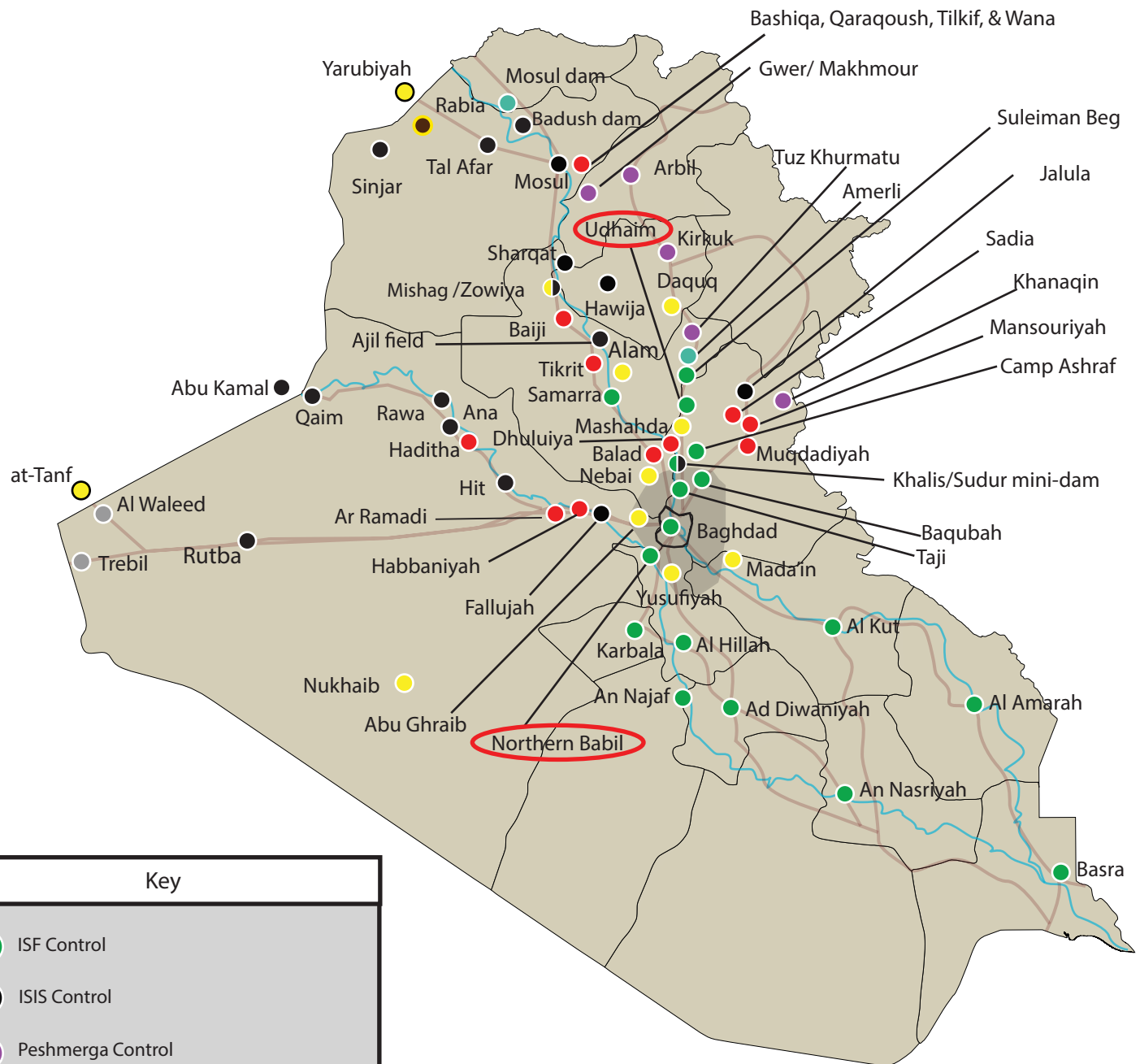


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- Iraqi Tribes
- Areas ISW is watching
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Changes for October 26, 2014 Update: On October 24, Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and Iraqi Shi'a militias cleared the Jurf al-Sakhar area in northern Babil. The Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) historically had a major stronghold in Jurf al-Sakhar and since the beginning of 2014 its presence was renewed and consolidated. With these recent operations, ISIS no longer has a major presence in the area. ISW is therefore changing the control status of Jurf al-Sakhar. Udhaim in Diyala province is a strategic area that is located on the Baghdad-Kirkuk highway. ISIS launched an attack on a checkpoint in Udhaim on October 24 that was repelled by the ISF and likely Iraqi Shi'a militias. The area is now firmly under ISF control and consequently ISW is changing its status.