

Event Location: Iraq/Anbar/Qaryat al Wardīyah

“Baghdad (IraqiNews.com) Five people were killed and wounded on Saturday when a bomb blast hit an area southeast of Baghdad, a security source was quoted saying. Baghdad Today quoted the source saying that a bomb placed near a fish market in Wardiya, Madaen, exploded, killing one person and wounding four others. Baghdad has seen almost daily bombings and armed attacks since Islamic State militants emerged in 2014 and proclaimed a self-styled ‘Caliphate’ before a military campaign claimed victory over the militant group early December. According to the monthly release by the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI), a total of 69 civilians, excluding police personnel, were killed, while 142 others were wounded in December due to acts of terrorism, violence and armed conflict across the country. The worst affected province was Baghdad with 122 civilian casualties (24 killed, 98 injured). Salahuddin province ranked in the second place, with seven people killed and 25 injured, then Kirkuk came third with 15 killed and 6 injured. The December figures represented a significant decline from November’s which reached a total of 117 Iraqi civilians killed and another 264 injured. According to the organization, 3298 Iraqi civilians were killed and 4781 others were wounded in violence and armed conflict in 2017.”

Possible Expansions of wardiyah identified by the Geocoder

