



# Spotlight on Global Jihad

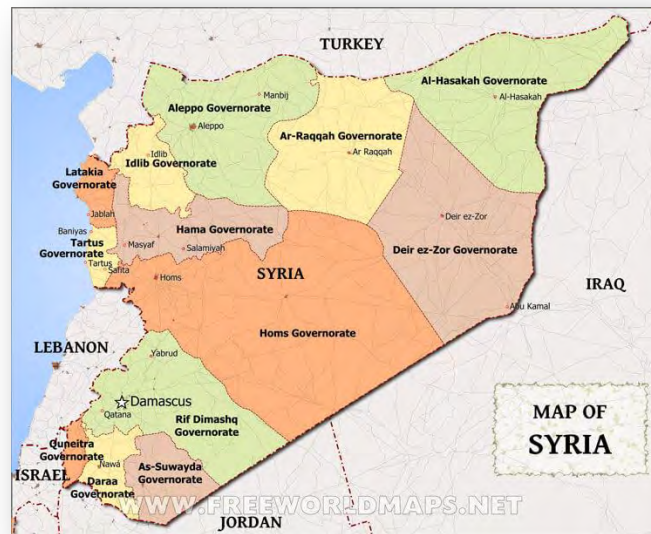
## April 27 – May 4, 2022



### Main events of the past week

- ▶ **This week, ISIS continued its intensive activity around the globe as part of its campaign of vengeance that began on April 17, 2022.** Most of the attacks were of relatively low intensity.
- ▶ **Syria:** ISIS continued its attacks against the Kurdish forces (SDF), the Syrian army, and the forces supporting it.
- ▶ **Iraq:** There was an increase in the number of attacks, most of which took the form of IED detonation and shooting.
- ▶ **The Sinai Peninsula:** Clashes continued between ISIS and Egyptian security forces. ISIS apparently damaged a natural gas pipeline in Sinai, as part of its economic war against the Egyptian government. On April 30, 2022, Egyptian security forces located a workshop for manufacturing IEDs in northern Sinai. ISIS has claimed that Israel is very much involved in the fighting against it.
- ▶ **Israel:** An indictment was filed against two brothers from the village of Muawiyah (in Wadi Ara) who pledged allegiance to ISIS and planned to join it. Another indictment was filed against two residents of Umm al-Fahm, for providing assistance in a terrorist attack in the city of Hadera a month ago.
- ▶ **Afghanistan:** ISIS claimed responsibility for three attacks.
- ▶ **Africa:** In Nigeria, the attacks continued, while the local security forces continued their campaign against ISIS. The African Coalition has continued to record achievements in the fight against operatives of ISIS's West Africa Province in the Lake Chad region.
- ▶ **In a new video, Al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri speaks against agreements that were signed in Kashmir and in Israel ("Palestine").**

# The Syrian arena<sup>1</sup>



Syrian provinces (freeworldmaps.net)

## The desert region (Al-Badia)

► On April 30, 2022, ISIS operatives attacked a patrol of the Sayyid al-Shuhada militia, a pro-Iranian militia consisting of Iraqi mercenaries, on the Deir ez-Zor-Palmyra highway. Four militia fighters were killed and six others were wounded (Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, April 30, 2022). At the same time, Russian airstrikes against ISIS operatives in the region continued. On May 3, 2022, ISIS attacked Syrian army positions in the Hamra region, about 35 km northeast of Hama. Eight soldiers were wounded (Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, May 3, 2022).

## Deir ez-Zor-Al-Mayadeen

- ISIS continued its small guerrilla attacks against the Kurdish SDF forces.
- On April 30, 2022, an IED was activated against an SDF vehicle south of Al-Mayadeen, damaging the vehicle (Telegram, April 30, 2022).
- On April 26, 2022, four SDF fighters and a commander were killed. In addition, an SDF patrol was targeted by gunfire in Dhiban, about 3 km east of Al-Mayadeen. One fighter was killed and several others were wounded (Telegram, April 26, 2022).

<sup>1</sup> For details of all the attacks in the various regions, see Appendix.

## Southern Syria

► ISIS claimed responsibility for several attacks in the Daraa region on April 18-22, 2022. Most of the attacks took the form of gunfire against the Syrian regime's security forces. In addition, Christian residents were targeted by gunfire in Kharba, east of Daraa. Two civilians were killed.

## Al-Hasakah region

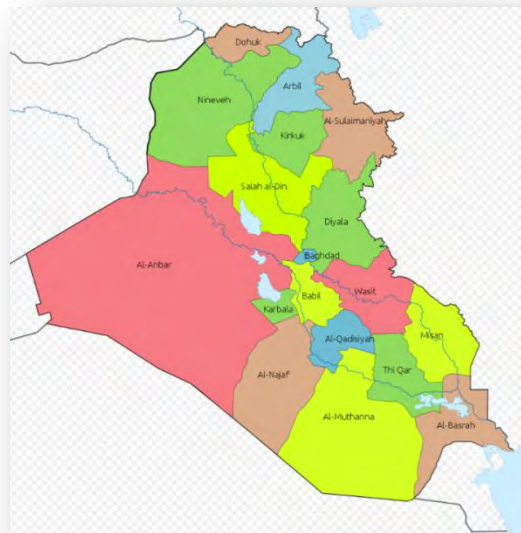
► On April 30, 2022, an IED was activated against an SDF vehicle south of Al-Hasakah. One fighter was killed and another was wounded (Telegram, May 1, 2022).

► On April 28, 2022, an IED was activated against an SDF vehicle south of Al-Hasakah. Three SDF fighters were wounded (Telegram, April 29, 2022).

## Idlib region

► The Syrian army and the forces supporting it fired massive artillery at the northern part of the rebel enclave. No casualties were reported (Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, April 29-30, 2022).

## The Iraqi arena



Provinces of Iraq (Wikipedia)

## Attacks by province<sup>2</sup>

► **The uptrend in ISIS's activity continued as part of its campaign of vengeance. Most of the attacks were relatively small in scope, taking the form of the detonation of IEDs and machine gun fire.**

### Diyala Province

► On May 1, 2022, an Iraqi army post was attacked. Two soldiers were killed and another was wounded.

► On April 30, 2022, there were five attacks against Iraqi army posts, firing and the detonation of IEDs against Tribal Mobilization fighters, and mortar fire against Shiite towns and villages. One soldier was killed, another was wounded, and equipment was damaged. One Tribal Mobilization fighter was killed and three others were wounded. In addition, several residents were wounded, and several houses sustained damage.

### Salah al-Din Province

► On April 28, 2022, Iraqi army posts were targeted by gunfire in the Mutaybijah region, in the southern part of the province, and in Sheikh Hamad, about 15 km northwest of Baghdad. Two soldiers were killed and an officer and another soldier were wounded

### Kirkuk Province

► On May 1, 2022, an Iraqi army post in the Al-Azim region was attacked. One soldier was killed, and equipment was damaged.

► On April 27, 2022, an Iraqi police post was targeted by gunfire in the Rashad region, and an Iraqi army post was targeted by gunfire in the Dabas region. Two policemen and two soldiers were killed, a policeman was wounded, and military equipment was damaged.

### Al-Anbar Province

► On April 30, 2022, IEDs were activated against an Iraqi army vehicle west of Al-Rutba. The passengers were killed or wounded and the vehicle was damaged.

► On April 28, 2022, ISIS operatives activated IEDs against Iraqi army vehicles in two separate incidents (northwest of Baghdad and west of Al-Rutba). The passengers were killed or wounded and the vehicles were damaged.

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<sup>2</sup> According to ISIS's claims of responsibility posted on Telegram

► On April 28, 2022, ISIS's Amaq News Agency released a video documenting operatives setting up a temporary roadblock on the international highway crossing the Al-Anbar Province (Telegram, April 28, 2022). Commenting on the video, the Iraqi army said that it had been taken in 2017, noting that ISIS was trying to create a false appearance of victory and that since then, the situation on the ground has stabilized (Al-Sumaria, April 29, 2022).



**Right: ISIS operative stopping a truck driver for questioning at the roadblock. Left: ISIS operatives manning the roadblock (Telegram, April 28, 2022)**

## Nineveh Province

► On April 28, 2022, a car bomb was detonated in Mosul, wounding five Iraqi security personnel and causing damage to buildings (Telegram, April 29, 2022). There was no mention of the incident in the Iraqi media.

## Dijla Province

► On April 26, 2022, Iraqi Armed Forces Spokesman Yahya Rasool announced that the security forces had liquidated ISIS's Dijla (Tigris) Province of Mosul. The spokesman noted that ISIS had recently lost dozens of operatives and what is left are squads scattered in deserts, wadis, and barely accessible regions (Iraqi News Agency, April 26, 2022).

## Sinai Peninsula

► **On April 30, 2022, ISIS operatives blew up the natural gas pipeline in Sinai** with IEDs planted underneath the pipeline in the Bir al-Abd region in northern Sinai (in the segment of the pipeline providing gas to Egypt rather than the segment of the international pipeline). A fire broke out but there were no casualties. The gas flow was stopped and the fire was extinguished (Al-Arabiya, May 1, 2022). ISIS did not claim responsibility. It should be noted that there have already been similar ISIS attacks against the pipeline in the past, intending to cause economic damage to Egypt.



► This week, Sinai Tribal Union fighters carried out extensive combing activity in Muqata'a in Sheikh Zuweid's southern region, killed several ISIS operatives, and detained a commander of ISIS's Sinai branch. In addition, the Egyptian security forces took control of ISIS weapons and a site that had been an ISIS stronghold until the past month (Sinai Tribal Union's Facebook page, April 29-30, 2022). According to ISIS, during the combing activity, ISIS operatives activated three IEDs against the Sinai Tribal Union forces, causing at least three fatalities (Telegram, April 26-30, 2022).



**Right: ISIS operative who was killed by the Sinai Tribal Union forces, alongside the weapons found in his possession. Left: Rockets seized by the Egyptian security forces in Muqata'a (Sinai Tribal Union's Facebook page, April 29, 2022)**



**Rocket launching pad seized in Muqata'a (Sinai Tribal Union's Facebook page, April 29, 2022)**

► On April 30, 2022, the Egyptian security forces located a workshop for manufacturing IEDs in northern Sinai, which was used by ISIS's Sinai Province. Apparently, the workshop was intended to help the organization overcome the supply difficulties suffered by the province due to the high presence of Egyptian security forces in the region (@WuBv7MDSpn8msqd Twitter account, April 30, 2022).



**The workshop for the manufacture of IEDs**  
(@WuBv7MDSpn8msqd Twitter account, April 30, 2022)

► **ISIS claims that Israel is very much involved in the fighting against it in Sinai.** This was noted in a report in ISIS's Al-Naba weekly entitled, “Despite the direct Jewish assistance, over 20 dead and wounded among the militias (Sinai Tribal Union) in the village of Muqata'a.” According to ISIS, in the recent operation by the Egyptian security forces in Rafah and Sheikh Zuweid (which peaked in the month of Ramadan), the Israeli Air Force intensified its activity in Muqata'a and Shibana and their environs (Rafah and Sheikh Zuweid region). An ISIS source added that before the escalation, Israeli aircraft killed an ISIS military commander codenamed Abu Omar al-Ansari while he was attacking a Sinai Tribal Union force. In addition, the source noted that Israel had provided the Sinai Tribal Union with air support by UAVs, which significantly hindered the ability of ISIS’s operatives to move and maneuver on the ground. The report portrayed Israel as the main element behind a “plot” against ISIS whose purpose is to drive the organization’s operatives away from the border region, while the Egyptian army and the Sinai Tribal Union are the executive arms implementing this plan (Al-Naba, Telegram, April 28, 2022). Apparently, ISIS’s purpose in publishing the report is to instigate its operatives around the globe to act against Israel and the Jews and harm the Egyptian regime, which is portrayed as Israel’s executive arm.





# Summary of ISIS's activity in the various provinces

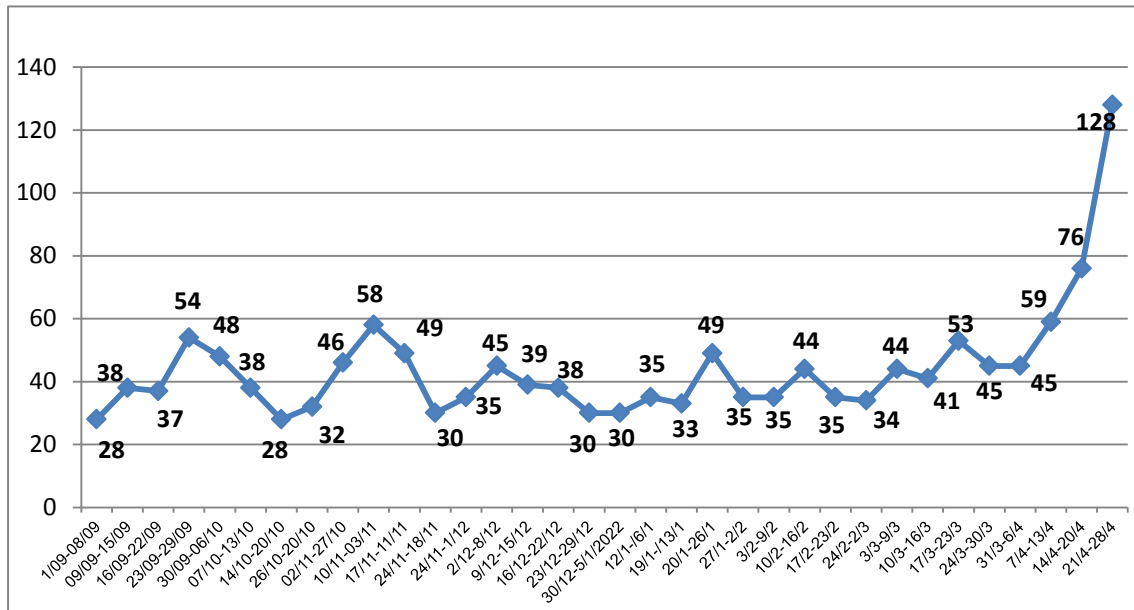
► An infographic published by ISIS summing up its activity around the world between April 21 and April 27, 2022, indicates that in this period, ISIS carried out 128 attacks in its various provinces around the globe (compared to 76 in the previous week). The largest number of attacks was carried out in the Iraq Province (45). Attacks carried out in the other provinces: West Africa (30); Syria (29); Khorasan, i.e., Afghanistan (11); Sinai (6); Central Africa (4); Somalia (2); and Pakistan (1). A total of 402 people were killed or wounded in the attacks, compared to 196 in the previous week. The largest number of casualties was in the Khorasan Province (147). The other casualties were in the following provinces: West Africa (100); Iraq (61); Syria (52); Sinai (24); Central Africa (10); Somalia (7); and Pakistan (1); (Al-Naba weekly, Telegram, April 28, 2022).

► The infographic indicates that owing to the campaign of vengeance and the month of Ramadan, there has been an increase in the number of attacks carried out by ISIS. Although the largest number of attacks was in the Iraq Province, the Khorasan Province led in the number of casualties because it carried out multi-casualty attacks, mainly an explosion in a Shiite mosque in Mazar Sharif, reportedly killing 33 people and wounding 43. In addition, there was an increase in the activity of ISIS's Sinai and West Africa provinces.



The infographic summing up ISIS's activity (Al-Naba, Telegram, April 28, 2022)

## ISIS attacks by week (according to ISIS data)



## ISIS activity in Africa<sup>3</sup>

► Following the achievements of the African Coalition's<sup>4</sup> operation in northeastern Nigeria, near Lake Chad, in the past two weeks, on April 26, 2022, the Coalition announced that its fighters had killed an additional 30 ISIS and Boko Haram operatives (www.sunnews.com, April 26, 2022).

## Nigeria<sup>5</sup>

► On April 29, 2022, **Nigerian Army Spokesman Major General Benard Onyeuko** announced that on April 7-28, 2022, the Nigerian army had killed 63 operatives of ISIS's West Africa Province, including Abubakar Dan-Buduma, a senior commander in the organization. In addition, the army detained 79 operatives and liberated 179 abductees held by the organization (dailytrust.com, April 29, 2022).

► ISIS's West Africa Province reported several attacks against the security forces and local Christian population. On April 29, 2022, the organization attacked a police headquarters in Borno State. One policeman was killed. On the same day, a Nigerian army camp was also attacked. Five soldiers were killed.

<sup>3</sup>Mainly according to ISIS's claims of responsibility posted on Telegram

<sup>4</sup> The Coalition force, called the Multinational Joint Task Force – MNJTF, consists of forces from Nigeria, Chad, Cameroon, Benin and Niger

<sup>5</sup> For details, see the Appendix.

► On April 27, 2022, three civilians were killed in three different incidents, two in Borno State and one in eastern Nigeria.

## Cameroon

► According to security sources in Cameroon, at least 14 residents were abducted on April 29, 2022, by Boko Haram in Bargaram, in the Lake Chad region, near the Chad-Cameroon-Nigeria tri-border area. According to Boko Haram, the residents were traveling on a road on which driving was prohibited. The abductees included taxi drivers and their passengers, and motorcyclists ([www.cameroonintelligencereport.com](http://www.cameroonintelligencereport.com), May 1, 2022).

► On April 28, 2022, the organization's operatives attacked Balgaram in the Lake Chad region and broke into the homes of Chadian soldiers (the Chadian army is part of the African Coalition operating in the region). They set fire to seven homes of the Chadian soldiers and left.

## The Democratic Republic of the Congo

► ISIS's Central Africa Province announced that on April 28, 2022, the organization's operatives had fired machine guns at a convoy of Christian merchants on the Kassindi-Beni road, about 50 km west of the Congo-Uganda border. Four merchants were killed and two of their trucks were set on fire. There was no mention of the incident in the local media.

## Somalia

► ISIS announced that on May 1, 2022, the organization's operatives had thrown a hand grenade at a group of policemen in Mogadishu. One policeman was killed and five others were wounded.

► According to ISIS, an IED was activated on April 29, 2022, against a Somali police vehicle in Mogadishu. The vehicle was damaged ([Telegram](https://t.me/isis), April 30, 2022). There was no mention of the incident in the local media.

► Operatives of the Al-Qaeda-affiliated Al-Shabaab attacked a Somali army base where African Coalition military personnel were present, about 160 km north of Mogadishu. A suicide bomber detonated a car bomb at the gate of the base, and then the base was targeted by massive gunfire by other operatives. According to Al-Shabaab, a total of 59 soldiers were killed. Official sources have not confirmed the number of casualties ([CNN](https://www.cnn.com), May 3, 2022).

## Tunisia

► On April 30, 2022, the Tunisian authorities announced that they had detained 10 Salafist jihadi terrorist operatives, three of them ISIS operatives, who had planned to carry out attacks against Tunisian security personnel (Araby21, April 30, 2022).

## ISIS's activity in Asia<sup>6</sup>

### Afghanistan

► At least one man was killed in the explosion of an IED in a minibus in Kabul on April 30, 2022). Reuters, April 30, 2022). ISIS's Khorasan Province claimed responsibility. The organization noted that its operatives had activated an IED against "polytheist Shiites" in Kabul and as a result, about 10 passengers were killed and wounded (Telegram, April 30, 2022).

► At least 10 worshipers were killed and 20 were wounded in the explosion of a powerful IED in the Khalifa Agha Ghoul Jan Mosque belonging to the Sufis, in Kabul, on April 29, 2022. The mosque was full because, at the time of the incident, the last Friday prayer of Ramadan was held there (Al-Arabiya, April 29, 2022). ISIS claimed responsibility (AFP, April 30, 2022).

► ISIS operatives activated an IED against a Taliban commander in the Mamund region, in Bajaur, on the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, on April 29, 2022. A security guard was killed. The commander and two of his escorts were wounded (Telegram, April 30, 2022). Another IED was activated on May 1, 2022, against a Taliban vehicle in the Soki region, in the Kunar Province. Two Taliban members were wounded.

► On two separate occasions, two IEDs exploded on April 28, 2022, in two minibuses in Mazar Sharif, in northern Afghanistan. At least nine people were killed and 13 were wounded (Al-Ayn, April 29, 2022). ISIS claimed responsibility, noting that its operatives had activated two IEDs against two minibuses carrying Shiites in Mazar Sharif. The minibuses were destroyed and about 30 Shiites were killed or wounded (Telegram, April 28, 2022).

### Pakistan

► ISIS's Khorasan Province announced that its operatives had assassinated a Pakistani police officer in the Wana region, in northwestern Pakistan and near the Pakistan-Afghanistan border (Telegram, May 3, 2022).

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► On April 30, 2022, operatives of ISIS's Pakistan Province killed a “grave worshipping polytheist” near the city of Sheikhpura, in northeastern Pakistan (Telegram, May 1, 2022).

► On April 27, 2022, ISIS's Pakistan Province announced that its operatives had killed a “polytheist sorcerer” in the Mastung region, in western Pakistan, about 40 km from the Pakistan-Afghanistan border.

► On April 27, 2022, ISIS's Khorasan Province announced that its operatives had killed a Pakistani police officer in the Wana region, in northwestern Pakistan, near the Pakistan-Afghanistan border (Telegram, April 28, 2022).

## The Philippines

► According to Philippine military sources, acting on intelligence that ISIS operatives were planning terrorist attacks in the country, on April 27, 2022, the Philippine army launched an operation against a group of around 40 operatives of the ISIS-affiliated Maute Group in the Butig region of Lanao del Sur, in the south of the country. The sides exchanged fire for about four hours, during which five operatives of the organization were killed. One soldier was killed and another was lightly wounded. Army forces seized weapons in the operatives' possession, including an RPG launcher, four machine guns, an improvised mine, and ammunition (www.kalinawnews.com, April 29, 2022).

► According to ISIS, the organization's operatives ambushed a Philippine army patrol in the region. About 20 soldiers were killed and wounded in the exchange of fire (Telegram, April 28, 2022).

## The United States

► On April 27, 2022, a US court convicted **Alaa Mohd Abusaad**, 26, a former student at the University of Alabama, for aiding and abetting terrorist financing for Al-Qaeda, and sentenced her to seven years in prison (www.wvtm13.com, April 27, 2022).

## Canada

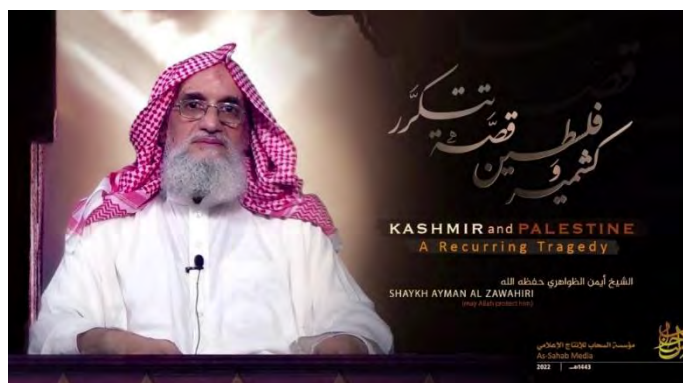
► On April 28, 2022, a Canadian court convicted 36-year-old Canadian citizen and Calgary resident **Hussein Sobhe Borhot** of ISIS activity. According to the charges, the defendant traveled to Syria via Turkey in 2013 and remained in Syria from May 2013 to June 2014. At first, he intended to become an ISIS suicide bomber, but later he changed his mind and became a fighter in the organization's ranks. When he returned to Canada, he was put under surveillance and was recently arrested (www.cbc.ca April 28, 2022).



## Al-Qaeda

### Al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri speaking about Kashmir and Palestine in a new video

► On May 2, 2022, Al-Qaeda's Al-Sahab Foundation released a video entitled “Kashmir and Palestine – A Story that Repeats itself.” Al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri appears in the video. He calls for support for the armed organizations fighting against the Indian regime in Kashmir for the "liberation of Kashmir." He expresses reservations about the agreement between the Taliban regime in Afghanistan and the US administration, noting that it is similar to the Deal of the Century proposed by former US President Donald Trump to solve the Palestinian problem, in that both agreements reflect a secular perception. This is in contrast to Al-Qaeda, which represents an Islamic perception and operates in many arenas in accordance with this perception (Akhbar al-A'an, May 2, 2022).



The opening slide of Al-Zawahiri's video (Telegram, May 2, 2022)

## Israel

### Counterterrorism activity against ISIS supporters

► An indictment was filed on April 29, 2022, against Moatasseem Mahamid, 29, and Jamil Mahamid, 20, two brothers from the village of Muawiyah (in Wadi Ara) who had pledged allegiance to ISIS and planned to fight in its ranks in one of the African countries. The two brothers are charged with membership in a terrorist organization, training for terrorist purposes, arms dealing for terrorist purposes, and weapons offenses (Ynet; Walla, April 29, 2022).

► On April 29, 2022, an indictment was filed against Hassan Mahajna, 18, and Muhammad Ghassan Mahajna, 26, residents of Umm al-Fahm, for aiding one of the two terrorists who carried out the ISIS-inspired attack in Hadera around one month ago. The two men have

been charged with not taking action to prevent the attack, even though they knew that one of the terrorists, Ayman Ighbariah, whom they had known for years, was planning to carry out an attack. In addition, Hassan Mahajna has been charged with weapons offenses and for attempting to use a weapon for terrorist purposes (Ynet; Walla, April 29, 2022).

## The battle for hearts and minds

- ▶ The lead article in this week's issue of ISIS's Al-Naba weekly, entitled "Jihad, O Nation of Jihad," once again addresses the importance of jihad, according to ISIS. According to the article, jihad plays a key role in the life of the Muslim, and the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad, was a leader of jihad fighters. The author notes that jihad is an obligation for Muslims in this era, and is no less important than prayer and fasting (this is contrary to the accepted view in orthodox Islam, whereby jihad is less important and therefore not included in Arkan al-Islam, i.e., the basic commandments of Islam).
- ▶ The author calls on the current generation to adhere to jihad and warns them not to doubt its importance. He adds that those who cannot travel to the jihadist arenas can carry out financial jihad (*al-Jihad bil-Mal*, that is, finance jihadi activity), or kill an "infidel" using weapons or poison, strangulation, or drowning. Another possibility mentioned by the author is taking control of the money and property of the "infidel" in order to finance jihad (Al-Naba weekly, Telegram, April 28, 2022).



The article on jihad (Al-Naba weekly, Telegram, April 28, 2022)

## Details of ISIS attacks<sup>7</sup>

### Syria

#### Deir al-Zor – Al-Mayadeen region

► **On May 1, 2022**, a roadblock of the SDF forces was targeted by gunfire in Darnaj, about 15 km southeast of Al-Mayadeen. Several fighters were wounded.

► **On April 30, 2022**, an IED was activated against a vehicle of the SDF forces in the Hawi al-Hissan region, about 20 km south of Al-Mayadeen. No casualties were reported. The vehicle was put out of commission.

► **On April 28, 2022**, an SDF fighter was targeted by gunfire in Abu Hammam, about 25 km southeast of Al-Mayadeen.

► **On April 27, 2022**, an SDF fighter was targeted by gunfire in the Al-Basira region, about 15 km north of Al-Mayadeen.

► **On April 27, 2022**, the home of an SDF commander was broken into in the Abu Khashab region, about 65 km north of Deir ez-Zor. The commander, the village leader (*mukhtar*), and five SDF fighters were killed in the exchange of fire. Four other SDF fighters were wounded. Local sources confirmed the incident, noting that during a fast-breaking meal hosted by a local administration official, armed men broke into the building, killing at least seven people and wounding four others (RUDAW, April 29, 2022; Al-Jazeera, April 28, 2022).

► **On April 26, 2022**, an SDF fighter in his car was targeted by gunfire in the Al-Zar region, about 15 km north of Al-Basira.

► **On April 26, 2022**, an SDF fighter in his car was targeted by gunfire in Al-Sabha, about 25 km southeast of Deir ez-Zor.

► **On April 26, 2022**, an SDF patrol was targeted by gunfire in Dhiban, about 3 km east of Al-Mayadeen. An SDF fighter was killed and several others were wounded.

#### ISIS's claims of responsibility in the Daraa region

► **On April 22, 2022**, a Syrian army vehicle was targeted by gunfire in Al-Hara, north of Daraa. A Syrian soldier was killed and another was wounded.

► **On April 21, 2022**, two Christian residents were targeted by gunfire in Kharba, east of Daraa.

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<sup>7</sup>Mainly according to ISIS's claims of responsibility on its Telegram channel and in Al-Naba' weekly.

► **On April 19, 2022**, a Syrian soldier was targeted by gunfire in Ankhal, north of Daraa. He was killed.

► **On April 19, 2022**, a Syrian soldier was targeted by gunfire in central Nawa, west of Daraa.

► **On April 19, 2022**, a "spy" of the Syrian Air Force Intelligence Division was targeted by gunfire in Al-Harak, east of Daraa. He was killed.

► **On April 19, 2022**, an IED was activated against the vehicle of the chairman of the Syrian Police Criminal Security Center on the Basir–Al-Sanamayn highway, north of Daraa. The chairman was wounded.

► **On April 18, 2022**, a judge in the Court of Appeals was assassinated in Al-Sanamayn, north of Daraa.

► **On April 18, 2022**, the car of the commander of the Syrian Air Force's Intelligence Division was targeted by gunfire on the road between Khirbet Ghazala and Alma, east of Daraa. He was killed.

► **On April 18, 2022**, a Syrian army officer was targeted by gunfire in Aqraba, north of Daraa. He was killed.

► **On April 18, 2022**, a Syrian army minibus was targeted by gunfire on the highway between Azra and Namar, east of Daraa. The minibus was damaged and several soldiers were wounded.

► **On April 18, 2022**, an IED was activated against a group of Syrian army soldiers in Nawa. Several soldiers were killed or wounded.

## The Al-Hasakah region

► **On April 30, 2022**, an IED was activated against an SDF vehicle in the Maajal region, south of Al-Hasakah. An SDF fighter was killed and another was wounded.

## Iraq

### The Al-Anbar Province

► **On April 30, 2022**, an IED was activated against an Iraqi army vehicle on the international highway, about 70 km west of Rutba. The vehicle went up in flames and the passengers were wounded.

► **On April 28, 2022**, an IED was activated against an Iraqi army vehicle on the international highway (the "Strategic Highway") near Hit, about 140 km northwest of Baghdad. The vehicle was destroyed and the passengers were killed or wounded.

► **On April 28, 2022**, an IED was activated against an Iraqi army ATV in the Al-Fida region, west of Rutba. The ATV was destroyed and the passengers were killed or wounded.

► **On April 27, 2022**, an IED was activated against an Iraqi army vehicle 40 km east of Rutba. The vehicle was destroyed and the passengers were killed or wounded.

## The Salah al-Din Province

► **On April 28, 2022**, an Iraqi army post was targeted by gunfire in the Mutaybijah region in the south of the province. An officer and a soldier were wounded.

► **On April 28, 2022**, an Iraqi army post was targeted by gunfire in the Al-Sheikh Hamad region, northeast of Al-Taji, about 15 km northwest of Baghdad. Two soldiers were killed.

## The Kirkuk Province

► **On May 1, 2022**, two Iraqi police posts were attacked in the Daquq region, south of Kirkuk. One soldier was killed and four others were wounded.

► **On May 1, 2022**, an Iraqi army position was attacked in the Al-Azim region, about 60 km north of Baqubah. A soldier was killed, an ATV was damaged, and two thermal cameras were destroyed.

► **On April 27, 2022**, an Iraqi police post was attacked in the Al-Rashad region, about 40 km southwest of Kirkuk. Two policemen were killed and a third was wounded.

► **On April 27, 2022**, an Iraqi army post was targeted by gunfire near Sidawa, in the Al-Dabas region, about 40 km northwest of Kirkuk. Two soldiers were killed and a thermal camera was destroyed.

## The Diyala Province

► **On May 1, 2022**, an Iraqi army position was targeted by gunfire in the Canaan region, about 15 km southwest of Baqubah. Two soldiers were killed and another was wounded.

► **On April 30, 2022**, a mortar shell was fired at Qara Tapa, about 75 km north of Baqubah. At least one person was wounded.

► **On April 30, 2022**, four mortar shells were fired at Kharnabat, on the outskirts of the Al-Waqf region, about 15 km northeast of Baqubah. Several residents were wounded and several homes were damaged.

► **On April 30, 2022**, an IED was activated against a Tribal Mobilization fighter in the Al-Azim region, about 60 km north of Baqubah. He was wounded.



► **On April 30, 2022**, an Iraqi army post was targeted by gunfire in the Al-Azim region. A soldier was killed, a vehicle was damaged and two thermal cameras were destroyed.

► **On April 30, 2022**, the homes of Tribal Mobilization fighters were targeted by gunfire in the village of Al-Mita, on the outskirts of the Al-Azim region. One fighter was killed and two others were wounded.

► **On April 28, 2022**, a post of the Kurdish Peshmerga forces was targeted by gunfire near Daraji, in the northern Diyala Province. Several Peshmerga fighters were wounded.

## The Nineveh Province

► **On April 28, 2022**, a car bomb exploded near shops for military equipment frequented by security personnel in Mosul. At least five security personnel were wounded and considerable damage was caused.

## The Sinai Peninsula

### ISIS's claims of responsibility

► **On April 30, 2022**, an IED was activated against a Sinai Tribal Union patrol carrying out searches in Muqata'a, in south Sheikh Zuweid. One fighter was killed and several others were wounded.

► **On April 28, 2022**, an IED was activated against a Sinai Tribal Union patrol in Muqata'a. One fighter was killed and several others were wounded.

## Africa

### Nigeria

► **On May 2, 2022**, an African Coalition base was attacked in Wulgo, on the Nigeria-Cameroon border in northeastern Nigeria. Two fighters were killed in the exchange of fire. No reference to the incident by the African Coalition was found.

► **On May 1, 2022**, a truck belonging to one of the merchants supporting the Nigerian government was set on fire in Kaba, in Kogi State, in eastern Nigeria (Telegram, May 1, 2022).

► **On April 29, 2022**, a Nigerian army camp was attacked in Izagi, in Borno State, in northeastern Nigeria. At least five soldiers were killed and several others were wounded.

► **On April 29, 2022**, a police headquarters was attacked in Gajiram, about 120 km southeast of the Nigeria-Chad-Cameroon tri-border area in northeastern Nigeria. One policeman was killed and the rest fled the scene. The headquarters and several buildings were set on fire.

- ▶ **On April 27, 2022**, a Christian resident was targeted by gunfire in the Gombi region, about 100 km southwest of Maiduguri, the capital of Borno State, in northeastern Nigeria.
- ▶ **On April 27, 2022**, mortar shells were fired at a Nigerian army position in Sabon Gari, in Borno State, in northeastern Nigeria. Definite hits were identified.
- ▶ **On April 27, 2022**, two Christians are abducted and executed in Kaba.