



IRAQ: MOSUL SITUATION FLASH UPDATE

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SITUATION UPDATE

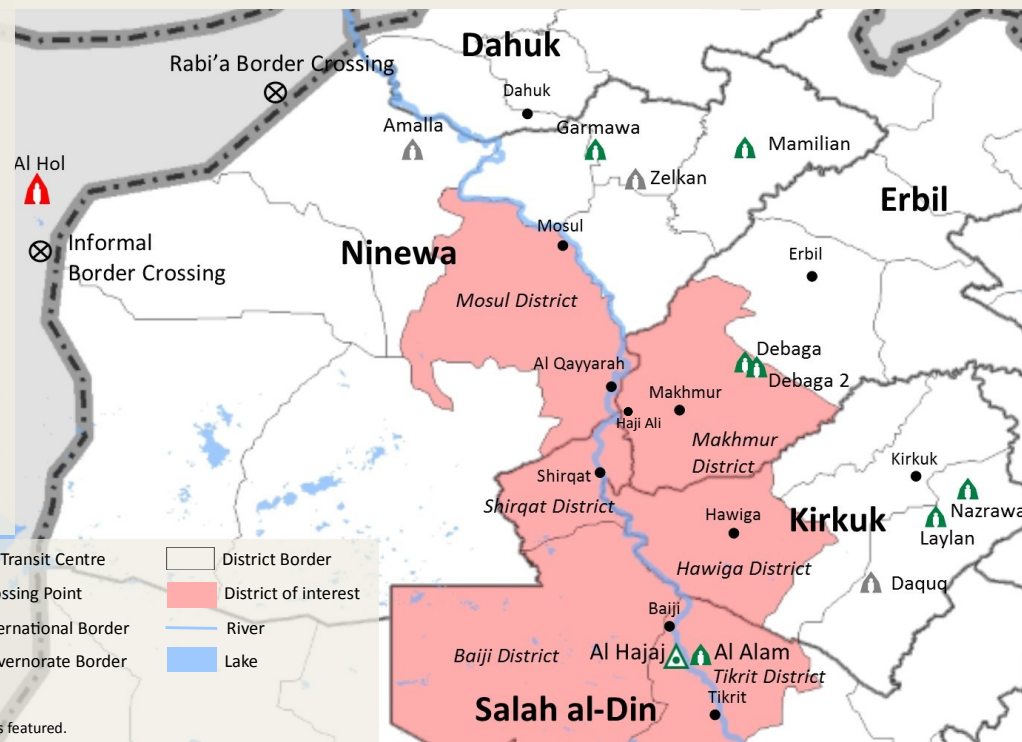
- **Mortar attacks and oil well fires in Al Qayyarah:** While the Government of Iraq's campaign to retake Mosul city is expected to begin later in October, fighting continues in other strategic surrounding areas such as Al Qayyarah, which the Government retook over a month ago. At least five people were killed between 6 and 8 October due to mortar attacks on the city, while attacks on 8 October damaged Najma Oilfield, further impeding efforts to put out flames in other wells that have been covering the area with hazardous smoke for the last month.

POPULATION DISPLACEMENT

- **IDPs fleeing airstrikes and conflict in Hawiga face dangers and extortion:** Over 1,000 IDPs (225 families) arrived in Kirkuk between 5 and 9 October, of which 210 families went to the newly opened Daquq Camp and the remaining 15 families went to Laylan Camp. On the way to Kirkuk, one woman was killed and five children were injured in an explosion on 9 October, while 15 IDPs were killed in a separate ambush. Armed groups are reportedly offering to escort IDPs towards exit checkpoints, but charging USD 2,000 per family. At the Maktab Khalid checkpoint to enter Kirkuk, 300 IDPs are reportedly stranded and have been waiting in nearby Sultan Maree village, which is contaminated with explosive remnants.
- **Kirkuk Authorities order relocation of families to Daquq Camp:** On 9 October, 450 IDP and local families in Qara Tapa Village in Multaqa sub-district, west of Kirkuk city, have been relocated to Daquq Camp. Authorities say this is a temporary measure aimed at securing the frontline area ahead of the military offensive to retake Hawiga.
- **Returns to Haji Ali despite the continuous security breaches:** 140 families returned from Kirkuk to Haj Ali village on 6 October although armed groups continue to launch mortar attacks on the village and adjacent Al Qayyarah.

UNHCR RESPONSE UPDATE

- **UNHCR expanding capacity to cover Ninewa with dedicated mobile protection monitoring teams:** UNHCR is building ten new teams of protection and community service staff and lawyers to be deployed in IDP camps and reception centres to ensure minimum protection standards, gender-based violence prevention and response, child protection and general protection issues.
- **Emergency sites confirmed suitable for camps:** As CCCM cluster lead, UNHCR participated in an interagency mission on 9 and 10 October to assess eight sites the Government has proposed for emergency camps in Ninewa, which may be built by other cluster partners. Five were confirmed suitable and clear of mines.



1. UNHCR Debag/Garmawa — Iraq and Al Hol Camp — Syria
2. IOM DTM from 16 June to 10 October
3. IOM DTM from 1 January 2014 to 28 September 2016
4. Iraqis registered with UNHCR in Egypt, GCC, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Turkey as of 31 August 2016

KEY FIGURES

64,000¹

displaced from Mosul and surrounding areas since March

94,00 IDPs²

from Shirqat, Al Qayyarah and surrounding areas since June

3.3 million IDPs³

since January 2014

238,489 Iraqi refugees⁴

have fled to neighbouring countries in the region

FUNDING

UNHCR's appeal of

USD 584 million

for IDPs and Iraqi refugees in the region is

41% funded

Of this, UNHCR requires

USD 196.2 million

for the Mosul emergency response, with these needs

33% funded

