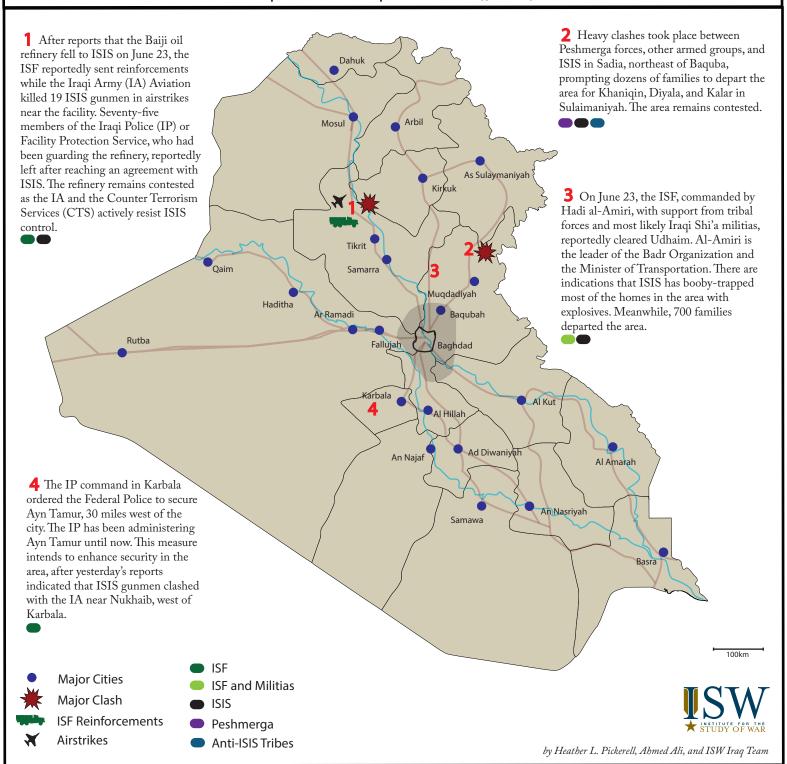
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The ISF is redeploying in order to halt ISIS advances from the Anbar desert towards the holy city of Karbala as well as southern Iraq. However, ISIS has other lines of advance to southern Iraq, including its positions in northern Babil Province. If the ISF redeploys away from Babil, it will leave an alternate path open for ISIS to advance toward the south. Meanwhile, the situation in northern Iraq remains fluid as the ISF cleared Udhaim, north of Baghdad, in an effort to reopen the Baghdad-Kirkuk highway. ISIS is meeting resistance to securing its gains in Diyala against Peshmerga and anti-ISIS tribal forces.