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1 Iran-backed PMU advance toward Syrian border. Iran-backed Popular Mobilization Unit (PMU) forces began operations to encircle and recapture Qayrawan, southwest of Tel Afar, on May 12.

12 Iraqi Forces foil ISIS attack on Haditha. The IA, Iraqi Police, and tribal fighters foiled an attempt by four ISIS fighters to infiltrate Haditha, west of Ramadi, wearing SVESTs on May 15.

11 Iraqi Forces begin clearing operations south of al-Rutbah. IA divisions began clearing operations south of al-Rutbah, western Anbar Province, with support from an Anbar commando brigade, Coalition airstrikes, and tribal militia forces on May 11.

10 Iraqi Forces foil ISIS attacks near Lake Razaza. Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) killed two ISIS militants wearing SVESTs and driving a VBIED near Lake Razaza in the direction of Amiriyah al-Fallujah on May 11. Saraya al-Salam's 3rd Division and the ISF repelled an ISIS attack near Wadi al-Ghazef near Lake Razaza on the same day.

9 ISIS launches attacks in and around Baghdad. ISIS detonated a Vehicle-borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) in the Shia-majority neighborhood of al-Shuala, northwestern Baghdad, killing two and injuring four on May 11. ISIS militants attempted a SVEST attack on a Sunni tribal gathering north of Baghdad, but were stopped by a PMU brigade, on May 13. A likely ISIS-conducted Suicide Vehicle-borne Improvised Explosive Device (SVBIED) attack wounded five near al-Rubaie Bridge in eastern Baghdad on May 14. ISF also foiled an ISIS SVBIED traveling toward Baghdad from Ramadi on May 16.

2 ISF advance rapidly in western Mosul. Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) recaptured ten neighborhoods in western Mosul between May 6 and 20. Federal Police (FP) also began a new incursion into Mosul's Old City from the southern axis on May 12.

3 ISIS attacks K-1 base in Kirkuk Province. Six ISIS militants disguised as Peshmerga fighters attacked K-1 base with Suicide Vests (SVESTs), killing two Peshmerga members and wounding six others. U.S. advisers were present, though none injured.

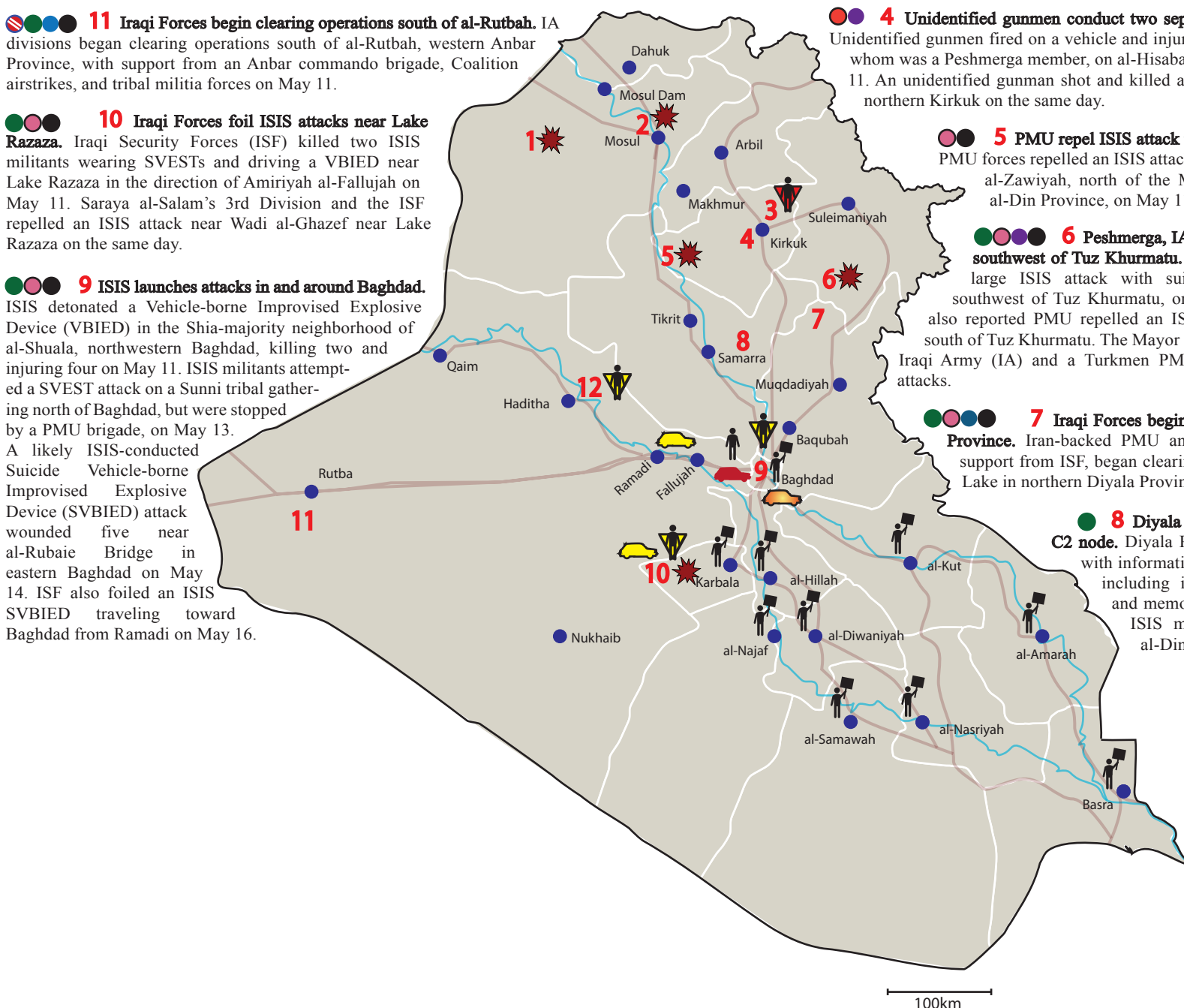
4 Unidentified gunmen conduct two separate attacks in Kirkuk City. Unidentified gunmen fired on a vehicle and injured its two passengers, one of whom was a Peshmerga member, on al-Hisabat road in Kirkuk City on May 11. An unidentified gunman shot and killed a policeman in Rahim Awa in northern Kirkuk on the same day.

5 PMU repel ISIS attack near the Makhoul Mountains. PMU forces repelled an ISIS attack on a defensive position near al-Zawiyah, north of the Makhoul Mountains in Salah al-Din Province, on May 11.

6 Peshmerga, IA, and PMU repel ISIS attack southwest of Tuz Khurmatu. Peshmerga forces repelled a large ISIS attack with suicide bombers near Zarga, southwest of Tuz Khurmatu, on May 18. A security source also reported PMU repelled an ISIS attack on Zinjili village, south of Tuz Khurmatu. The Mayor of Tuz Khurmatu claimed the Iraqi Army (IA) and a Turkmen PMU brigade helped repel the attacks.

7 Iraqi Forces begin clearing operation in Diyala Province. Iran-backed PMU and tribal militia forces, with support from ISF, began clearing operations east of Udhaim Lake in northern Diyala Province on May 12.

8 Diyala Police discover possible ISIS C2 node. Diyala Police seized ISIS documents with information about the insurgent group, including its weapons and equipment, and memory cards with information on ISIS militants in Matibijah, Salah al-Din Province, on May 9.



- Major Cities ● ISIS
- ISF ● Iraqi Shi'a Militias
- Coalition ● Unknown Gunmen
- Peshmerga ● Anti-ISIS Iraqi Sunni Tribes
- ★ Major Clash
- ▲ IED
- ▲ Demonstration
- ▲ Kidnapping
- 🚗 SVBIED
- 🚗 VBIED
- 🚗 Failed S/VBIED
- 🚒 SVEST
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Iran-backed Shia militias set conditions to disrupt or deny U.S.-backed forces freedom of maneuver near the Iraq-Syria border. Iran-backed Popular Mobilization Unit (PMU) forces began clearing territory in western Ninewa Province toward the Syrian border. Iran-backed PMU forces also conducted offensives against ISIS in northern Diyala and Salah al-Din provinces, and defended positions north of the Makhoul Mountains and southwest of Tuz Khurmatu from ISIS ground assaults. ISIS remains operational in eastern Iraq, particularly in Diyala Province, despite clearing operations led by the Badr Organization since late 2014. ISIS also launched attacks in and around Baghdad in the week prior to its annual Ramadan campaign, anticipated to begin on May 26.