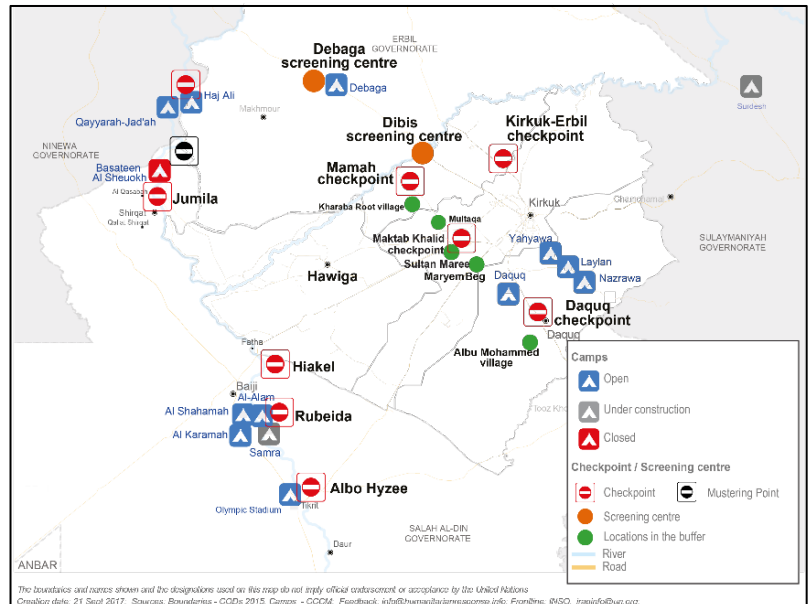


Situation overview:

The second phase of the military operation to bring Hawiga district under control of Government of Iraq began on 28 September as Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) moved into the district. As the military operation in Hawiga enters its tenth day, over 7,000 people are already displaced.

Humanitarian impact and response:

Preparations including stockpiles and shelter at emergency sites and camps are in place to deal with further displacement, however the exact number of the residents who remain in Hawiga is unknown, but estimations indicate that the numbers could be as high as 78,000.



Most people without access to a vehicle walk for up to 12 hours to reach mustering points and those coming from deeper inside Hawiga district have to swim or wade across the Zab river on their journey to safety. They reach the mustering points in poor condition, requiring immediate assistance. Humanitarian actors stand ready to provide food, water, NFIs and medical attention for newly displaced people. Specialized protection services are also present and the protection of civilians is a major concern. OCHA continues to monitor the situation as it unfolds in Hawiga.

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