
ISIS BOMB MAKER BLOWS HIMSELF UP WHILE CONSTRUCTING EXPLOSIVE CHARGES IN IRAQ

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An ISIS bomb maker has blown himself up while trying to manufacture explosives.

The terrorist, codenamed Abu Moaaz, died in Diyala province on Monday, according to Iraqi News.

Moaaz was described as a dangerous bomb expert who helped make devices that were used in the killings of police and civilians in recent months.

ISIS swept across Iraq in 2014, seizing a swathe of territory that stretched from its border with Syria to Ramadi and Tikrit, on the outskirts of Baghdad.

The terror group declared a caliphate which encompassed both its territory in Iraq and Syria, though that has now collapsed.

Thanks to a fightback from the Iraqi Army and concerted bombing campaign led by America, ISIS was driven out of all of Iraq's major cities last year.

In December, Prime Minister Haidar al-Abadi declared 'final victory' over the terrorist group, though in reality pockets of resistance remain.

Monday's blast happened in central Iraq, 15 miles north of the city of Baqubah.

There is also an increasing ISIS presence along Iraq's border with Syria, where at least 68 American-backed fighters were killed last week.

An ISIS counter-attack on the town of Sousa on Friday using suicide bombs left fighters for the Syrian Democratic Forces dead.

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