

Iraq: Shell Kills 12 from one Family in Fallujah - Fighting Outbreak in Ramadi

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12 people from one family were killed after the fall of mortar shells on Tuesday at their home in Fallujah city, where fierce fighting and shelling took place since more than five months ago , according to a security source.

Sources talked about the outbreak of strong fighting in several neighborhoods of Ramadi city in Anbar province, as Iraqi authorities said a few months ago that they have regained control the province from Islamist militants.

The sources told "Shafaq News" that "12 people, including 7 children and two women were killed by a mortar shell that fall at their home in al-Nuaimiya area southern Fallujah.

The sources did not refer to who fired the shell , but the army is besieging the city since it was taken over by armed opponents of the government , including Islamist militants earlier this year.

The army bombarded the city by warplanes and artillery and says it is targeting militants in an effort to get them out of the city, but the city's residents, who are Sunnis say that the bombing does not distinguish between civilians and armed men.

In Ramadi, the sources said that clashes broke out late last night between gunmen and army troops in several areas, including al-Haouz, Street 20, al-Mustawdaa areas in central Ramadi as well as al-Thbat and street 60 neighborhoods southeast of the city.

He pointed out that the clashes were accompanied by indiscriminate shelling by the army , the extent of casualties on both sides were not known immediately.

A witness who lives in Street 20 told Shafaq News that they could not get out of their homes after their return to it as the security forces closed the entrances of Ramadi and bridges within the city.

Gunmen bombed the headquarters of the Eighth Brigade west of Ramadi by a number of mortar shells and rockets, according to a source .

In Sharqat in Salahuddin province, the source said one civilian was killed after an hour after being kidnapped by gunmen.

The source added that armed group stormed a funeral in Kanaos, and kidnapped a civilian and took him to an unknown destination, then an hour later, he was found dead on the outskirts of Sharqat village .

According to a statement issued by the Anti-terrorism service, reported for Shafaq News, that "the intelligence elite forces in coordination with the Air Force managed to kill five "terrorists" from "Daash" organization including a leader in the organization called "Abu Aisha al-Shami", a Syrian and destroyed two vehicles, one of them carrying a machine gun in al-Karma area in Fallujah city.

"The force has also killed Abu Ahmed al-Janobi who is considered the second leader in the organization on the level of Fallujah city," the statement added.

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