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ISIS SLEEPER CELLS ACTIVITIES AMID THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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JAN - AUG 2020

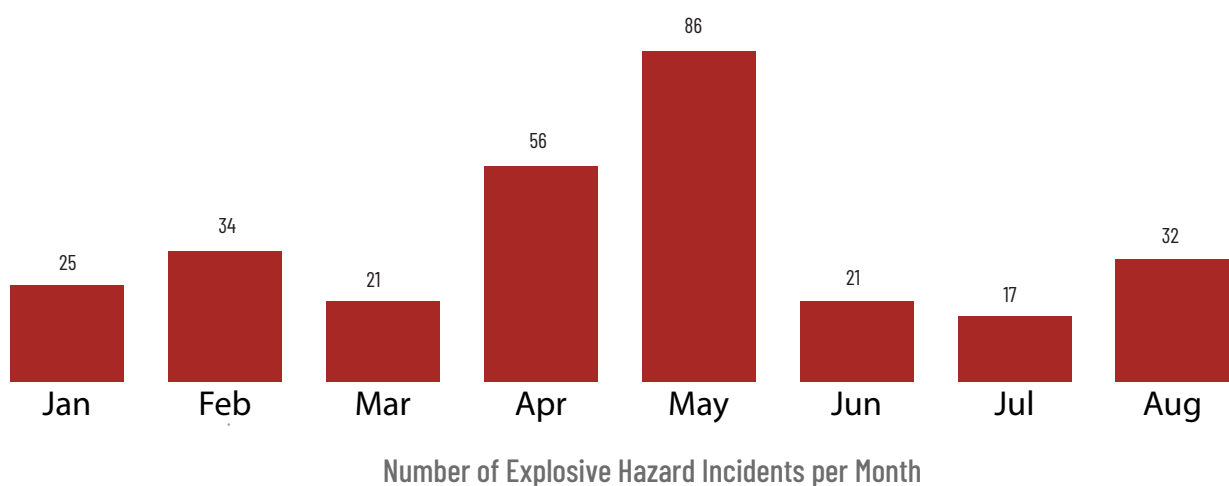
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01 – ISIS EXPLOSIVE HAZARD INCIDENTS OVERVIEW

From January to August 2020, ISIS caused 292 incidents taking place mainly in Diyala, followed by Anbar, Kirkuk, Salah al-Din, Mosul, Erbil, and Baghdad, which experienced fewer incidents compared to other provinces. ISIS increased its operations with the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic. During April and May 2020, the number of ISIS-caused incidents reached 86, increasing by over threefold compared to previous months.

Moreover, other reasons for the increased ISIS attacks were the reduction of activities and missions of the coalition forces in Iraq, and their handout of control to the local security forces, in addition to the withdrawal of coalition forces' troops as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which further mobilized ISIS operations during the period.

This situation report entails data summary of ISIS-related explosive hazard incidents necessary for the humanitarian actors to plan and prioritize their prompt responses to the affected areas and communities.



Location of Airstrikes Targeting ISIS

The map illustrates the distribution of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and the locations of airstrikes in Iraq. The map shows the following:

- Legend:**
 - Airstrike (Red arrow)
 - Capital (Star)
 - Governorate Center (Circle)
 - IDPs Camp (Blue 'A')
 - Primary Road (Yellow line)
 - Iraq Boundary (Thick black line)
 - Governorate Boundary (Thin black line)
 - District Boundary (Dashed line)
- Scale:** 0 to 100 km.
- Geographical Features:**
 - Governorates:** Nineveh, Erbil, Kirkuk, Salah al-Din, Diyala, Anbar, Baghdad, Karbala, Wasset.
 - Districts:** Nineveh (Mosul, Tikrit, Erbil, Kirkuk, Salah al-Din, Diyala, Anbar, Baghdad, Karbala, Wasset).
 - Cities:** Mosul, Erbil, Kirkuk, Tikrit, Salah al-Din, Diyala, Anbar, Baghdad, Karbala, Wasset.
- IDP Camps (Blue 'A'):** Located in various governorates, including Nineveh, Erbil, Kirkuk, Salah al-Din, Diyala, Anbar, Baghdad, Karbala, and Wasset.
- Airstrikes (Red arrows):** Numerous locations are marked, particularly in the northern and central regions, including Nineveh, Erbil, Kirkuk, Salah al-Din, and Diyala.

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1.2 - Explosive Hazards

Incidents caused by: IEDs, UXOs, landmines, and direct or indirect fire.

Total Number of Explosive Hazard Incidents per Type

37
IED

23
Indirect Fire

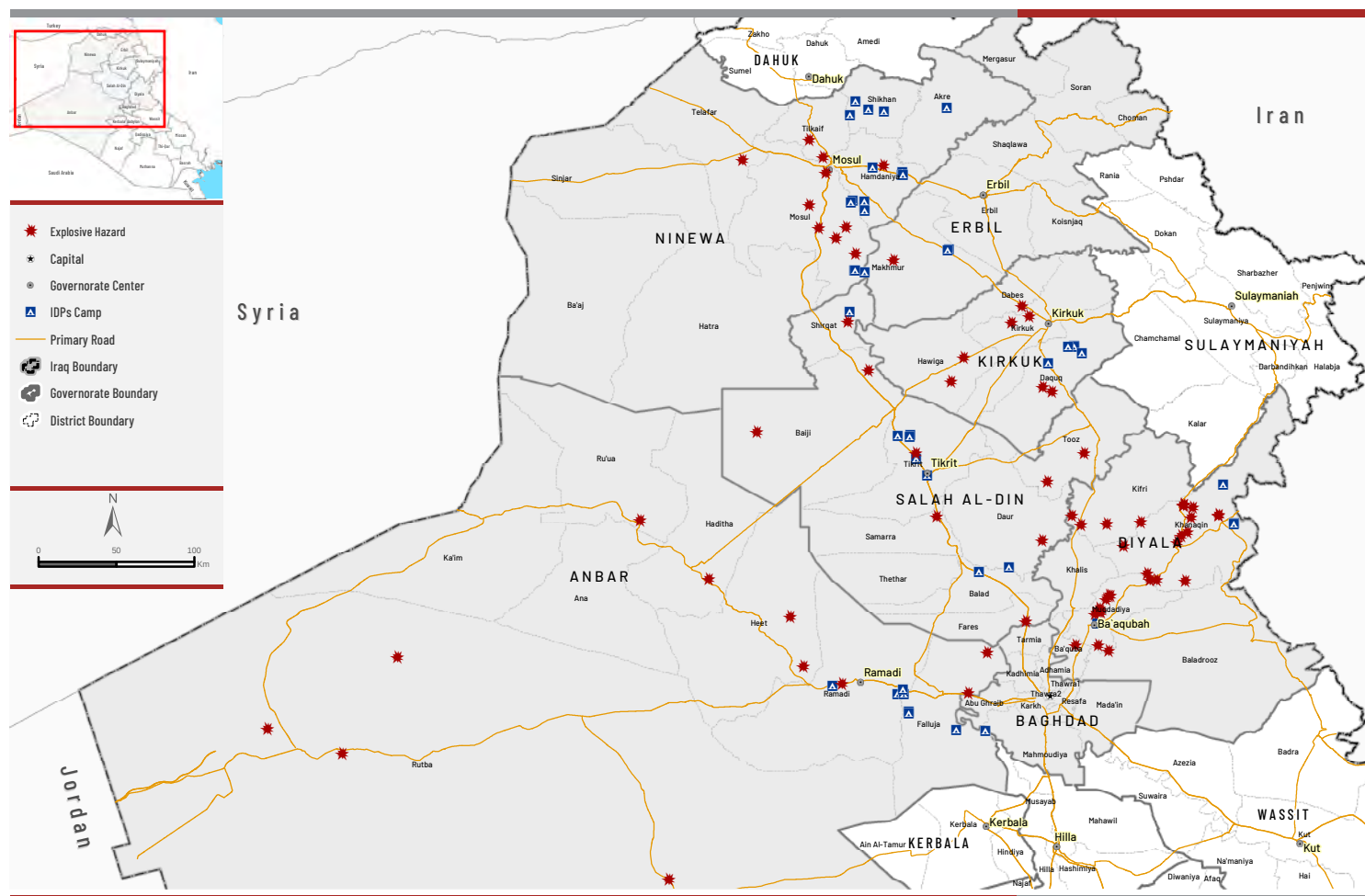
3
SIED

0
VBIED

3
Landmines

Location of Explosive Hazard Incidents Caused by ISIS

January - August 2020



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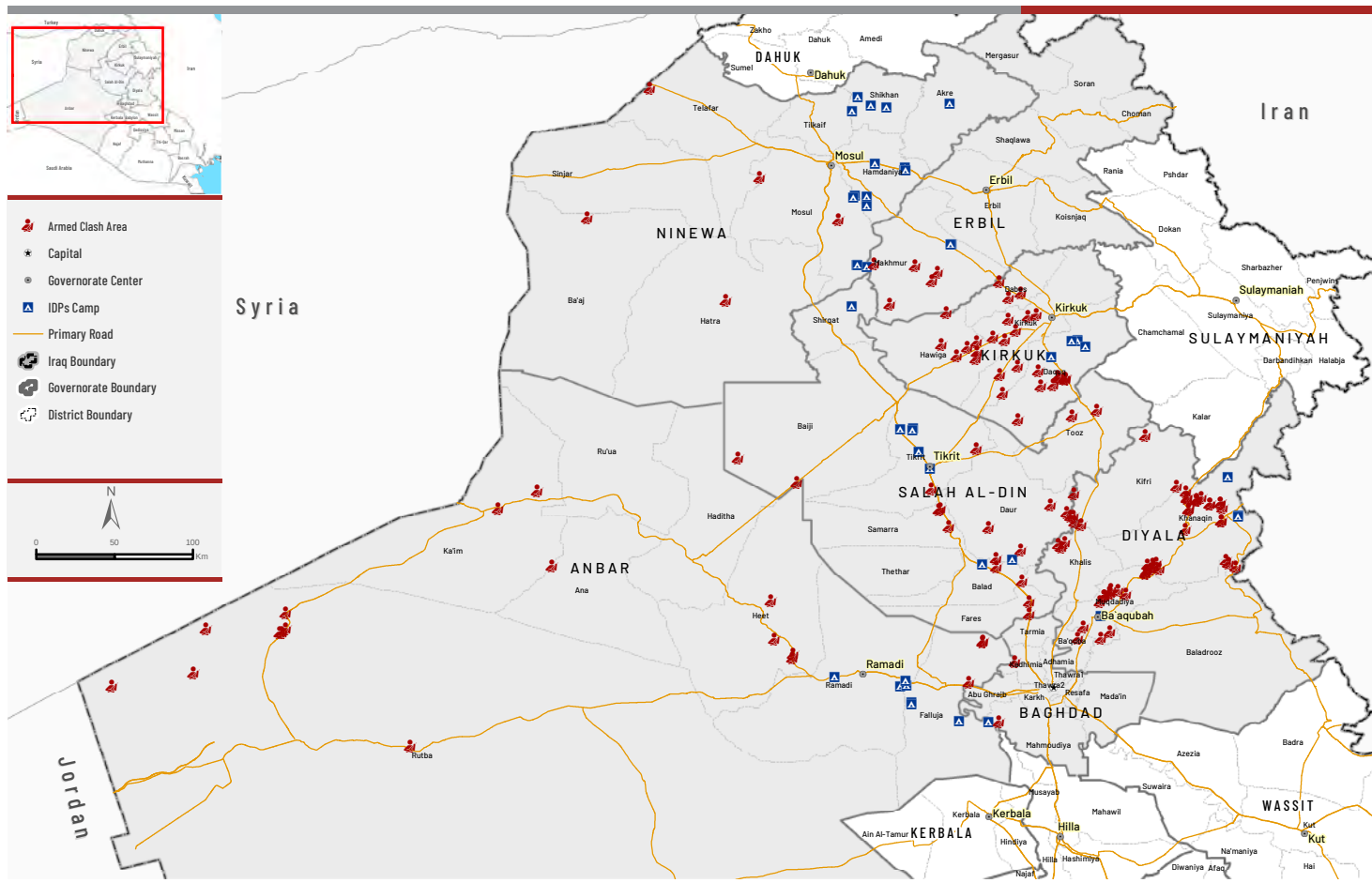
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1.3 - Armed Clash Areas

Areas affected by ISIS attacks, which experience significant impact due to the complexity of the attacks and the use of different explosives and heavy weaponry.

Armed Clash Areas Led by ISIS

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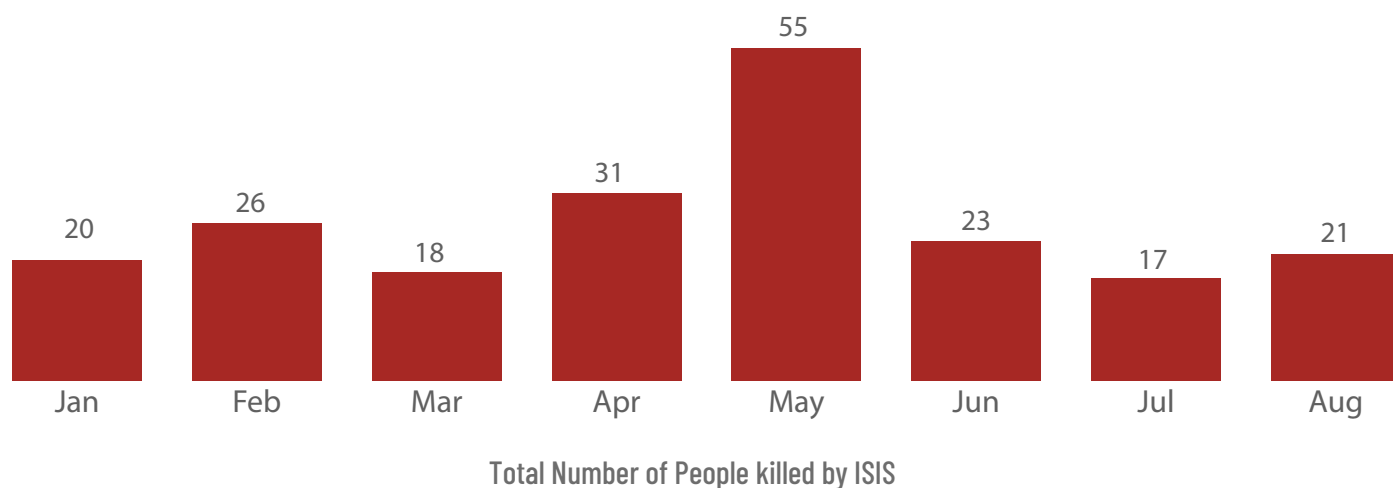
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1.4 - Casualties

Number of People Killed by ISIS

January - August 2020

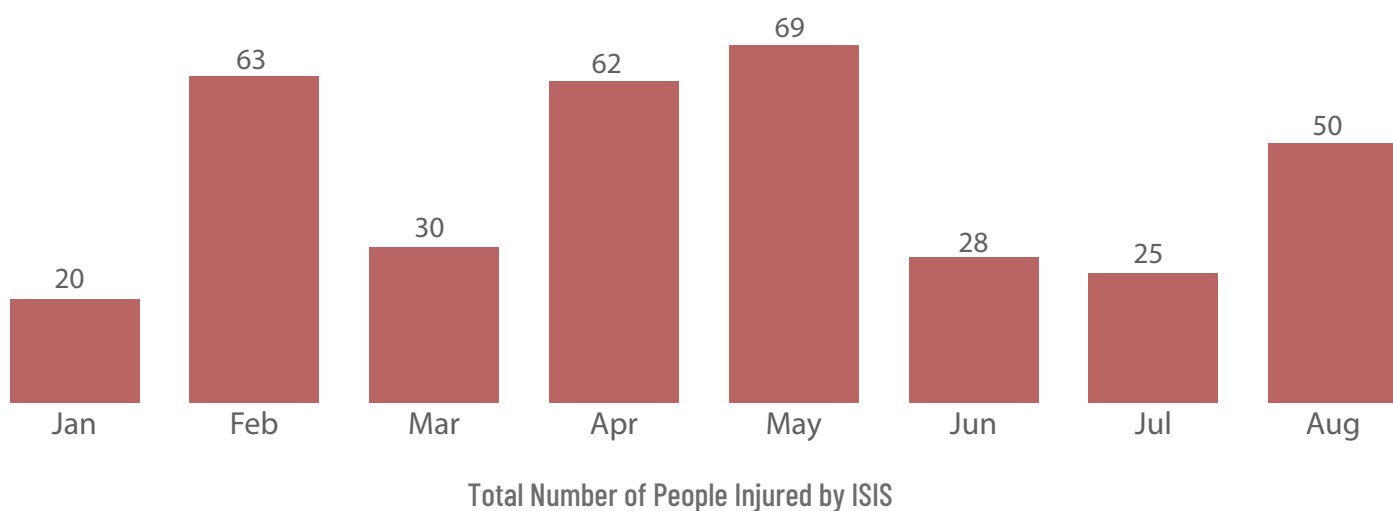
From January 1 to August 31, 2020, a total of 211 people were killed by ISIS, 77 of them were in the Diyala governorate, accounting for 36% of total deaths caused by ISIS during that period. While the majority of victims, 74%, were personnel of the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and the Popular Mobilization Forces (PMF), civilian casualties also reached 21%.



Number of People Injured by ISIS

January - August 2020

The period of January through August of 2020 also saw injuries to a total of 347 people as a result of ISIS operations, 151 of them were in the Diyala governorate. The majority of victims (256) were personnel of the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and Popular Mobilization Forces (PMF), at the same time, 83 civilians were also injured during that period.



NOTES AND ACRONYMS

1. Data period: January - August 2020
2. All information is the best available from various sources including public, national, and international sources, and have been cross-checked by iMMAP as best as possible.

SF : Security Forces

ISIS : Islamic State of Iraq and Syria

IED : Improvised Explosive Device

SIED : Suicide Improvised Explosive Device

VBIED : Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device

