

(U) Iraq: Weekly Security Update



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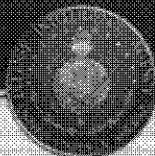
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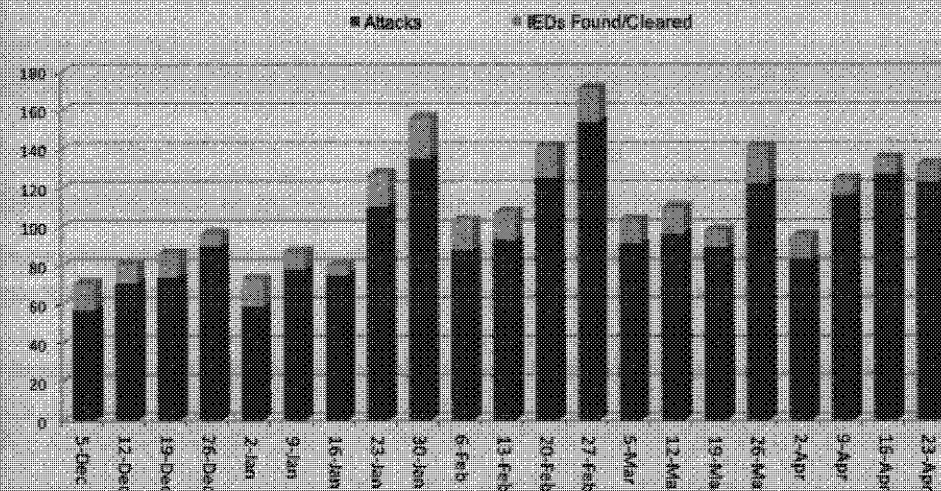
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Overall Levels of Violence

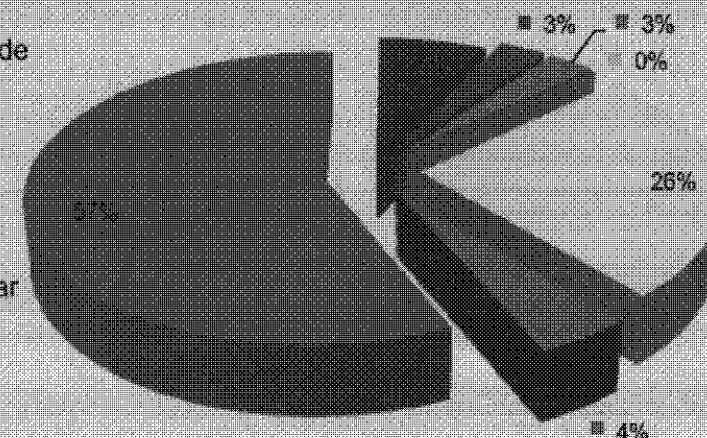
- The overall level of violence in Iraq this week decreased 2 percent (135 to 132) compared to last week
- IED incidents increased 11 percent (76 to 84) from last week's level, 11 percent were found and cleared this week
- Salah ad Din was the most violent province this week (26 incidents), followed by Diyala (24) and Kirkuk (19)
- 41 percent of attacks targeted Iraqi security forces; 38 percent targeted Iraqi civilians; 10 percent targeted Iraqi government officials this week

Weekly Violence Levels: December 2011 to April 2012



Types of Incidents 17 to 23 April 2012

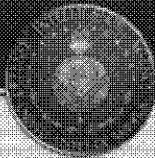
■ Hand Grenade
■ IED
■ IED F/C
■ Other
■ Rocket/Mortar
■ RPG
■ Small Arms



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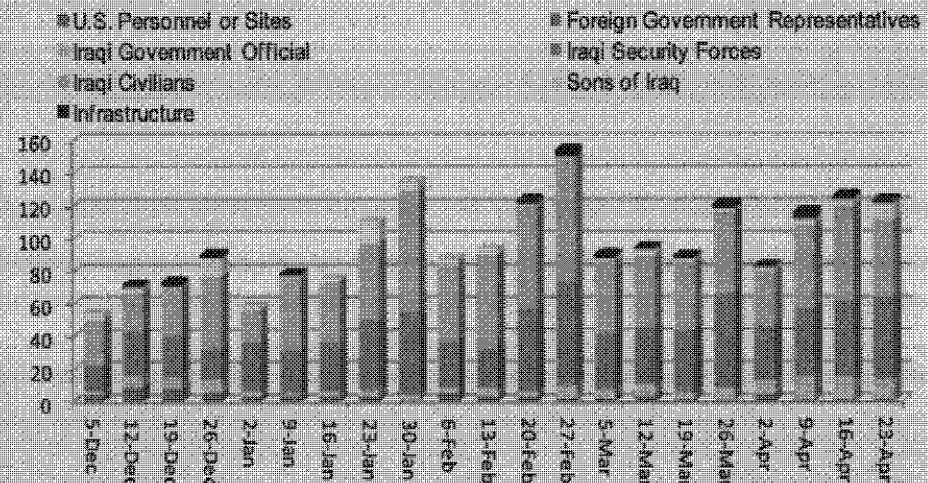
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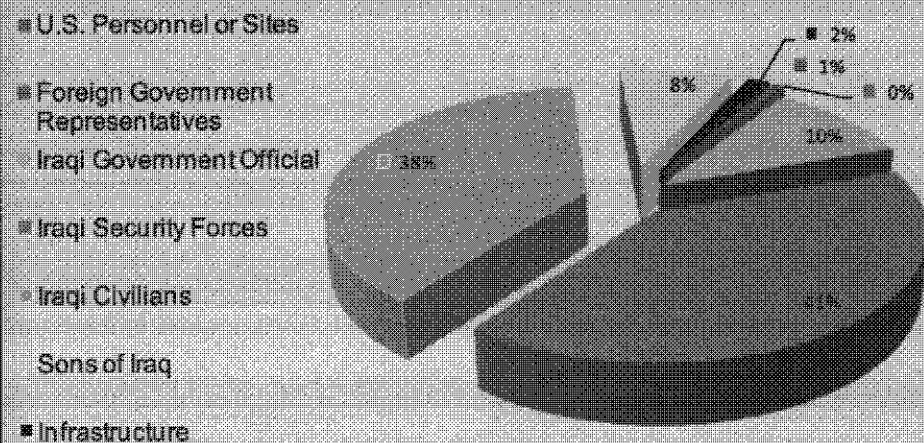
(S) (b)(3):10 USC 424 Enemy Targeting Trends

- Attacks on U.S. Personnel or Sites remained the same (1 to 1) this week
- There were no attacks on foreign government representatives (0 to 0) this week
- Attacks on Iraqi government officials decreased 7% (14 to 13) from last week
- Attacks on Iraqi security forces increased 9% (46 to 50) from last week
- Attacks on Iraqi civilians decreased 20% (59 to 47) from last week
- Attacks on Sons of Iraq more than doubled (4 to 10) from last week
- Attacks on Infrastructure remained the same (2 to 2) this week

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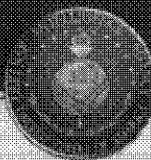
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Attacks on U.S. Enduring Sites

- On 18 April OSC-I Kirkuk was targeted with three 57mm rockets, none of which impacted on the U.S. footprint
 - One Iraqi Police Academy student was wounded

VBIED and Suicide Attacks

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AQI conducted a series of VBIED, suicide, and other attacks throughout Iraq on 19 April

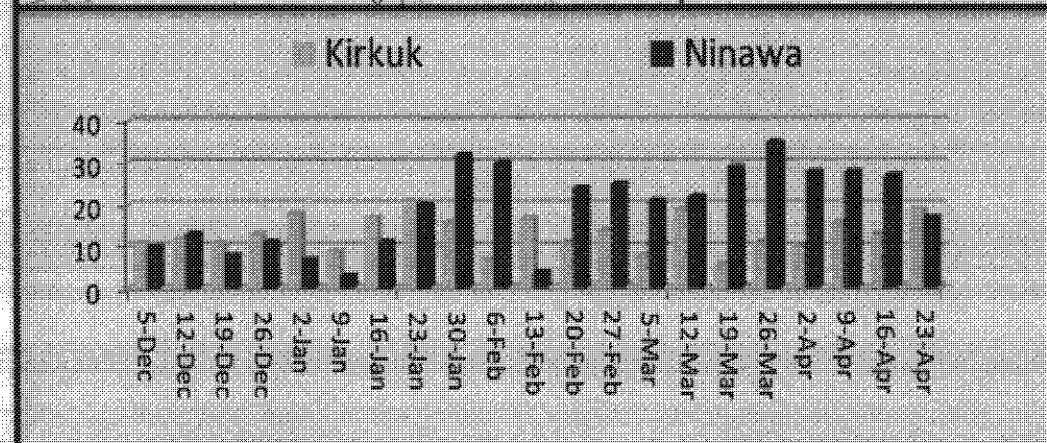
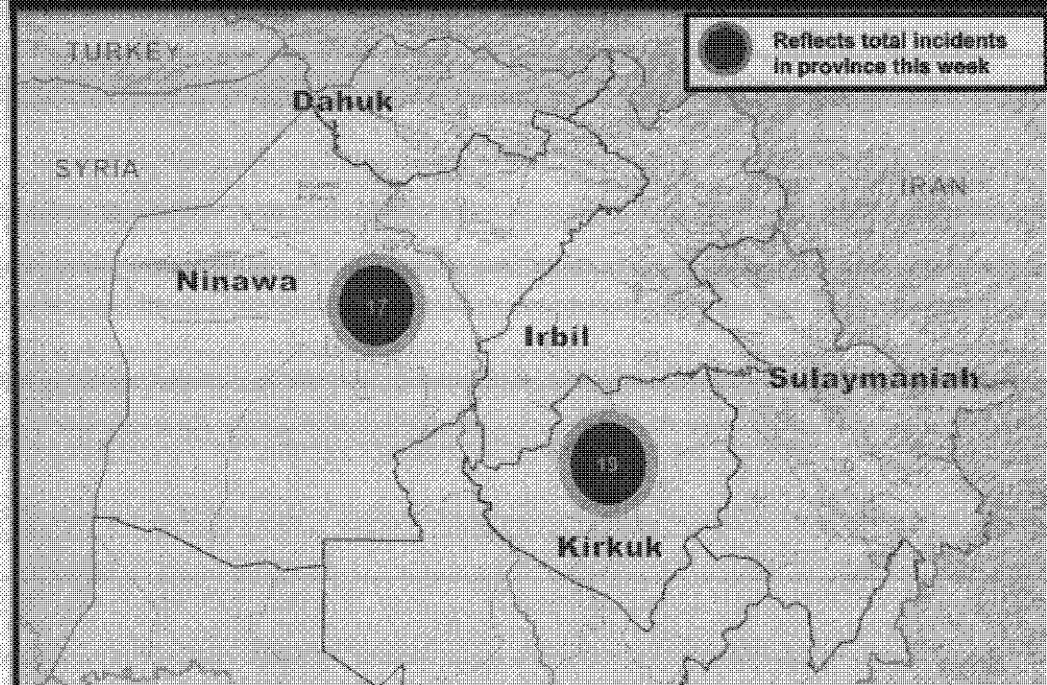
- A VBIED targeting a police convoy in central Kirkuk killed four and wounded 19 people
 - The police colonel in charge of the local emergency response unit and two of his protection force were wounded
- Another VBIED in central Kirkuk killed two and wounded four emergency policemen
- An IED attack near a restaurant in Mosul (Ninawa province) killed three civilians
 - Iraqi forces interdicted a suicide bomber at the same location before he could detonate

Noteworthy Incidents

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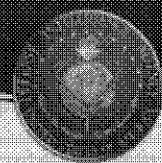
- Six IEDs detonated simultaneously, killing five and wounding 11 people on 19 April in Dibbis (northern Kirkuk province)
- Iraqi forces claimed to have arrested a Syrian suicide bomber in Mosul on 22 April
- Ninawa border forces arrested 25 Iraqi citizens – carrying silenced weapons, rifles, and a large amount of U.S. currency – attempting to enter Iraq illegally from Syria

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Attacks on U.S. Enduring Sites or Personnel

- There were no attacks targeting U.S. Enduring sites or personal in the central provinces this week

Noteworthy Attacks

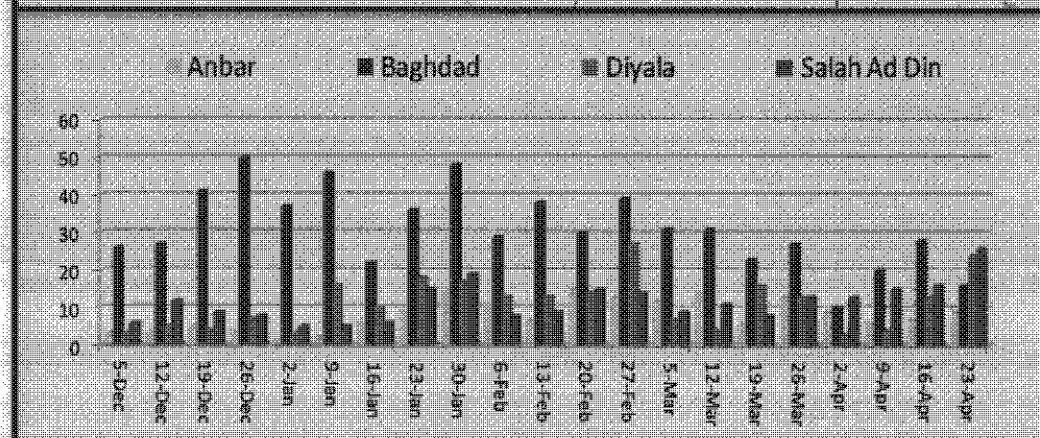
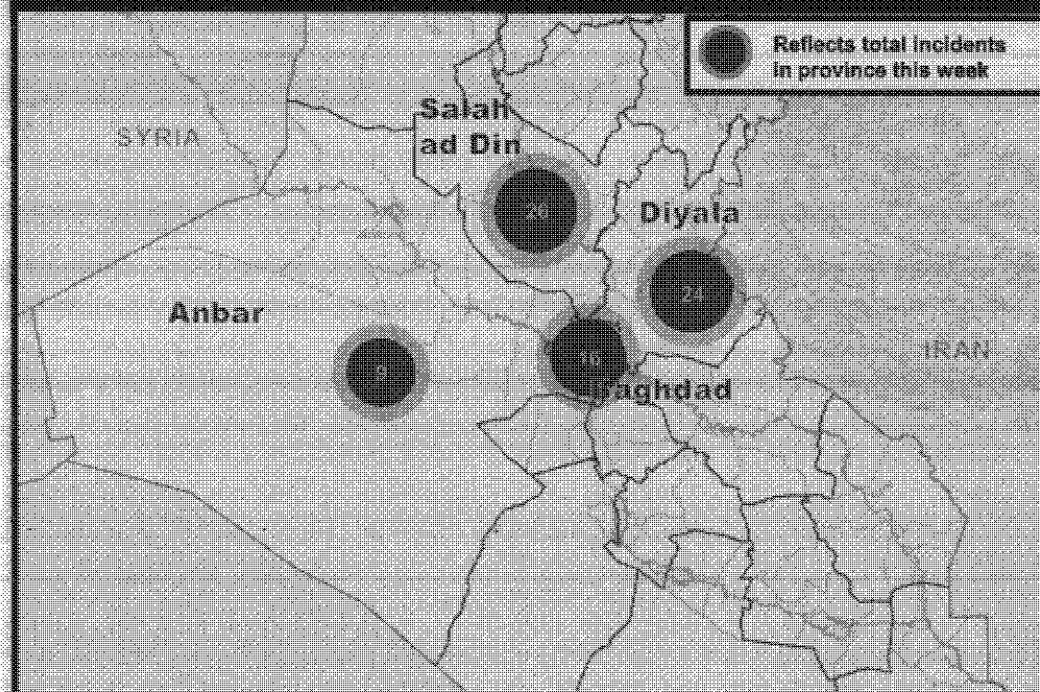
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- On 19 April, a private security company escorting a logistics convoy was targeted with an IED while traveling through Baghdad, resulting in slight damage to a vehicle

AQI conducted a series of attacks throughout Iraq on 19 April

- A VBIED in Rashid (Baghdad province) killed two and wounded 17 civilians
- A VBIED in Kadamiyah (Baghdad) targeted a hotel for Iranian visitors, killing three and wounding 14 Iranian pilgrims
- The Health Minister survived an attack on his convoy by a VBIED in central Baghdad; five soldiers were killed and five civilians wounded
- A SVBIED targeted an Army checkpoint in Tarimyah (Salah ad Din province), killing one and wounding two soldiers
- The Bayji Oil Refinery (Salah ad Din) was attacked by three rockets, causing slight damage and wounding one worker
- Two VBIED detonations within 30 minutes of each other in Ramadi (Anbar province) led to the death of one civilian and one policeman, and wounded five policeman and six civilians
- A SVEST detonation in Baqubah (Diyala province) targeted an Army Captain's home, wounding 11 civilians and killing one

17 to 23 April 2012 Incidents



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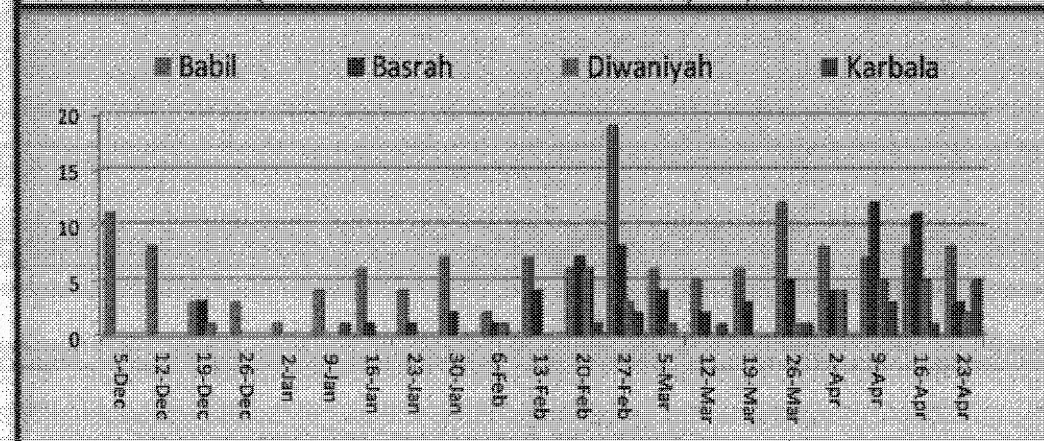
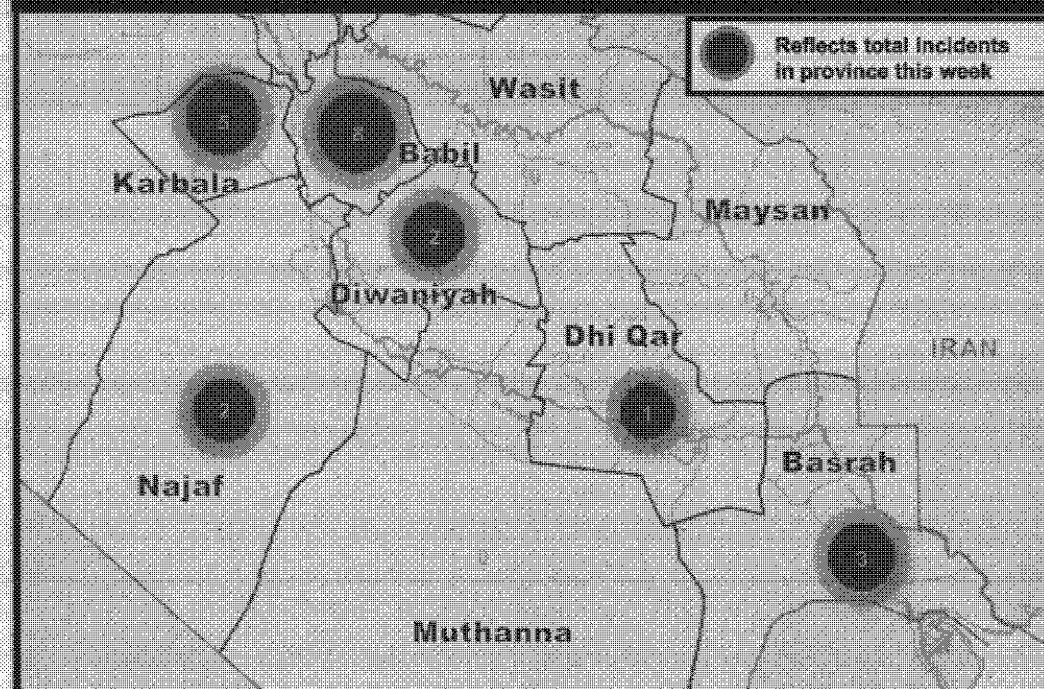
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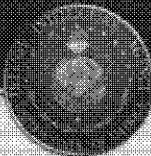
Noteworthy Attacks

The mid-February spike in attacks in southern Iraq consisted largely of tit-for-tat violence between supporters of Grand Ayatollah Sistani and radical Shia religious figure Mahmud al-Sarkhi. Violence in these provinces is broadening, and attacks have targeted major Shia political parties and coalitions (State of Law, Dawa, ISCI, Sadrists), Kurdish political offices (PUK), Ayad Allawi affiliates, and representatives of other Shia religious figures.

- A gunman attacked the Basrah Deputy Governor's (Dawa) convoy in southern Basrah province on 18 April
- The former governor of Karbala's (Dawa) residence was attacked with an IED on 21 April
- The residence of the former Minister of Health – who has ties to the Dawa Party – was attacked with an IED in Karbala on 20 April
- The residence of the Diwaniyah Provincial Council member (State of Law) was attacked with a grenade on 20 April
- The residence of the Chairman of the Health Committee of the Karbala Provincial Council (Sadrist) was damaged by a grenade on 18 April
- A political office in Hillah (Babil province) affiliated with Ayad Allawi (Iraqiya) was damaged in a grenade attack on 18 April
- The sister of Grand Ayatollah Sistani's representative in Karbala was attacked with a grenade in Karbala on 18 April
- The residence of Grand Ayatollah Bashir Husayn Sadiq al-Najafi's representative in Basrah was attacked with an IED on 19 April
- Grand Ayatollah Muhammad Ishaq al-Fayad's office in Najaf was attacked with an IED on 22 April

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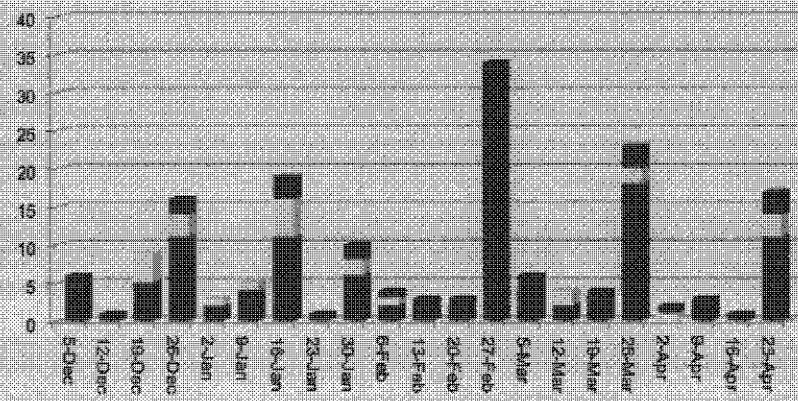
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- The daily average of VBIED and Suicide incidents this week increased exponentially (1 to 17) compared to last week
- Three VBIED and Suicide attacks were found and cleared prior to detonation

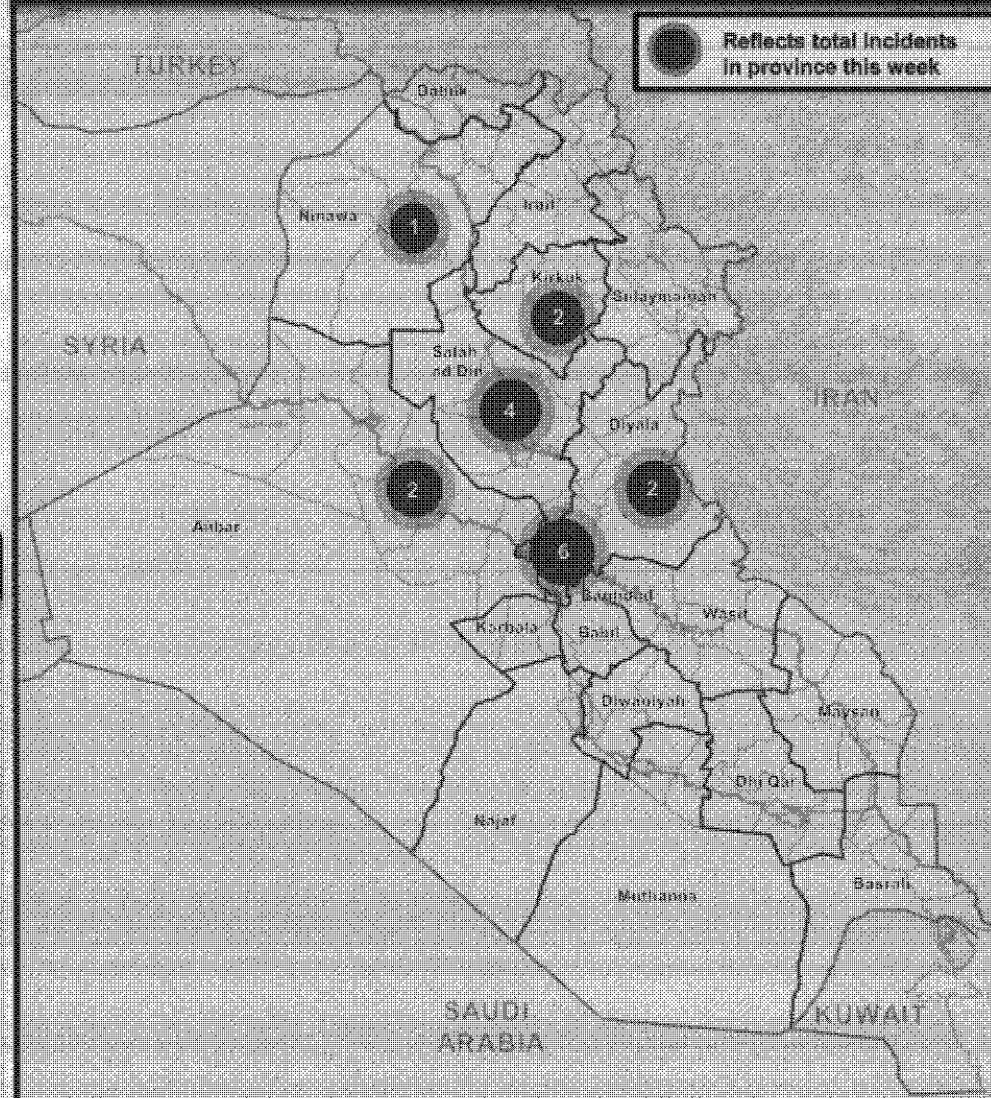
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■ Remote-VBIED ■ Suicide-VBIED/Suicide Vest ■ VBIED/SVEST Cleared



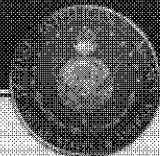
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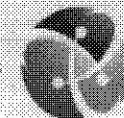


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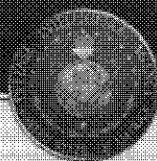


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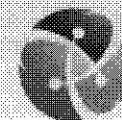
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- OSC-I
- DF – Direct Fire (small arms, RPG, etc.)
- EFP – Explosively Formed Penetrator
- F/C – Found/Cleared
- GoI – Government of Iraq
- HMMWV – High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle
- IDP – Internal Displaced Persons
- IDF – Indirect Fire (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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