



Spotlight on Global Jihad

October 7-23, 2019



Main events of the week

► On October 9, 2019, the Turkish army and the rebel organizations that it supports launched a large-scale operation in northeastern Syria. Its stated purpose is **to establish a safe zone in Syria**, 30-35 km deep and nearly 400 km long, in an area extending from the Euphrates River to the Syrian-Iraqi border. Up to now, **the Turkish army has mainly taken over the center of the safe zone, from Tell Abyad in the west to Ras Al-Ayn in the east**. On October 17, 2019, **an agreement to suspend the fighting was reached** at a meeting between the President of Turkey and the US Vice President. The suspension of the fighting lasted for five days and enabled the Turkish army to establish its presence in the occupied area and the SDF to withdraw most of its forces from the region¹. On October 22, 2019, the presidents of Russia and Turkey held a meeting in the city of Sochi. At a meeting, it was agreed that Russia would recognize the Turkish presence in the areas occupied by the Turkish army during the operation.

► The Turkish invasion is expected to increase the scope of ISIS's activity in the Syrian arena, with emphasis on the Kurdish-controlled areas. **At this stage, it can be stated that the intensity and "quality" of ISIS's attacks in areas controlled by the SDF have already increased and there has been an increase in ISIS's level of daring since the beginning of the Turkish attack**. In addition to the "routine" attacks (activation of IEDs, shooting attacks, and elimination of "agents"), **a number of noteworthy showcase attacks were carried out in the Kurdish-controlled areas:**

- ◆ **West of Al-Raqqah, a headquarters of the SDF forces was attacked, where several wives of ISIS operatives were being held** (possibly women who had fled the Ain Issa displaced persons camp). Several SDF operatives were killed and the wives of ISIS operatives were rescued. In addition, **a suicide bombing attack was carried out at**

¹For details, see the ITIC's Information Bulletin from October 22, 2019: "Turkey's Invasion of Syria and Its Influence on ISIS"

the intelligence headquarters of the SDF forces in central Al-Raqqah (13 SDF fighters were killed and wounded, according to ISIS's version).

◆ **In the city of Qamishli**, near the Syrian-Turkish border, **a car bomb was detonated near the intelligence headquarters of the SDF forces** (dozens of dead and wounded according to ISIS's version). **A motorcycle bomb was activated against two SDF oil tankers, and a car bomb may have been detonated near a prison in Al-Hasakah**. In addition, **rockets were launched at a base of the International Coalition forces**, west of Al-Shadadi (50 km south of Al-Hasakah). According to ISIS, American soldiers were on the base at the time.

◆ **In the Euphrates Valley**, in the area of Deir ez-Zor, Al-Mayadeen and Albukamal, ISIS's activity continued and may have increased. In addition to detonating IEDs and carrying out shooting attacks, the activity included **detonating a car bomb against a checkpoint of the SDF forces (four killed, according to ISIS's version) and an attack against an SDF base**.

► **In the Iraqi arena**, ISIS resumed its attacks after a brief lull (October 5-15, 2019). The reasons for the lull are still unclear. The attacks focused on the Diyala Province, and most of the activity took the form of detonating IEDs and sniper fire.

► ISIS's provinces in Africa and Asia continued their "routine" activity: **in the northern Sinai Peninsula**, the activity was characterized mainly by the activation of IEDs against Egyptian army vehicles and attacks on checkpoints. **In northeastern Nigeria**, a number of attacks were carried out against Nigerian army camps, checkpoints and convoys. **In the Democratic Republic of the Congo**, an army camp was attacked. **In Somalia**, a court official in the capital Mogadishu was eliminated. **In Afghanistan**, intensive activity continued in the Nangarhar and Kunar Provinces. **In Yemen**, ISIS operatives attacked positions of the Houthis and Al-Qaeda.

Idlib region

The ceasefire: overview

While the main attention has been focused on the Turkish invasion of Syria, **the unilateral ceasefire** declared by the Syrian army (August 31, 2019) **is generally maintained**. Since the declaration of the ceasefire, the Syrian army has refrained from resuming ground attacks in additional territories in the Idlib region. However, at the same time, exchanges of artillery fire continue between the Syrian army and the rebel organizations. In addition, there have been reports of Syrian and Russian airstrikes.

► Following are several prominent incidents:

- ◆ On October 21, 2019, the Syrian army fired artillery at targets in the rural area south of Idlib (Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, October 21, 2019).
- ◆ A website affiliated with the Syrian regime reported that the rebel organizations had fired artillery at Syrian army positions along the contact lines. The Syrian army returned fire (Al-Watan, October 10, 2019).
- ◆ The operations room of the (Al-Qaeda-affiliated) Guardians of Religion Organization announced the launch of rockets at Jurin, in the northern Al-Ghab Plain (about 50 km southwest of Idlib) (Telegram, October 14, 2019).



Launching rockets by the Guardians of Religion Organization at Jurin, in the northern Al-Ghab Plain (Telegram, October 14, 2019)

- ◆ The Headquarters for the Liberation of Al-Sham fired artillery at Syrian army positions in the Kabanah area and the rural area south of Idlib (Ibaa, October 22, 2019).

Airstrikes

► Several Syrian media outlets affiliated with the regime opponents reported Syrian and Russian airstrikes. Following are some of the reports:

- ◆ A Syrian opposition website reported that on October 10, 2019, Russian fighter jets had carried out two attacks on the outskirts of Kafr Nubl, about 30 km south of Idlib (Enab Baladi, October 11, 2019). A Syrian opposition website reported that three Russian airstrikes had been carried out on the outskirts of Kafr Nubl (Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, October 11, 2019).
- ◆ On October 11, 2019, it was reported that three Syrian helicopters had dropped barrel bombs on the Kabanah area, southwest of Idlib. On October 21, 2019, Syrian helicopters dropped barrel bombs on the Kabanah area (Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, October 11, 16, 2019).
- ◆ On October 16, 2019, Russian fighter jets attacked targets in the Kabanah area and the rural area south of Idlib (Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, October 16, 2019).

President Assad visits the confrontation lines in the Idlib region

► On October 22, 2019, Syrian President Bashar Assad visited Syrian army positions at the confrontation lines in the Idlib region. He was accompanied by Syrian Defense Minister Ali Abdullah Ayyoub. Assad praised the Syrian army's steadfastness and noted that on the other side (the area held by the rebels), **there were people awaiting the arrival of the Syrian army.**



President Bashar Assad during a visit at Syrian army positions along the confrontation lines in the Idlib region (SANA, October 22, 2019)

Summary of the losses since the beginning of the Syrian army's ground attack

► Since the beginning of the Syrian army's ground attack in early May 2019, a total of 4,226 people have been killed in the Idlib region. Fatalities included **1,707 rebel organization operatives**, including 1,114 operatives of jihadi organizations [bearing the brunt of the fighting]. Fatalities also included **1,435 soldiers and operatives of the Syrian army** and the forces supporting it, and **1,084 civilians** (Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, October 21, 2019).

Eastern Syria

The area of Palmyra and Al-Sukhnah

► **On October 8, 2019**, ISIS ambushed a convoy of vehicles carrying Syrian soldiers north of Al-Sukhnah. The forces exchanged fire. ISIS reported that at least 17 Syrian soldiers had been killed and others wounded. Weapons, ammunition, and vehicles were seized. Nearby, ISIS activated an IED against another vehicle, belonging to the Al-Quds Brigade (a Palestinian force supporting the Syrian army) (Telegram, October 9, 2019).



Right: ISIS fire at a Syrian army convoy north of Al-Sukhnah (Telegram, October 9, 2019). Left: ISIS operative shooting a Syrian soldier who was taken prisoner (Telegram, October 9, 2019).



Right: Syrian army truck burning after being set on fire by ISIS operatives (Telegram, October 9, 2019). Left: Syrian vehicle hit by an ISIS IED north of Al-Sukhnah. The flag of the Palestinian Al-Quds Brigade is visible in the photo (Telegram, October 9, 2019).

The Euphrates Valley

Al-Raqqah area

► **Since the beginning of the Turkish invasion (October 9, 2019), a considerable increase has been recorded in ISIS's activity in the Al-Raqqah area.** The activity mainly consisted of activation of IEDs. In addition, a suicide bombing attack was carried out in central Al-Raqqah, and an SDF headquarters where wives of ISIS operatives were being held was attacked. Following are the highlights of ISIS's activity:

- ◆ **On October 8, 2019, a suicide bomber** penetrated into the SDF intelligence headquarters **in central Al-Raqqah and exchanged fire with the SDF fighters.** After running out of ammunition, **he blew himself up with his explosive vest.** About 13 SDF fighters were killed or wounded. The building sustained extensive damage (Telegram, October 9, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 8, 2019,** four vehicles carrying SDF fighters were ambushed 7 km northwest of Tabqa (45 km west of Al-Raqqah). The forces exchanged fire. About 12 SDF fighters were killed or wounded (Telegram, October 9, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 9, 2019,** an SDF interrogator was shot and killed in his house in Al-Mansura, 24 km southwest of Al-Raqqah (Telegram, October 9, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 9, 2019,** an IED was activated against a vehicle carrying SDF fighters about 20 km east of Al-Raqqah. Five SDF fighters were killed or wounded (Telegram, October 10, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 13, 2019,** an IED was activated against a vehicle carrying SDF fighters about 20 km east of Al-Raqqah. Ten SDF fighters were killed or wounded (Telegram, October 14, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 13, 2019,** an IED was activated against three SDF oil tankers about 30 km east of Al-Raqqah. They caught fire (Telegram, October 14, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 16, 2019, there was an attack against an SDF headquarters where several wives of ISIS operatives were being held,** about 40 km west of Al-Raqqah (southwest of Ain Issa). Six SDF fighters were killed and the wives of the ISIS operatives were rescued (Telegram, October 17, 2019). This report possibly refers to the rescue of the wives of the ISIS operatives who fled the displaced persons camp in Ain Issa and were captured by the SDF forces.

The area of Deir ez-Zor, Al-Mayadeen, and Albukamal

Following the start of the Turkish invasion, **ISIS carried out intensive activity in the Euphrates Valley, in the area between Deir ez-Zor and Albukamal.** This activity included the activation of IEDs, shooting attacks, elimination of “agents,” the detonation of a car bomb and a motorcycle bomb, and an attack on an SDF base.

► Following are highlights of ISIS’s activity:

- ◆ **On October 8, 2019**, a mukhtar (village leader) was shot and killed in the village of Diban, 5 km east of Al-Mayadeen (Telegram, October 10, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 10, 2019**, a vehicle carrying SDF fighters was targeted by machine gun fire 14 km southeast of Al-Mayadeen. Three SDF fighters were killed and another was wounded (Telegram, October 10, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 10, 2019**, an SDF fighter was killed by machine gun fire at the Diban checkpoint, 5 km east of Al-Mayadeen (Telegram, October 10, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 10, 2019**, two “agents” of the SDF forces were arrested in the village of Shahil, 9 km north of Al-Mayadeen. They admitted handing over wives of ISIS operatives to the SDF forces. After being interrogated, they were shot to death (Telegram, October 10, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 10, 2019**, an SDF checkpoint in Al-Baghouz, about one and a half kilometers east of Albukamal, was targeted by machine gun fire. Three SDF fighters were killed and others were wounded (Telegram, October 12, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 11, 2019**, an IED was activated against an SDF vehicle east of Albukamal. The passengers were killed or wounded (Telegram, October 13, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 11, 2019**, an SDF intelligence operative in the village of Al-Hilwa, about 14 km north of Al-Mayadeen, was severely wounded by machine gun fire (Telegram, October 13, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 11, 2019**, an IED was activated against an SDF headquarters 13 km northeast of Deir ez-Zor. The building was damaged (Telegram, October 13, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 12, 2019**, an IED was activated against an SDF vehicle about 20 km southeast of Al-Mayadeen. Five SDF fighters were killed and three others were wounded (Telegram, October 14, 2019).

- ◆ **On October 12, 2019**, RPG rockets were fired at an SDF headquarters in the village of Diban, 5 km east of Al-Mayadeen. The site sustained damage (Telegram, October 13, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 12, 2019**, an SDF vehicle was targeted by machine gun fire 13 km northwest of Hajin (37 km northwest of Albukamal). Two SDF fighters were killed (Telegram, October 14, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 13, 2019**, a parked car bomb was detonated against an SDF checkpoint 4 km northeast of Al-Mayadeen. Four SDF fighters were killed and another was wounded (Telegram, October 14, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 14, 2019**, a mukhtar in Shahil, 9 km north of Al-Mayadeen, was killed by machine gun fire (Telegram, October 14, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 15, 2019**, an IED was activated against the house of an SDF fighter in Diban, 5 km east of Al-Mayadeen. The house sustained damage (Telegram, October 16, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 15, 2019, an SDF base** in Jadid Bakara, 24 km north of Al-Mayadeen, **was attacked**. The forces exchanged fire. One SDF fighter was killed and the others fled. The base was set on fire and weapons and ammunition were seized (Telegram, October 16, 2019).



SDF weapons seized by ISIS in the village of Jadid Bakara, north of Al-Mayadeen (Telegram, October 19, 2019)

- ◆ **On October 15, 2019**, a motorcycle bomb was detonated near businesses belonging to a mukhtar loyal to the Syrian regime in the village of Shahil, 9 km north of Al-Mayadeen. They caught fire (Telegram, October 16, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 19, 2019**, an SDF truck was targeted by machine gun fire 35 km north of Al-Mayadeen. One SDF fighter was killed and two others were wounded (Telegram, October 20, 2019).

- ◆ **On October 19, 2019**, an IED was activated against the house of an SDF fighter in Al-Basira, 14 km north of Al-Mayadeen. It was damaged (Telegram, October 21, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 20, 2019**, a member of the SDF local council in the village of Al-Hawaij, 4 km northeast of Al-Mayadeen, was shot and wounded (Telegram, October 21, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 20, 2019**, RPG rockets were fired at Syrian army soldiers on the west bank of the Euphrates River, 9 km southeast of Al-Mayadeen. Several soldiers were wounded (Telegram, October 22, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 21, 2019**, an SDF intelligence operative was shot and wounded in Shahil, 9 km north of Al-Mayadeen (Telegram, October 21, 2019).

Northeastern Syria

Attacks deep inside the Kurdish control zone

Since the beginning of the Turkish invasion, ISIS has carried out intensive attacks **in the Al-Hasakah region**, deep inside the Kurdish control zone. Among other activities, a car bomb was detonated near an SDF intelligence headquarters in the city of Qamishli; a motorcycle bomb was detonated against two SDF oil tankers and possibly also a car bomb near a prison in Al-Hasakah. In addition, rockets were fired at a Coalition base west of Al-Shadadi.

► Following are ISIS's main activities:

- ◆ **On October 11, 2019**, a car bomb was detonated against SDF forces near the SDF intelligence command post in the city of Qamishli, which is adjacent to the border between Syrian and Turkey. Dozens of SDF fighters were killed or wounded. ISIS reported that the attack had been carried out in response to the SDF attacks against ISIS operatives and women locked up in prisons and camps (Telegram, October 11, 2019).



**Scene of the explosion of ISIS's car bomb in Qamishli
(Telegram, October 11, 2019)**

- ◆ **On October 13, 2019**, an IED was activated at the home of an SDF intelligence operative about 80 km south of Al-Hasakah. The house was damaged (Telegram, October 13, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 12, 2019, a parked motorcycle bomb was detonated against two SDF oil tankers** in the area of Al-Shadadi, about 50 km south of Al-Hasakah. The two tankers caught fire (Telegram, October 13, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 13, 2019**, the Kurdish forces reported that **a car bomb had been detonated near a prison where thousands of ISIS operatives were held**, in southern Al-Hasakah (SDF Press, October 13, 2019). **So far, ISIS has not claimed responsibility for carrying out the attack.**
- ◆ **On October 13, 2019**, an IED was activated against an SDF vehicle **in Al-Hol**, about 40 km east of Al-Hasakah. The passengers were killed or wounded (Telegram, October 14, 2019). It should be recalled that the Al-Hol displaced persons camp, controlled by the Kurdish forces, is located near the town.
- ◆ **On October 13, 2019**, an IED was activated against SDF vehicle in the area of Tal Hamis, about 60 km northeast of Al-Hasakah. The passengers were killed or wounded (Telegram, October 13, 2019).
- ◆ **On the morning of October 13, 2019, five rockets were fired at a base of the International Coalition forces where US army soldiers were deployed, west of Al-Shadadi** (about 50 km south of Al-Hasakah). According to the report by ISIS, the rockets were fired in response to the escalation in the attacks against ISIS operatives and women in the prisons and camps (Telegram, October 13, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 15, 2019**, an SDF fighter was shot and killed east of Al-Shadadi (Telegram, October 15, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 16, 2019**, a parked motorcycle bomb was detonated against an SDF vehicle 6 km northwest of Al-Shadadi (45 km south of Al-Hasakah). SDF fighters were killed or wounded (Telegram, October 16, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 21, 2019**, an IED was activated against SDF fighters about 80 km south of Al-Hasakah. One SDF commander was killed and two fighters were wounded (Telegram, October 22, 2019).

Southern Syria

Daraa area

► **On October 11, 2019**, ISIS operatives activated **two IEDs against Russian and Syrian army vehicles on the Ankhal-Jassem Road** (5 km southwest of Ankhal). Passengers, including officers, were killed or wounded (Telegram, October 11, 2019).

Main developments in Iraq

ISIS's terrorist and guerrilla activity

Between October 5 and October 15, 2019, **ISIS did not post any routine claims of responsibility on Telegram regarding its activity in Iraq**. Since October 16, 2019, **ISIS has renewed its claims of responsibility**, but these pertained mainly to the Diyala Province northeast of the Baghdad Province (individual claims of responsibility also pertained to Kirkuk and other provinces). **The reason for this is unclear**. It may stem from ISIS's interest in refraining from claiming responsibility for attacks during the wave of protests that swept Iraq in early October 2019. Another possible reason is technical problems with ISIS's media system in Iraq.

Diyala Province

► Following are the highlights of ISIS's claims of responsibility **in the Diyala Province** since October 16, 2019. Most of the attacks took the form of detonating IEDs and sniper fire:

- ◆ **On October 16, 2019**, Popular Mobilization fighters were targeted by sniper fire west of Khanaqin. One fighter was killed and two others were wounded (Telegram, October 17, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 16, 2019**, several Shiite civilians were targeted by sniper fire northeast of Baqubah. One civilian was killed and another was wounded (Telegram, October 18, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 17, 2019**, two IEDs were activated against Iraqi counterterrorism forces south of Baqubah. Eight fighters were killed, including an officer with the rank of captain. Three other fighters were wounded (Telegram, October 17, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 17, 2019**, an IED was activated against Shiite civilians about 20 km northeast of Baqubah. Two civilians were killed. Four others, including a mukhtar, were wounded (Telegram, October 17, 2019).

◆ **On October 17, 2019**, several Iraqi soldiers were targeted by sniper fire in Abu Khamis, about 20 km south of Baqubah. An Iraqi soldier was killed and another was wounded (Telegram, October 19, 2019).

◆ **On October 7, 2019**, a convoy of the Popular Mobilization was targeted by sniper fire and hand grenades a few dozen kilometers east of Baqubah. Three operatives were killed and another was wounded. A vehicle that came to assist the convoy was also attacked. Seven other operatives were killed or wounded (Al-Naba' – Issue No. 204, October 17, 2019).

◆ **On October 7, 2019**, an IED was activated against an Iraqi army vehicle approximately 50 km east of Baqubah. A soldier was killed and three others were wounded (Al-Naba' – Issue No. 204, October 17, 2019).

◆ **On October 7, 2019**, an Iraqi army force was targeted by sniper fire some 20 kilometers southwest of Khanaqin. Three soldiers were killed (Al-Naba' – Issue No. 204, October 17, 2019).

◆ **On October 10, 2019**, an Iraqi police base was targeted by sniper fire some 80 km east of Baqubah. One policeman was killed and another was wounded. In addition, an IED was activated against a vehicle that came to assist the policemen. Nine members of the Iraqi security forces were killed, including an officer with the rank of lieutenant colonel (Al-Naba' – Issue No. 204, October 17, 2019).

◆ **On October 19, 2019**, a Popular Mobilization base was targeted by sniper fire some 5 km south of Baqubah. One Popular Mobilization fighter was killed (Telegram, October 20, 2019).

Kirkuk Province

► **On October 19, 2019**, machine guns, mortar shells and RPG rockets were fired and hand grenades were thrown at an Iraqi Federal Police base some 40 km southwest of Kirkuk. Several policemen were killed and wounded (Telegram, October 20, 2019).

Other provinces (Nineveh, Erbil, Salah al-Din)

► **On October 19, 2019**, an IED was activated against a vehicle of the Tribal Mobilization some 40 km south of Mosul. One Popular Mobilization operative was killed (Telegram, October 21, 2019).

► **On October 20, 2019**, an IED was activated against a member of the Peshmerga intelligence some 70 km southeast of Mosul. He was wounded (Telegram, October 21, 2019).

- ▶ **On October 20, 2019**, machine guns were fired at members of the Iraqi security apparatus some 30 km north of Baghdad. An officer and his escort were killed (Telegram, October 22, 2019).
- ▶ **On October 21, 2019**, a mukhtar was shot and killed some 90 km southwest of Mosul (Telegram, October 22, 2019).
- ▶ **On October 21, 2019**, a fighter of the Iraqi counterterrorism forces was shot and killed some 50 km north of Baghdad (Telegram, October 22, 2019).



The Iraqi counterterrorism fighter's service weapon, cartridges and combat vest, seized by ISIS in the area of Al-Dujail (Telegram, October 22, 2019)

The Sinai Peninsula

ISIS's continued terrorist and guerrilla activity in northern Sinai

- ▶ ISIS continues its terrorist and guerrilla activity in northern Sinai. The main activity was as follows:
 - ◆ **On October 8, 2019**, a suicide bomber around 15 years old blew himself up near a security patrol in Sheikh Zuweid. The blast killed seven people: four members of the Egyptian security forces and three civilians (Egyptian Interior Ministry, October 9, 2019).
 - ◆ **On October 12, 2019**, an IED was activated against an Egyptian army APC west of Rafah. Two soldiers were wounded. On that same day, another IED was activated against an APC in the area of Bir al-Abed. An officer was killed and 15 soldiers were wounded (Al-Shaab newspaper website, October 12, 2019).
 - ◆ **On October 13, 2019**, an Egyptian army checkpoint south of Bir al-Abed was attacked. Six soldiers were killed and four others were wounded (Shahed Sinaa, October 13, 2019).

- ◆ **On October 21, 2019**, an IED was activated against an Egyptian army vehicle near a checkpoint south of Sheikh Zuweid. The vehicle was destroyed (Telegram, October 21, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 21, 2019**, an IED was activated against an Egyptian army bulldozer in the area of Rafah. The soldier or soldiers in the bulldozer were wounded (Telegram, October 21, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 21, 2019**, four soldiers were killed by ISIS sniper fire east of Bir al-Abed (Telegram, October 21, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 21, 2019**, an IED was activated against an Egyptian army vehicle east of Bir al-Abed. The passengers were wounded (Telegram, October 21, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 21, 2019**, two IEDs were activated against a vehicle east of Bir al-Abed. The passengers were killed or wounded (Telegram, August 21, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 22, 2019**, an Egyptian soldier was targeted by sniper fire south of Rafah. He was killed (Telegram, October 22, 2019).

ISIS's activity around the globe

African countries

Nigeria

- ISIS's West Africa Province reported several attacks carried out by its operatives against the Nigerian army and a militia that supports it **in the states of Borno and Yobe** in northwestern Nigeria. Main activity:

- ◆ **On October 5, 2019**, a Nigerian army camp in the town of Babban Gida in Yobe State was attacked. According to a report by ISIS, the soldiers fled and ISIS operatives took control of the camp and the town. ISIS operatives captured a Nigerian policeman and set fire to the courthouse (Telegram, October 6, 2019).



Nigerian policeman captured by ISIS (Telegram, October 6, 2019)

- ◆ **On October 10, 2019**, an attack was carried out against a Nigerian army camp in Gubio, in Borno State. Several soldiers were killed and wounded (Telegram, October 11, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 11, 2019**, a Nigerian army checkpoint was attacked near Maiduguri, in Borno State. Two soldiers were killed and several others were wounded. Weapons, ammunition, and vehicles were seized (Telegram, October 13, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 13, 2019**, an attack was carried out against a Nigerian army camp in Gubio, in Borno State. The forces exchanged fire. Two soldiers were killed (Telegram, October 14, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 16, 2019**, a Nigerian army convoy was ambushed some 100 km northeast of Maiduguri. The forces exchanged fire. Twenty Nigerian soldiers were killed and others were wounded. ISIS operatives seized weapons, ammunition, and vehicles (Telegram, October 16, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 19, 2019**, an attack was carried out against a Nigerian army camp in Borno State. Ten soldiers were killed and several others were wounded (Telegram, October 19, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 20, 2019**, a convoy carrying Nigerian soldiers was ambushed in the area of Lake Chad. Four soldiers were killed and several others were wounded. ISIS operatives seized weapons and ammunition (Telegram, October 20, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 21, 2019**, an IED was detonated against a Nigerian army vehicle in Malam Fatori, some 200 km north of Maiduguri. The passengers were killed or wounded (Telegram, October 21, 2019).

The Democratic Republic of the Congo

- ▶ ISIS's Central Africa Province announced that its operatives had attacked a Congolese army camp in the Beni region, in the northeast of the country. The forces exchanged fire. The soldiers fled. ISIS operatives seized weapons and ammunition (Telegram, October 9, 2019).
- ▶ ISIS operatives ambushed Congolese soldiers near the city of Beni. At first, mines exploded in a minefield that the soldiers entered, and then machine guns were fired at them. Five soldiers were killed. ISIS operatives seized weapons and ammunition (Telegram, October 21, 2019).

Somalia

► According to an announcement by ISIS's Somalia Province, on October 14, 2019, its operatives broke into the home of a court official in the capital Mogadishu and shot him dead (Telegram, October 15, 2019).

Afghanistan

Nangarhar Province

► ISIS's intensive activity continued in the Nangarhar Province, in eastern Afghanistan.

Following are the main attacks:

◆ **On October 7, 2019**, a motorcycle bomb was detonated against a bus carrying Afghan soldiers in Jalalabad. A total of 25 soldiers were killed and 15 were wounded (Telegram, October 8, 2019).

◆ **On October 7, 2019**, shots were fired at three "Afghan army agents" in the area of Daman, some 60 km northeast of Jalalabad. One of the "agents" was killed and two were wounded (Telegram, October 8, 2019).

◆ **On October 7, 2019**, an IED was detonated against Taliban operatives. Six Taliban operatives were killed, including a commander (Telegram, October 8, 2019).

◆ **On October 7, 2019**, Taliban operatives were targeted by machine gun fire. One Taliban operative was killed and two others were wounded (Telegram, September 8, 2019).

◆ **On October 11, 2019**, an IED was activated against two security guards of a lawyer in Jalalabad. The two security guards were killed (Telegram, October 11, 2019).

◆ **On October 11, 2019**, two IEDs were activated against Afghan security personnel and the security guards of an Afghan MP in Jalalabad. Four members of the security forces and the security guards were killed or wounded (Telegram, October 11, 2019).

◆ **October 15, 2019**: An IED was activated against Afghan soldiers southeast of Jalalabad. Two Afghan soldiers were killed and two others were wounded (Telegram, October 16, 2019).

◆ **On October 17, 2019**, an attack was carried out against an Afghan army camp in Jalalabad. Four soldiers were killed. ISIS operatives took control of the base (Telegram, October 18, 2019).



**Taliban weapons seized by ISIS operatives
(Telegram, October 19, 2019)**

Kunar Province

- **On October 7, 2019**, an IED was activated against Afghan soldiers. Three soldiers were killed or wounded (Telegram, October 8, 2019).
- **On October 15, 2019**, fighters of a militia that supports the Afghan army were ambushed. Two militia fighters were taken prisoner (Telegram, October 17, 2019).
- **On October 16, 2019**, a Taliban base was attacked. One operative was killed and the rest fled (Telegram, October 17, 2019).
- **On October 17, 2019**, a Taliban base was attacked. Three operatives were killed. ISIS operatives seized weapons and ammunition (Telegram, October 19, 2019).

Ghazni Province (south of Kabul)

- **On October 8, 2019**, an IED was detonated against a gathering of Shiites in the city of Ghazni, some 120 km southwest of Kabul. A total of 30 Shiites were killed or wounded (Telegram, October 8, 2019).



**Ghazni Province in Afghanistan
(Google Maps)**

Yemen

► ISIS's activity continues against the Houthis and Al-Qaeda **in the area of Qifah, in the northwest of the Al-Bayda Province** (some 100 km southeast of Sana'a). The main activity was as follows:

- ◆ **On October 6, 2019**, the Houthi forces were targeted by anti-aircraft fire (Telegram, October 6, 2019).



**Anti-aircraft fire at Houthi forces in the area of Qifah
(Telegram, October 6, 2019)**

- ◆ **On October 9, 2019**, a Houthi fighter was shot and killed by sniper fire (Telegram, October 10, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 14, 2019**, Al-Qaeda operatives were ambushed in the area of Qifah. The forces exchanged fire. Two Al-Qaeda operatives were wounded (Telegram, October 15, 2019).
- ◆ **On October 17, 2019**, Al-Qaeda operatives attempting to infiltrate ISIS positions were ambushed. The forces exchanged fire. Two Al-Qaeda operatives were wounded (Telegram, October 17, 2019).