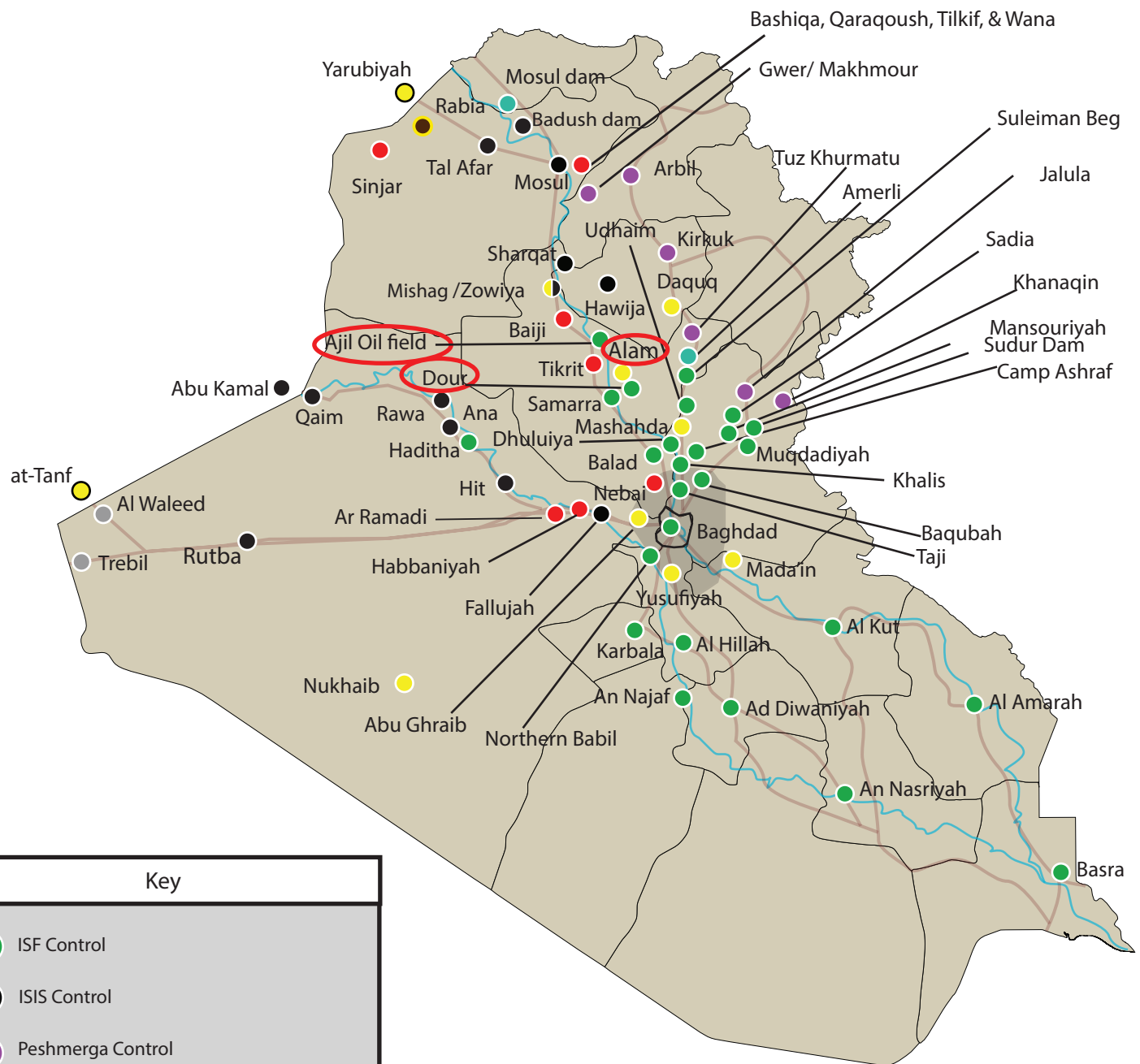


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# Control of Terrain in Iraq: March 8, 2015



## Key

- ISF Control
- ISIS Control
- Peshmerga Control
- Peshmerga and Tribal Control
- ISF and Iraqi Kurdish Security Forces Control
- Iraqi Tribes
- Areas ISW is watching
- Contested Area
- Changes since last Control Map



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Since the start of the operation to capture Tikrit and its environs, the ISF, Iraqi Shi'a militias, and Iraqi Sunni tribal fighters from Salah ad-Din have been advancing from two main axes: south, from Samarra, and east, from the direction of Diyala and Kirkuk. So far, the operation has focused on the areas east of Tikrit across the Tigris River; Tikrit itself is not currently the main effort. The combined forces will most likely use the areas they capture to the east to launch further operations to take Tikrit city. As of March 8, the combined forces have taken control of the Ajil Oil field and the main area of Dour district, and are reportedly in the final stages of launching an assault on central Alam. In Dour, the combined forces are dismantling IEDs emplaced by ISIS in the area and there have been no reports of clashes since the local government of Salah ad-Din announced that Dour district was captured on March 6. ISW is therefore changing the status of Dour to reflect control by the ISF and allied forces. Although ISIS set oil wells ablaze, there have been no reports of clashes at Ajil Oil Field since March 4, 2015; ISW is changing the status of the field also to reflect control by the ISF and other forces. The situation in Alam, however, remains fluid and the combined forces are likely to launch an assault on the main area of the sub-district soon. ISW is continuing to monitor the situation and changing the status of Alam to under watch.