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In July 2014, The ISIS terrorist group did the largest terrorist attack and could desecrate Iraqi land and invade some governorate and different parts of other governorate spreading killing, devastation and destruction all was on its way and expand contamination in huge size and using new methods and technics which was different from the past like planting minefields, booby trapped houses, planting mines in infrastructure, agriculture and residential areas in addition to use non-conventional weapons which was internationally prohibited like chemical weapons in which some areas in Iraq suffered from ISIS using chemical gas which is internationally prohibited like in Kirkuk Governorate/ Taza District with the population about 35,000 in addition to the IDPs received from other areas like Basheer, Talafar and Amirli, they were attacked by 40 locally made rockets, teams from Ministry of Health and Environment, Environment Police, Civil Defense team/ unexploded rockets, Quick reaction forces from the governorate, did a survey for the area and they notices bad smell like a rotten garlic, they called CBRN team responsible for dealing with hazard chemical and they announced the existence of mustard gas (HD) product of America (THERMO FTRX), based on the this the area has been isolated and put warning signs to warn the citizens till the clearance operation will end, the American and German experts has been consulted and they confirmed the area was contaminated by mustard gas (HD).

Despite the difficulty of the event, the Iraqi forces and Popular Mobilization heroic forces with the support of international coalition forces could hold back since 2015 and started to liberate places and governorates one after another, the forces now ready to liberate the last occupied governorate (Nainawa) from ISIS terrorist group, it's expected to be liberated in the near future, this war and conflict caused a large flow of displacement of the governorates of west and north, this military operations left a huge

size contaminated area which became an obstacle on the face of IDPs return to their homes.

Iraq faces many difficulties including military and economy as a result of the decline of oil prices globally, and the cost of war which fights terrorism on behalf of international community.

From 2014 till now and after the arrival of ISIS terrorist groups to a different part of Iraq, occupying some of the governorates and as result of their criminal nature the contamination was spread very widely, a new challenge and strong for the Mine Action Program because of the large size that has been contaminated by this terrorist groups which they depended on from the type of contamination like bombs, booby trapped houses, they used anything that could be used by human being, in addition to the usage of prohibited weapons (Chemical Weapont), the initial survey made by our teams found out the enlargement of the contaminated area in addition to the suspected hazard area which could not be confirmed its contamination due to the security situation that prevent entry at the time being.

Ministry of Health and Environment (Department of Mine Action) as service ministry took the initiative of fight this situation, put a national plan to participate in doing emergency survey operations to survey and clean the residential and agriculture to rehabilitee the infrastructure and the return of IDPs as it's the main step to be conducted after the liberation of the cities.

The below illustration picture shows the increase of the contaminated area (liberated cities) especially in the conflicted area which mainly contain bombs in large amount.

Illustration Picture shows the increase of contamination area after the arrival of ISIS.

