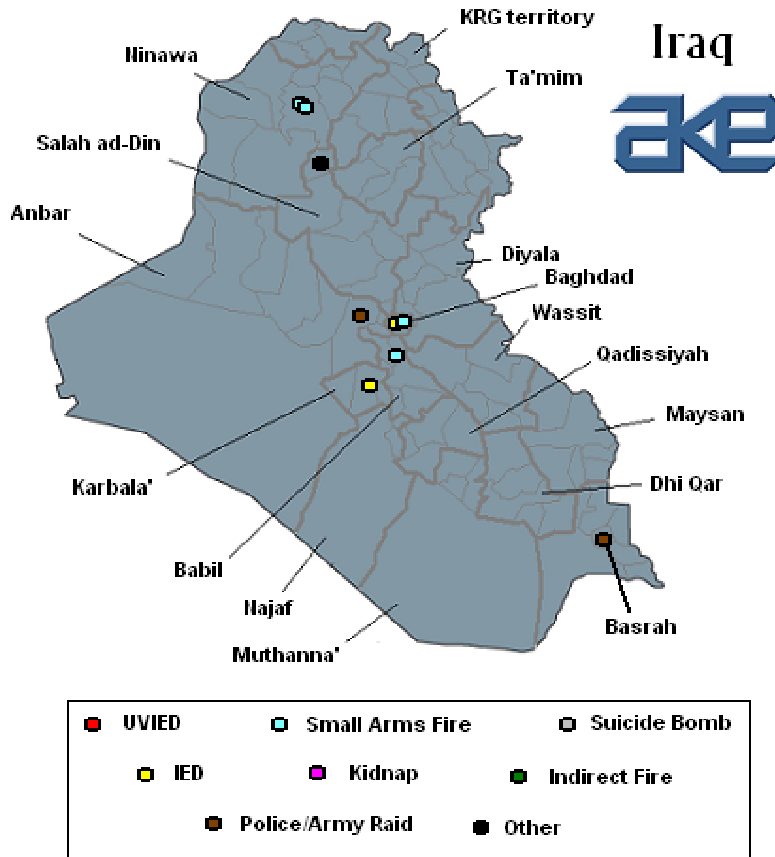


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Security incidents over the past 24 hours

Flashpoints

Mahmudiyah (**Babil**) Hurriyah, Sha'ab (**Baghdad**) Basrah (**Basrah**) Karbala' (**Karbala'**) Mawsil (**Ninawa**) Shirqat (**Salah ad-Din**)

Developments

North

In Ninawa province a woman was shot dead in her home in eastern Mawsil while a truck-driver was killed and his son injured in a small arms fire attack against their vehicle in the south of the city.

Central

In Salah ad-Din the bodies of a policeman and an Iraqi soldier were recovered in Shirqat district. In Babil province a woman was shot dead in her brother's home in Mahmudiyah (it is believed the attackers were looking to murder her brother). More positively, a tip off from a local resident in Karbala' province led to the defusing of a massive (20kg) C4 explosive device on the main road leading to Ahl al-Bayt university.

Baghdad

A roadside bomb targeting a police patrol near Aden Square (Hurriyah district) left seven policemen injured while a taxi driver was shot dead in Sha'ab district.



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South

Apart from ongoing police operations in Basrah there were no major incidents in the south of the country.

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