

Iraq: Battle for Tikrit escalates



1 Tikrit: Iraqi army and Shia militia – Popular Defence Companies – face stiff resistance in third day of fighting to retake city from ISIS

2 Sharqat: ISIS gunmen kidnap 20 members of Iraqi army

3 Kirkuk: Heavy clashes south of Kirkuk between ISIS and Peshmerga Kurd fighters

4 Baqubah: After six days of fighting militants take over several villages near strategic Mansuriya gas field, east of Baqubah

5 Bomb and mortar attack on Iraqi army convoy north of Baghdad

6 Jurf al-Sakhar: Two days of heavy fighting between ISIS and infantry brigade at Iraqi army base