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Syria & Iraq Tactical (UPDATE): Flooding reported in parts of Syria, Iraq's Anbar on high alert on May 27; avoid all travel to affected areas

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Current Situation:

- In **Syria**, emerging reports from May 27 indicate flooding in parts of **Deir Ezzor** and **Raqqa** in Syria, following a May 25 warning from authorities about increasing water levels along the Euphrates River banks in the Aleppo, Raqqa, and Deir Ezzor governorates.
- In **Iraq**, the Anbar governor has declared a 72-hour state of alert across the governorate due to the risk of imminent flooding extending from the Syrian border through the city of **al-Qaim**, driven by elevated Euphrates River water levels in Syria.
- Authorities have also deployed emergency teams to low-lying areas across Anbar and urged residents in flood-prone locations to evacuate.

Source: [Syria](#); [Iraq](#)

Recommendations:

1. Those operating or residing in affected parts of Iraq and Syria on May 27 and over the coming days are advised to avoid all travel to the area and remain cognizant of the authorities' updates regarding weather-related risks.
2. Allot for disruptions to traffic and public utilities, and reconfirm all flight and overland travel itineraries.
3. Do not walk or drive through floodwaters.
4. In case of flood warnings, immediately evacuate to higher ground. Once higher ground has been reached, do not attempt to evacuate the wider region alone and seek professional assistance with evacuations.
5. Avoid contact with floodwater, including through bathing and drinking. Ensure an adequate supply of bottled water; boil water before consumption as a last resort.