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KEY FIGURES

87,000 IDPs¹

from Falluja and surrounding areas since May

45,500 IDPs²

from Mosul and surrounding areas since March

75,000 IDPs³

from Shirqat and surrounding areas since June

3.37 million IDPs⁴

since January 2014

230,000 Iraqi refugees⁵

in the region

FUNDING

UNHCR's overall appeal of

USD 584 million

for IDPs and Iraqi refugees in the region is

38% funded

including recent announcements and projections

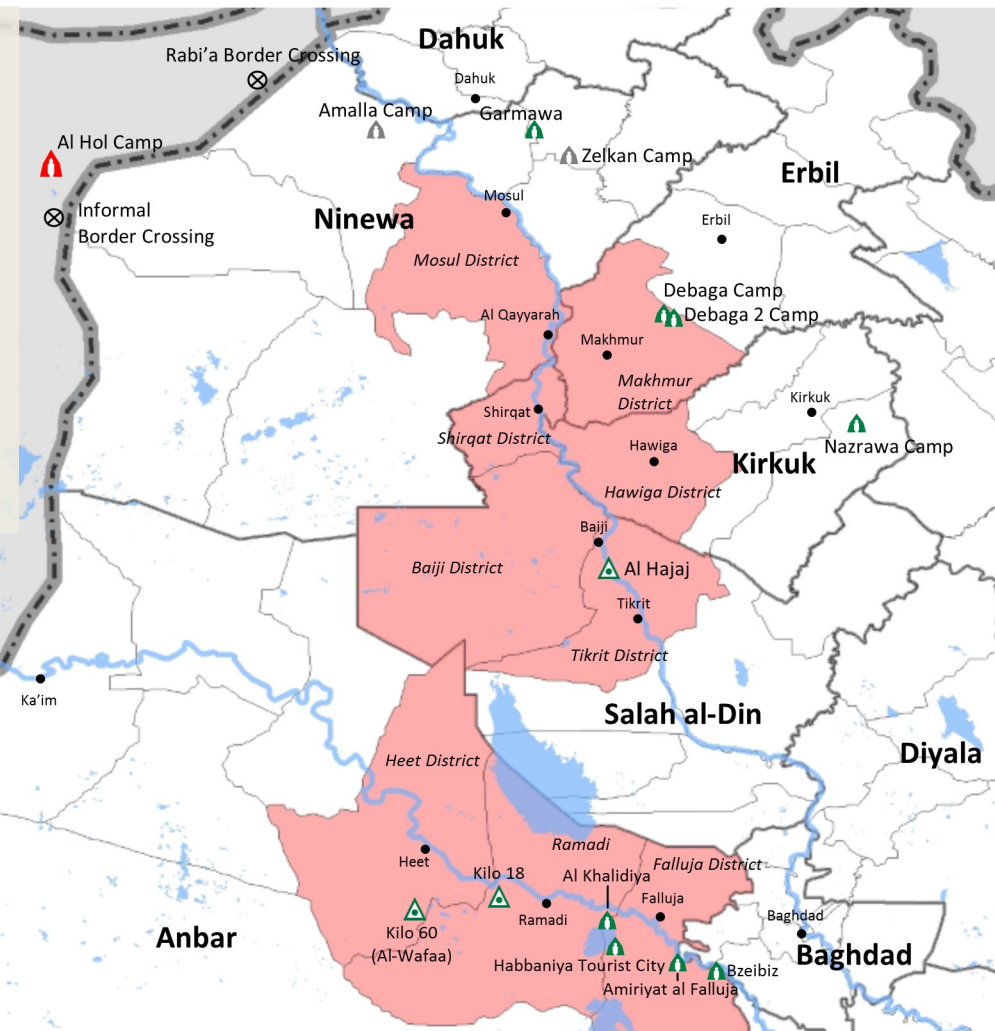


IRAQ: FLASH UPDATE

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MOSUL CORRIDOR

- Iraqi Security Forces launched an offensive on 14 August in Khazir in Ninewa Governorate, 40 km west of Erbil City, retaking several villages. Authorities transported over 300 IDPs (50 families) to Debaga Camp and have begun clearing the area of explosive hazards.
- Over 4,000 IDPs have arrived in Debaga since the beginning of August. The sponsorship programme remains halted, limiting the means to decongest the overcrowding and mitigate the impact of the continuing influx into the camp.



● City	⊗ Crossing Point	⊠ International Border
○ Village	⚠ Refugee Camp	▭ Governorate Border
▲ IDP Camp	⊙ Planned Camp	▭ District Border
▲ IDP Transit Centre		▭ District of interest
		— River
		■ Lake

Note: Only selected camps and transit locations featured.

1. IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) from 23 May to 20 June + UNHCR Field estimates for Jazerat Al Khalidiya
2. UNHCR Debaga/Garmawa — Iraq and Al Hol Camp—Syria
3. IOM DTM from 16 June to 14 August
4. IOM DTM from 1 January to 22 July
5. Iraqis registered with UNHCR in Egypt, GCC, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Turkey as of 31 May 2016

ANBAR CORRIDOR

- Between 11 and 13 August, over 3,000 persons were displaced to Al Khalidiya Camp as a result of ongoing fighting in Jazeerat Al Khalidiya, Jazeerat Al Ramadi Island, and Jazeerat Al Therthar.
- On 13 and 14 August, armed groups launched attacks on Ramadi reportedly causing property damage but no casualties. This follows similar attacks on Heet a week earlier that killed ten people and injured a further seven. Local authorities have requested more troops in order to protect returnees in retaken areas.

Insecure conditions in Haji Ali

- Iraqi Security Forces have reportedly retaken villages around Al Qayyarah, and parts of the city. Some 1,000 IDPs who fled from Al Qayyarah have found temporary shelter in three schools in Hasiyah in Haji Ali. The conditions there are overcrowded with urgent health and WASH needs.
- A recent security assessment and interagency mission found that the area remains in range of indirect fire and is contaminated with explosive hazards. Humanitarian actors are working on the modalities for interventions.
- Nonetheless, some displaced families are opting to stay there while others are moving onward to Debaga in order to reunite with family members.
- UNHCR continues to advocate for safe passage of civilians fleeing hostilities in Ninewa Governorate and for authorities to make available more land and public buildings to shelter IDPs in areas away from the frontline.

Iraqi refugee returns

- Authorities allowed 41 Iraqi refugees to cross from Syria into the Kurdistan Region of Iraq and transit to Salah al-Din. Originally from the Ninewa, Salah al-Din and Diyala Governorates, most had fled into Syria between April and May, and found shelter in Al Hol Camp. They later became stranded for several weeks at the Rabi'a border point trying to return to Iraq.
- The authorities are preparing to allow over 150 more Iraqi refugees through the border point in the coming days.

Distribution on 12 August in Al Khalidiya camp of essential items such as fan, mattress and blanket to newly arriving IDPs. © UNHCR/Mohammed Emad

Berm around Rutba

- Local authorities in Rutba stated on 14 August that work had begun on a defensive berm to protect the city and support the sustainability of returns following a series of attacks by armed groups in recent weeks.

Relocation of IDPs in Baghdad

- The Baghdad Provincial Council has announced plans to reclaim schools as of 1 September that are being used as collective centres to shelter IDPs from Anbar, and find alternative locations for IDPs unable to return. The Council also specified that IDPs from Al Karmah, northeast of Falluja, living in unfinished buildings and camps in Baghdad should return to their areas of origin by the beginning of September. UNHCR has expressed concerns over further disruptions to the lives of IDPs, and continues to stress the importance of ensuring any returns are voluntary and conducted in a safe, dignified and non-discriminatory manner.

Route opens for returns to Anbar

- Authorities have cleared the highway linking Baghdad, Falluja and Ramadi of explosive hazards and reopened it for civilian traffic on 14 August. This now gives returnees another option other than through Bzeibiz.

