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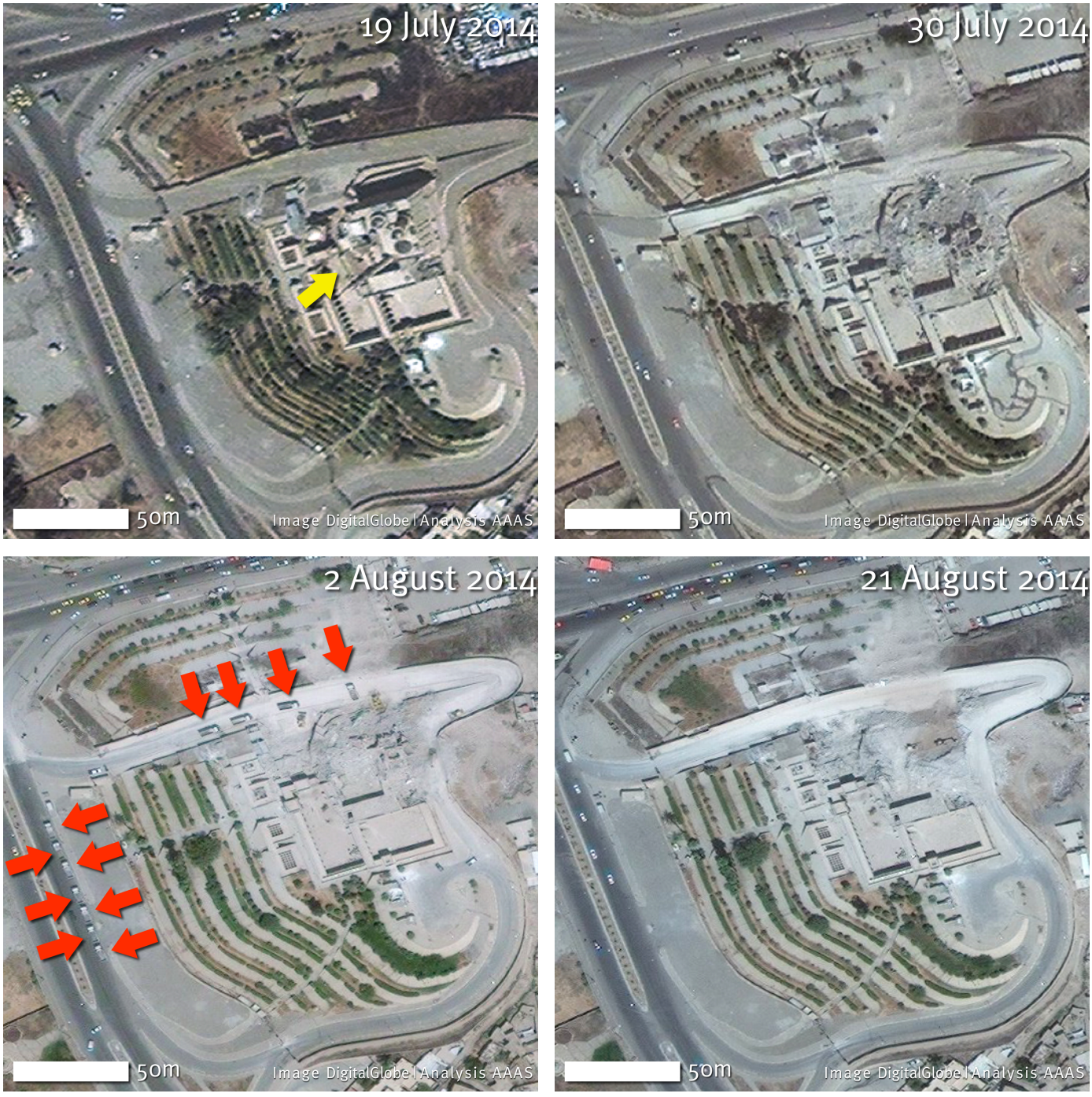
Mosul, Iraq: Destruction of Nebi Yunis (Tomb of the Prophet Jonah)



Located in Mosul, Iraq, Nebi Yunis (also known as Nebi Yunus, Nabi Yunus and Yonus) is revered as the tomb of the Prophet Jonah. According to reports in July 2014, Nebi Yunis was deliberately destroyed by the Islamic State.[1] Between 19 July 2014 (top left) and 30 July 2014 (top right), satellite imagery confirms the destruction of the shrine (yellow arrow). Later, on 2 August 2014, eleven heavy trucks with similar dimensions are visible clearing rubble from the site (red arrows; bottom left), and by 21 August 2014 the rubble from the tomb is in the process of being graded flat, removing any trace of the shrine's modern and medieval architecture, as well as likely damaging the buried remains of earlier mosques, churches, and temples at the site. Images ©DigitalGlobe | U.S. Department of State, NextView License | Analysis AAAS.

[1] *http://www.npr.org/blogs/thetwo-way/2014/07/25/335192229/video-shows-islamic-state-blowing-up-iraqs-tomb-of-jonah*

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