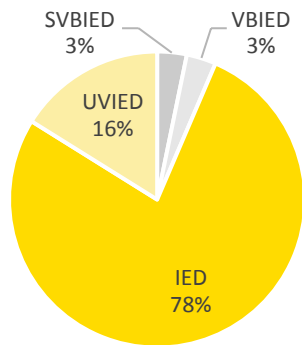
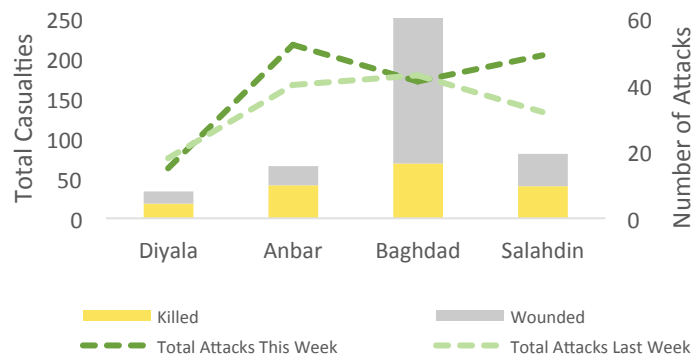


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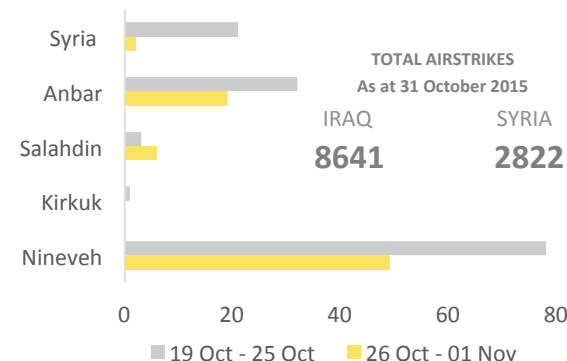
Baghdad Attack Types



Attacks and Casualties by Province



Coalition Airstrikes



Significant Events

- > **SINJAR:** Kurdish Peshmerga 4th Brigade positioned additional forces on strategic vantage points surrounding Sinjar city, while probing security raids were carried out by PYD/PKK members to test IS defenses in the city proper. Western media reported several KSF incursions although there is no evidence to suggest these gains were solidified. Local media reporting suggests a KSF offensive is imminent. However, the security conditions and provisioning of forces has not changed since the last stalled offensive in April, and with fewer airstrikes due to the inclement weather, it seems less likely the security forces will score any decisive victories in the coming week.
- > **SALAHDIN:** The Islamic State launched a counteroffensive against the security forces west of Samarra following their defeat in Bayji on 20 October. The militant group deployed 19 suicide

bombers against security checkpoints and ISF/PMU formations in an attempt to bleed forces off the battlefield - which has extended to the Makhoul and Hamrin Mountains in northern Salahdin. The northwest and western fringes of Bayji remain vulnerable to IS re-infiltration, and with ISF extending towards Shirqat, could be exploited to disrupt security progress and cut supply lines to troops engaged in combat on the frontlines.

- > **ANBAR:** IS's unconventional arm showed no signs of weakening despite security operations claiming to have destroyed VBIED factories (NW) of Ramadi. There was 19 suicide bombings this week, a 26 percent increase over last week. Many of the bombings were coordinated, with Abu Aitha and Abu Farraj near Ramadi, and al-Hayakel (SE) of Fallujah, experiencing the greatest concentration of these attacks.

Tactical Situation

- > **ANBAR** – Contested, IS extent suicide bombings towards Fallujah
- > **BAGHDAD** – Government control
- > **DIYALA** – Government control, low-level campaign of sectarian violence continues
- > **SALAHDIN** – ISF mobilizing towards Makhoul and Hamrin Mountains, IS counterpunch west of Samarra, Bayji remains vulnerable to attack
- > **NINEVEH** – IS control, Sinjar offensive making slow gains on city proper

GLOSSARY



Unity Resources Group

AAA	Anti Aircraft Artillery	KRG	Kurdistan Regional Government
AAH	Asaib al-Haq	KRI	Kurdistan Region Iraq
AAS	Ansar al-Sunna	KSF	Kurdish Security Forces
AQI	Al-Qaida in Iraq	LN	Local National
BIAP	Baghdad International Airport	MAIED	Magnetically Attached IED
CP	Checkpoint	PM	Prime Minister
CWIED	Command Wire IED	PMU	Popular Mobilisation Units
DBS	Drive by Shooting	PSC	Private Security Company
EFP	Explosively Formed Projectile	PSD	Personal Security Detail
EOD	Explosive Ordnance Disposal	PUK	Patriotic Union of Kurdistan
FP	Federal Police	QRF	Quick Reaction Force
GoI	Government of Iraq	RCIED	Remote Controlled IED
HG	Hand Grenade	RKG-3	Anti-Armour Hand Grenade
IA	Iraqi Army	RPG	Rocket Propelled Grenade
IC	Iraqi Civilian	SAF	Small Arms Fire
IDF	Indirect Fire	SAFIRE	Surface to Air Fire
IDP	Internally Displaced Person/s	SLC	State of Law Coalition
IED	Improvised Explosive Device	SOI	Sons of Iraq
IP	Iraqi Police	SOMO	State Oil Marketing Organisation
IS	Islamic State	SVBIED	Suicide Vehicle Borne IED
ISCI	Supreme Islamic Council of Iraq	SVEST	Suicide Vest
ISOF	Iraqi Special Operations Forces	TMC	Tribal Military Council
ISF	Iraqi Security Forces	TTP	Tactics Techniques and Procedures
IVO	In Vicinity Of	UVIED	Under Vehicle IED
IZ	International Zone	VBIED	Vehicle Borne IED
JAM	Jaysh Al-Mahdi	(W)	Wounded
JRTN	Jaysh Rijal al-Tariqa al-Naqshbandia		
(K)	Killed		
KH	Kataib Hezbollah		
KDP	Kurdistan Democratic Party		