

## Fire

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### Iraq Tactical: Fire recorded in Salahuddin's Baiji Oil Refinery during morning hours on May 18; avoid nonessential travel

#### Current Situation:

- A fire is reportedly ongoing in Salahuddin's Baiji Oil Refinery during the morning hours (local time) on May 18.
- The fire was reportedly caused by an explosion in one of the refinery's units. An unconfirmed report indicates that the explosion occurred following a technical malfunction.
- Footage depicts large plumes of thick smoke rising from the refinery.
- Firefighting operations are reported at the site.

Source: [NINA](#)

#### Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Iraq during the morning hours on May 18 are advised to avoid nonessential travel to the Baiji Oil Refinery due to the ongoing fire and emergency service operations.

