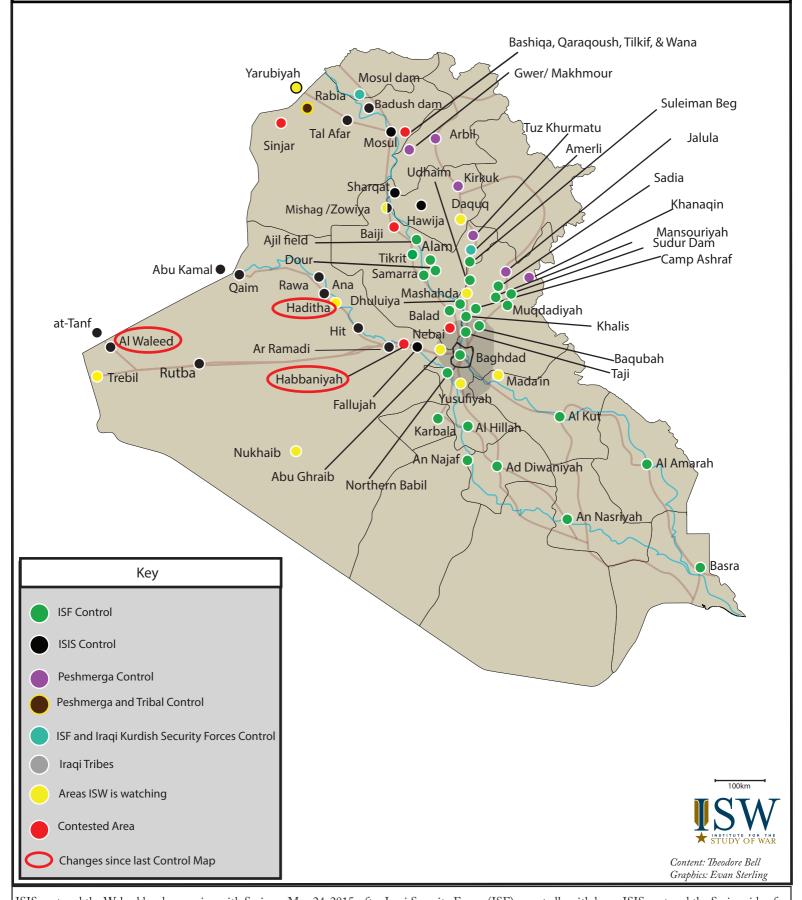
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ISIS captured the Waleed border crossing with Syria on May 24, 2015, after Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) reportedly withdrew. ISIS captured the Syrian side of the border, Tanf, on May 22, 2015. ISW has also placed a watch on Haditha following a prolonged ISIS attack on the city on May 22 that involved multiple VBIEDs, including HMMWV VBIEDs. The ISF and tribal fighters repelled the attack but ISIS's current consolidation of control in Anbar indicates that Haditha, one of the few remaining ISF-controlled cities in Anbar and one that is proximate to al-Asad Airbase, will remain a focus of ISIS efforts. On May 23 the ISF and "Popular Mobilization" units launched an offensive from the Habaniya base, east of Ramadi, and recaptured Husayba. ISF and Popular Mobilization reinforcements also entered Khalidiya, east of the Habaniya base, over the weekend, and there have been unconfirmed reports that the ISF recaptured the area from ISIS.