

# *Iraq Exhumes Nearly 600 Bodies at ISIL Massacre Site*

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Baghdad, June 11 (RHC)-- The remains of around 600 soldiers executed by ISIL Takfiri terrorists have been found in Iraq, an official says. "The remains of 597 Speicher martyrs have been exhumed," AFP quoted Iraqi Human Rights Minister Mohammed al-Bayati as saying in the capital Baghdad on Wednesday.

In June 2014, Takfiri militants attacked the Speicher military base close to northern city of Tikrit and captured hundreds of young recruits. According to pictures and video footage later released by the Takfiris, the hostages were mostly lined up in various locations and slaughtered.

After government troops freed Tikrit from the hands of the terrorists in April, they found large numbers of remains mostly buried in shallow mass graves. Officials estimate that 1,700 people were killed by the militants at the military base.

On June 1st, the ministry announced that it had found a mass grave containing the remains of over 80 Izadis in the al-Jadaa village located in the western part of Nineveh province.

Over the last few months, a number of mass graves containing the remains of Izadis have also been found by Kurdish Peshmerga forces. The ISIL terrorists first started their bloody campaign in Iraq in June 2014 as they took control of Iraq's second largest city, Mosul.

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