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The Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and tribal fighters recaptured the Waleed Border Crossing on August 3, on the southern Syrian-Iraqi border. ISIS resisted the loss of the Iraqi border crossing and launched attacks on August 8 and 9 against both Waleed and the Syrian crossing at Tanf, which is held by U.S.-backed New Syrian Army. Tribal fighters repelled the attack. ISW is thus changing the status of Waleed to an ISF-held location.

Peshmerga forces affiliated with the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) launched clearing operations southeast of Mosul on August 14 and 15, retaking at least twelve villages in the Ninewa Plains. The operation launched from the Khazar Axis, between Mosul and Arbil, and moved south towards the Peshmerga-held town of Gwer. ISW is thus changing the status of this area from contested to a populated area under KDP Peshmerga control.

The ISF retook the city of Qayyarah on August 25, following more than a month of operations to secure terrain south of the city and between the city and Qayyarah airbase, which security forces recaptured on July 9. The ISF breached the city limits on August 23, encountering limited resistance in the southern neighborhoods. The ISF secured the city center and government complex on August 24, as operations continued towards the northern side of the city. Joint Operations Command announced full control over the city on August 25. ISW is thus changing the status of Qayyarah to an ISF-held location.