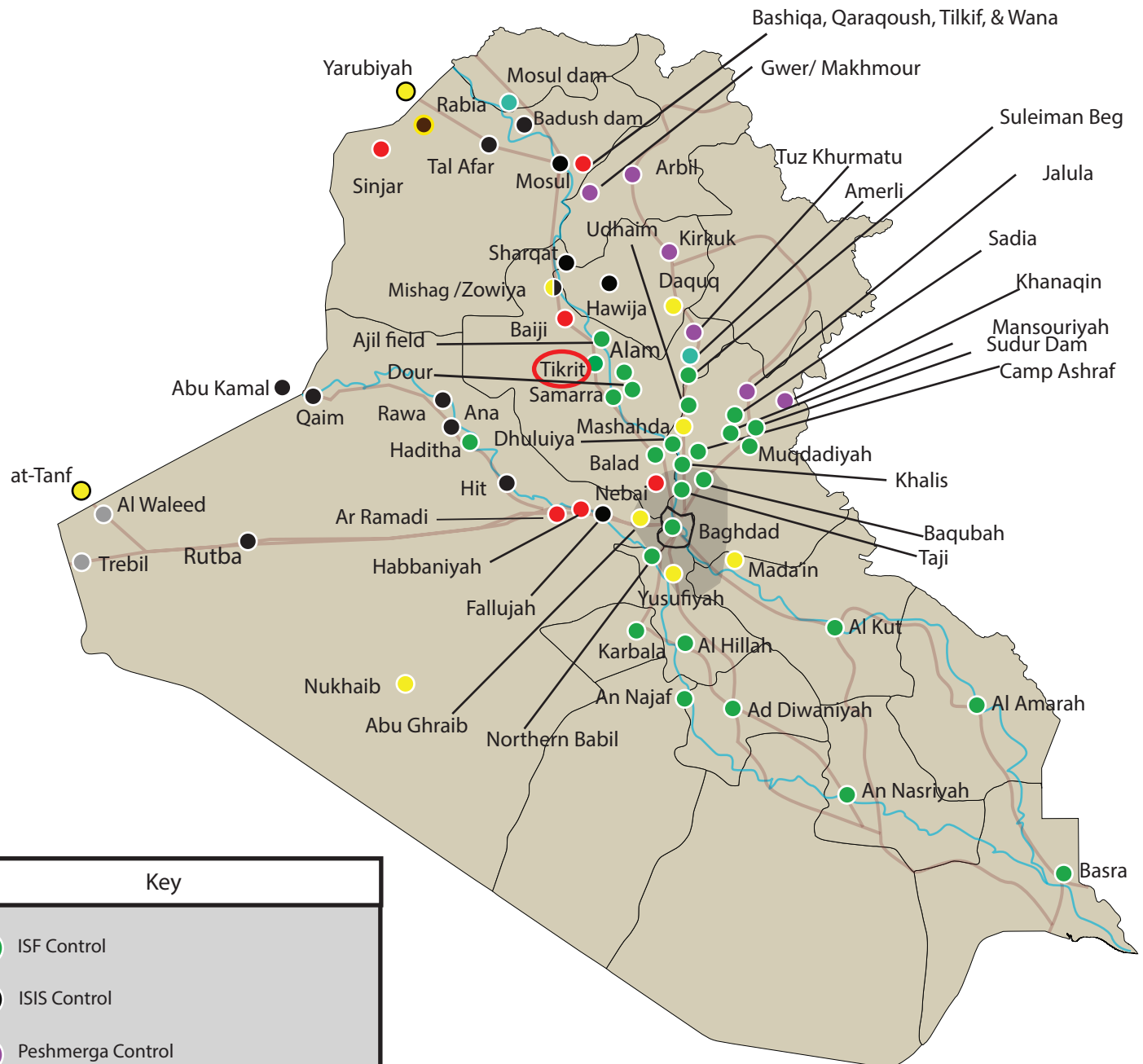


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- Iraqi Tribes
- Areas ISW is watching
- Contested Area
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The city center of Tikrit has been recaptured by the ISF and allied forces with the support of coalition airstrikes. Tikrit was announced captured by the government on April 1, 2015, and the prime minister, ISF commanders, and local government officials have toured the city center. Since that time, clashes have not been reported in the city. There have, however, been reports that looting of homes is taking place. Looting incidents have most likely occurred in other Sunni areas captured from ISIS as well. Although this is a negative indicator, and will likely deter Sunni families from returning to the city, it does indicate that combat operations have ceased and that ISIS does not enjoy freedom of movement in the area. ISF control over the area is likely loose. ISW is changing the status of Tikrit from contested to under the control of the ISF and allied forces, although a counter attack by ISIS remains possible.