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# ISIS Leadership Suffers a Crushing Blow: Airstrike Takes Out 10 Top Terrorists

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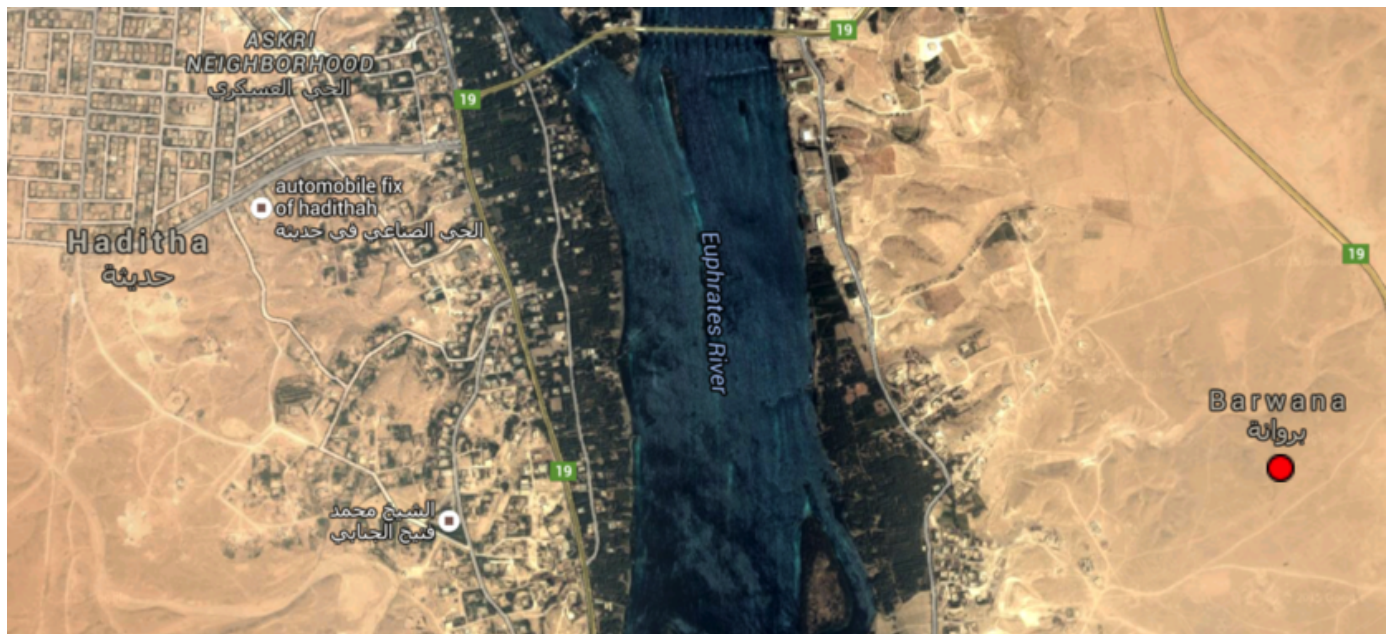
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The Iraqi Air Force conducted a targeted airstrike against Assi Ali Mohammed Nasser al-Obeidi killing him in the city of Barwana, just east of Haditha, according to CNN. (<http://www.cnn.com/2016/01/09/middleeast/isis-commander-killed-iraq/index.html>)

Obeidi was a former brigade commander in the special forces division under Saddam Hussein. He was arrested in 2013 for defecting from the Iraqi Army and later escaped from Abu Ghraib prison. After his escape from Abu Ghraib, he joined ISIS at the request of ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.



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According to Iraq's Joint Operations Command he was a top ISIS military commander in western Iraq and eastern Syria. He was also the ISIS Chief of Staff of Military Council.

Another terrorist believed to be in line for al-Obeidi's position is also believed to have been injured. Abu Mohammed al-Adnani is reported to have been hit and suffered the loss of a "large amount of blood" in the airstrike in Barwanah, according to the Daily Mail.

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Army Colonel Steve Warren, the top American military spokesman in Baghdad, told reporters:

*“10 senior ISIS leaders operating in both Iraq and Syria, including several external attack planners, with designs on attacking western targets, had been killed in airstrikes.”*

U.S. drone attacks have picked up in the last week with targeting focused heavily on ISIS senior leadership. This is hopefully the first of many senior ISIS leaders to be eradicated from the face of the earth.

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