

Iraq - Researched and compiled by the Refugee Documentation Centre of Ireland on Wednesday 22 & Thursday 23 July 2015

Information on the current human rights/security situation in the following areas/regions of Baghdad: Husseiniya, Al Mansour & Al Jadeeda

In July 2015 *Agence France Presse* notes that:

"On Tuesday, at least 30 people died in two car bombings and attacks on police. The worst car bombing left 19 dead and 43 wounded in the eastern district of Baghdad al-Jadida, a predominantly Shiite area that has been one of the most targeted by car bombs in recent years" (Agence France Presse (23 July 2015) *Baghdad bombing attacks kill at least 21*).

A report issued by *Reuters* in July 2015 states:

"In northwest Baghdad, at least three people were killed and 11 wounded when a bomb went off near a restaurant in the mainly Shi'ite district of Shulaa on Sunday morning, police and medical sources said. Another two people were killed by a bomb in Hussainiya on the city's northern outskirts" (Reuters (5 July 2015) *Islamic State suicide bombers strike in Iraqi refinery town*).

In June 2015 a publication released by *Reuters* notes:

"A bomb struck an army patrol in the Hussainiya district on Baghdad's northern outskirts, killing four people, including three soldiers, police said" (Reuters (9 June 2015) *Islamic State attacks government office on western fringe of Baghdad*).

In May 2015 the Associated Press states in a report that:

"Iraqi officials say car bombs targeting public places in Baghdad killed 16 people after nightfall Thursday. Police officials say the deadliest of the attacks took place in the city's western Sunni-majority district of Mansour, killing five people and wounding 12" (Associated Press (1 May 2015) Baghdad car bombs leave 16 people dead).

In April 2015 a publication issued by *Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty* notes that:

"At least 19 people were killed in three car bombings in Baghdad on April 27. The bloodiest attack took place in the upscale Mansour district of western Baghdad where at least 10 people were killed and 27 wounded" (Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (28 April 2015) *Iraq: Car bombs kill 19 in Baghdad*).

A document issued in April 2015 by Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty points out that:

"Six more people were killed in bomb attacks in Baghdad's predominantly Shi'ite districts of Amil, Hussainiya, and Bayaa" (Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (26 April 2015) Car bombs, suicide attack kill at least 22 in Iraq).

A publication issued in March 2015 by Jane's Terrorism Watch Report notes:

"A civilian was killed and eight others were wounded when an improvised explosive device (IED), emplaced by unidentified militants detonated near shops in the Nairiyah area of Baghdad al-Jidida district in Iraq's capital Baghdad on 27 February, Al-Mada reported. No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack" (Jane's Terrorism Watch Report (3 March 2015) *IED attack kills civilian in Iraq's Baghdad*).

In February 2015 a publication released by the *Agence France-Presse* notes that:

"On Saturday, an attack inside a restaurant in the Baghdad Jadida area killed at least 23 people" (Agence France-Presse (9 February 2015) *Iraq ground offensive looms as Baghdad bomb kills 14*).

No further information on this issue could be found among sources available to the RDC.

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