

Iraqi army uncovers ISIL's grim legacy in Tikrit mass graves



Tikrit, Iraq, Apr 7, (RHC), – Three rounds of gunfire were shot into the air as a mark of respect to the dead. The small ceremony was held on a hill side over looking the Iraqi city of Tikrit. It was retaken from [ISIL](#) fighters last week . Iraqi forensic teams are now revealing what went on under the Islamic extremists' rule.

Twelve mass graves thought to hold 1700 soldiers massacred last summer have been discovered and are being excavated.

The mass killing last June of Shi'ite soldiers has become a symbol of ISIL's brutality and their hatred for Iraq's Shi'ite majority.

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