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Iraq

On 4 December, a military official reported that two Islamic State (IS) group militants were killed when they tried to attack an army barracks in Anbar in Iraq. The government also reported that they had killed 40 militants in a sweep near the southern part of the town.¹

Libya

On 1 December, a spokesperson for the government reported that several women belonging to the Islamic State (IS) group blew themselves up killing four military personnel. The women attacked the personnel under the guise of civilians who were granted safe passageway to leave a building held by IS.²

Syria

On 29 November, the British-based, Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (SOHR) said airstrikes including barrel bombs conducted by the Syrian government and its Russian ally hit several opposition-held districts in eastern Aleppo. The attack on Bab Al-Nairab killed at least 10 people. Rescue service put the death toll at 25.³

On 30 November, rescue workers in eastern Aleppo said 45 people were killed in airstrikes conducted by the Syrian government in the Old City of Aleppo. Dozens were wounded in the airstrikes. Most of the casualties are women and children. In a separate incident, Syrian

¹ "Islamic State strikes back to slow Iraqi forces in Mosul", *Reuters*, 4 December 2016, <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-iraq-idUSKBN13T0OG>

² "Women bombers emerge from Islamic State redoubt to attack Libyan forces", *Reuters*, 1 December 2016, <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-libya-security-sirte-idUSKBN13R2EM>

³ "Air strikes kill at least 10 in district of Syria's east Aleppo: monitor", *Reuters*, 29 November 2016, <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-syria-airstrikes-idUSKBN13O15S>

Arab News Agency (SANA) news agency said, citing source from the police force, the opposition groups attacked government-held districts in western Aleppo killing eight people and wounding seven others.⁴

⁴ “Syrian rebels vow to resist army advances in Aleppo”, *Reuters*, 30 November 2016, <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-syria-idUSKBN13P1UN>