM Maliki.
- Protests in Erbil and Sulaymaniah on 13-14 January called for an investigation into the death of three PKK affiliates in Paris

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8 to 14 January 2013 Incidents



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(U) Central Provinces

(S) Attack Against US Presence

- OSC-I Tikrit was targeted by at least two rockets at 1900L on 13 January; one probable 122mm round detonated with no casualties, one 122mm round did not detonate and was recovered by Iraqi EOD; neither impacted on the US footprint

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(S) VBIED and Suicide Attacks

- A VBIED targeting a market in Khan Bani Saad (Diyala province) detonated on 8 January; four civilians were killed and 14 wounded
- A motorcycle-borne IED detonated in a village near Baqubah (Diyala) on 9 January, injuring two SOI members
- On 10 January, a VBIED detonation near a police station in north Baghdad killed three and wounded 11 civilians
- A hand grenade attack on a police checkpoint in Taji (Baghdad) on 10 January was followed by a VBIED detonation on first responders; three policemen were killed
- On 12 January, a VBIED detonated in a market in Muqdadia (Diyala), killing two and wounding six civilians
- Samarra (Salah ad Din) General Hospital was targeted by VBIEDs on 14 and 15 January, both were found and cleared and no casualties or damage resulted

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(S) Noteworthy Attacks

- 15 prisoners escaped from Taji prison (Baghdad) on 11 January; four guards were charged with collusion; one escapee was recaptured on 14 January in Baghdad

(S) Protests and Demonstrations

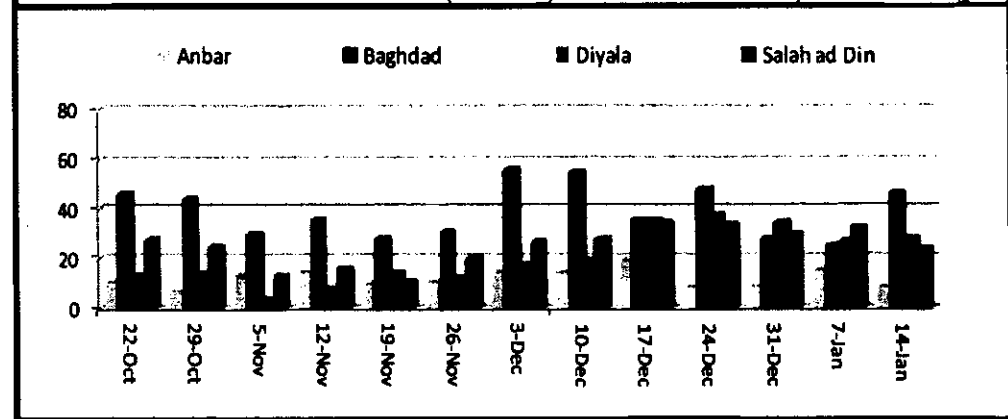
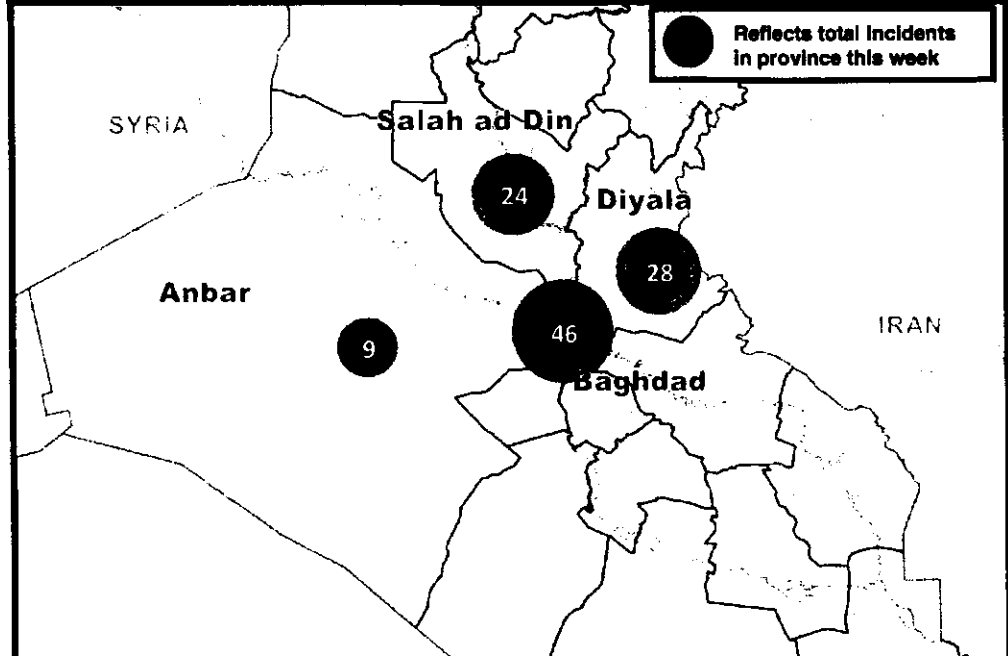
- Protests against PM Maliki and the GOI continued in majority Sunni areas of Anbar, Salah ad Din, and Ninawa, and pro-PM Maliki protests took place in Baghdad and Ninawa under police guard and assisted by government elements

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(C) 8 to 14 January 2013 Incidents

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(U) Southern Provinces

(C) Noteworthy Attacks

- On 10 January, three electrical towers in Wasit province collapsed from damages caused by explosives
- An employee of the Department of Electricity was assassinated by an unidentified gunman on 9 January in Babil province
- A man was found stabbed to death inside his Iskandariyah (Babil) home on 9 January

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(C) Government Actions

- On 11 January, elements of the Iraqi Police arrested 250 Al Qaeda-affiliated cell members in Najaf province
- Six men belonging to an al-Qaeda VBIED cell were arrested in Diwaniyah province on 13 January by Iraqi police elements
- 12 inmates, one sentenced to death under Article IV, escaped a prison in Dhi Qar province on 12 January
- On 14 January, police arrested a senior member of al-Qaeda in Babil
- From 11-14 January in Babil, police elements discovered multiple large cache sites

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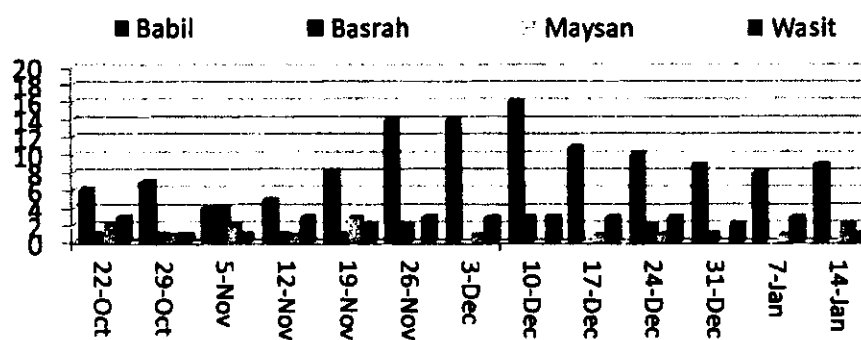
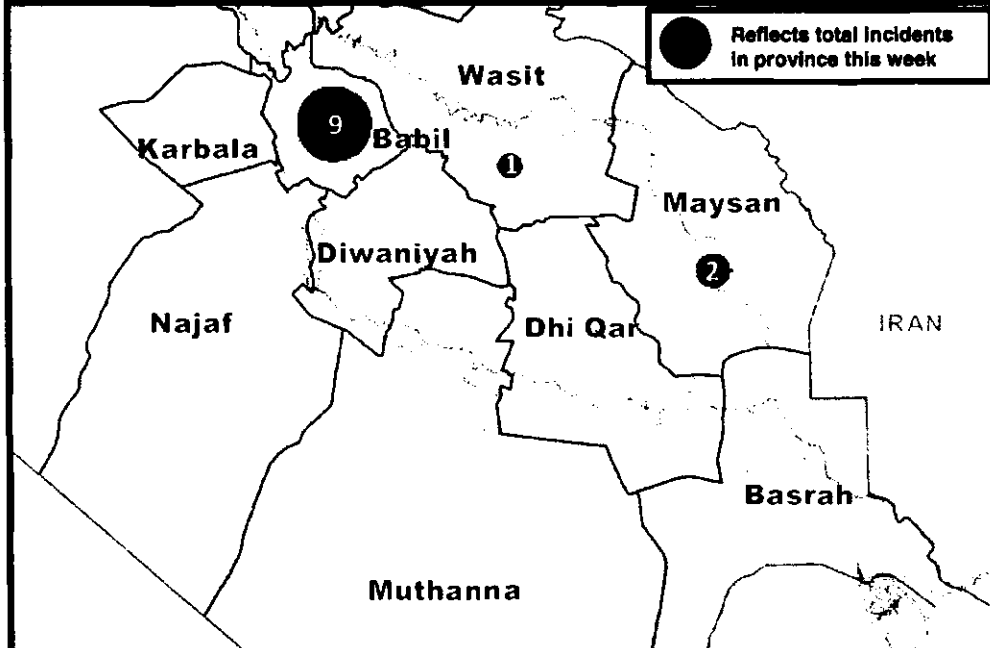
(C) Protests and Demonstrations

- Thousands in Kut (Wasit) demonstrated their support for PM Maliki on 8 January
- Nearly 1,700 gathered near the Olympic Facility in Basra province in support of Article IV on 9 January
- About 3,500 gathered in Diwaniya to protest against the return of the Ba'ath Party on 9 January
- Hundreds of people in Dhi Qar and Babil provinces came out to support PM Maliki on 10 January
- A demonstration of 4,000 supporters of the GOI gathered in Maysan province on 10 January
- On 14 January over 5,000 gathered in support of Article IV in Muthanna province

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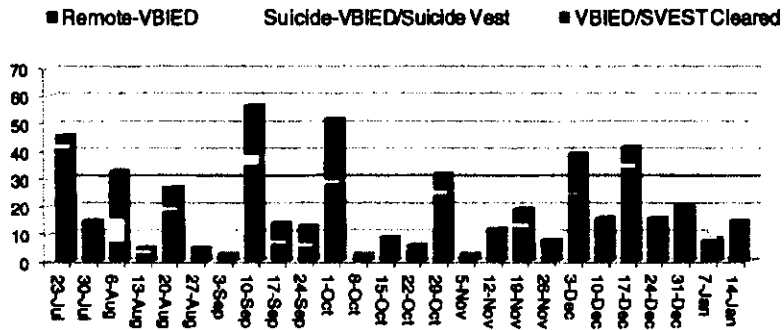
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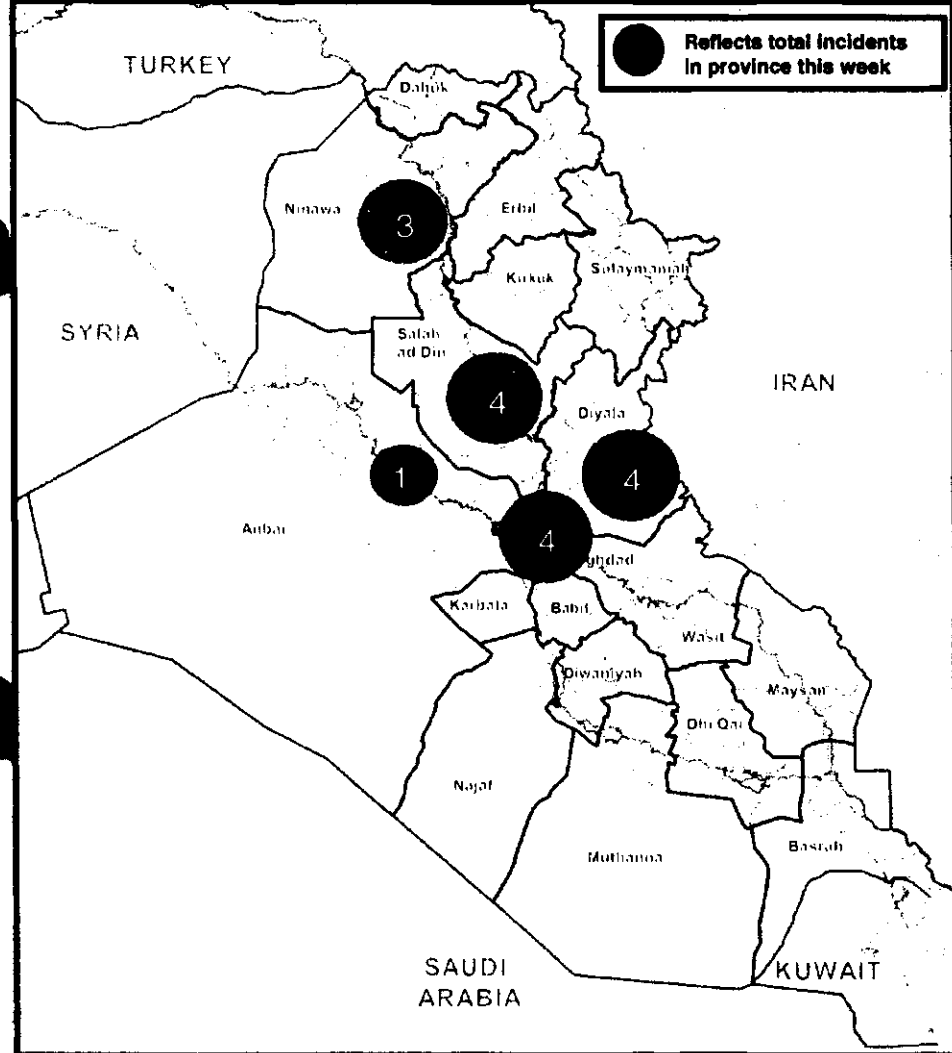
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VBIED and Suicide Incidents February 2012 to January 2013



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(U) Assassination Incidents

(S) Northern Provinces

- Two Mosul (Ninawa province) doctors were wounded in separate MAIED attacks on 9 and 11 January

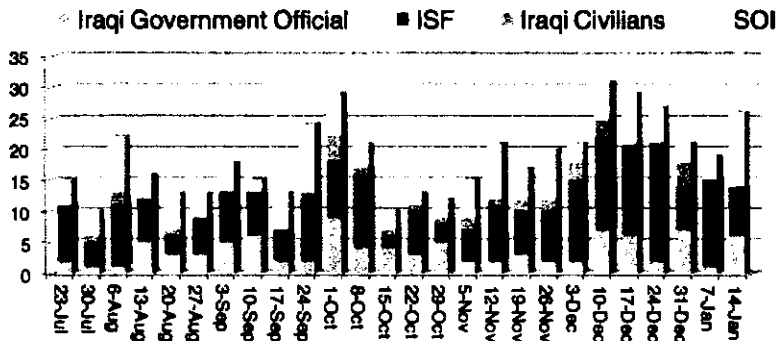
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(S) Central Provinces

- Clan elder Mohammed TaHER Al Rabbo Jubouri was shot dead inside his Mosul home on 14 January, Jubouri organized protests against PM Maliki
- The President of Diyala University was injured in an IED attack on his convoy in Baqubah on 10 January; two of his bodyguards died in the attack
- Council member Aboud Al Emadi and two civilians near him were killed in an IED attack in Mandali (Diyala) on 10 January
- Dia Gays Hassan, Assistant Director of the CoR, was wounded when an MAIED detonated on his vehicle in Baghdad on 10 January
- An advisor at the Ministry of Justice was shot and killed on 11 January outside his Baghdad home
- On 12 January in Madain (Baghdad province), Reconciliation Council Member Dawood Selman Jabber was killed when a MAIED went off on his car
- Iraqi List MP, Shaykh Aifan al Issawi, and two of his security personnel were killed by a man in a SVEST in Fallujah (Anbar province) on 15 January; Issawi was well known for killing AQI insurgents as a member of the SOI

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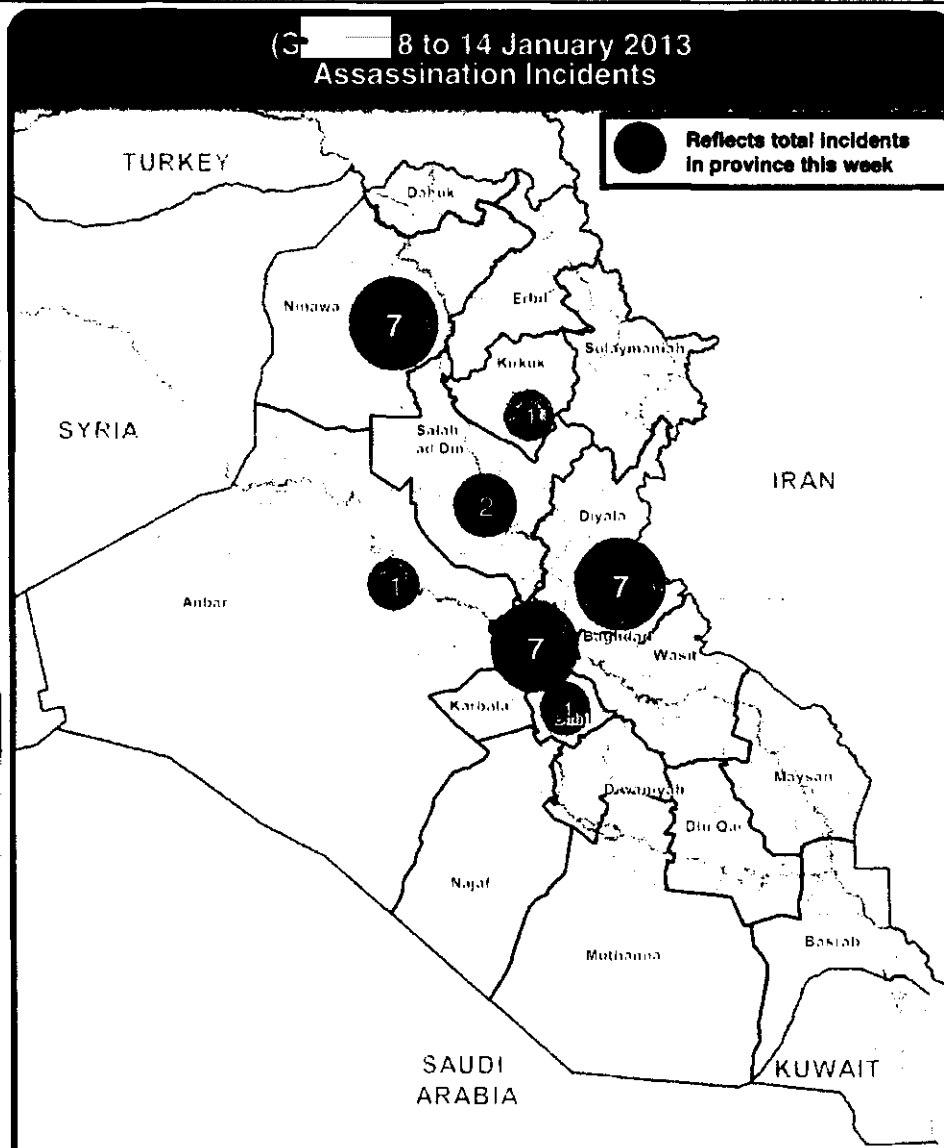
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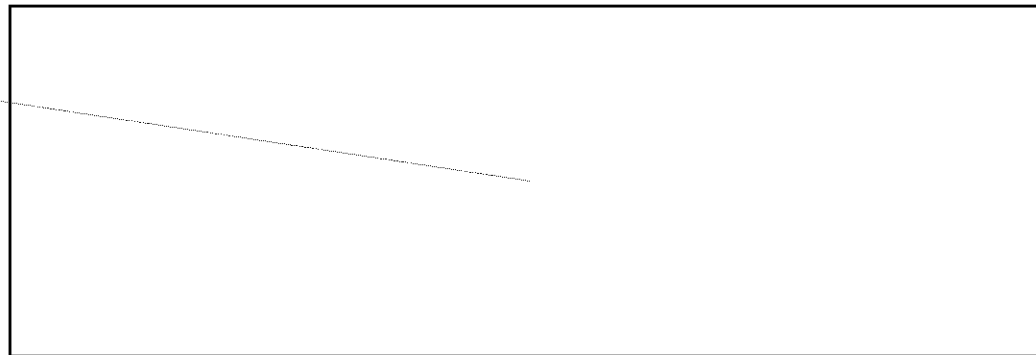

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- DF – Direct Fire (small arms, RPG, etc.)
- EFP – Explosively Formed Penetrator
- F/C – Found/Cleared
- GoI – Government of Iraq
- HMMWV – High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle
- IDP – Internal Displaced Persons
- IDF – Indirect Fire (Mortar or Rocket)
- IED – Improvised Explosive Device
- IRAM – Improvised Rocket Assisted Mortar
- IA – Iraqi Army
- IGO – Iraq Government Official
- IP – Iraqi Police
- ISF – Iraqi Security Forces
- IZ – International Zone (Green Zone)
- KRG – Kurdistan Regional Government
- LOC – Lines of Communication
- MAIED – Magnetically Attached IED
- MANPADS – Man Portable Air Defense System
- RKG – Anti-armor Grenade (*Ruchnaya Kumulyativnaya Granata*)
- RPG – Rocket Propelled Grenade
- SAFIRE – Surface to Air Fire
- SAIED – Surface-to-Air IED
- SOI – Sons of Iraq
- SVBIED – Suicide-VBIED
- SVEST – Suicide-Vest IED
- TTP – Tactics Techniques and Procedures
- VBIED – Vehicle-Borne IED

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