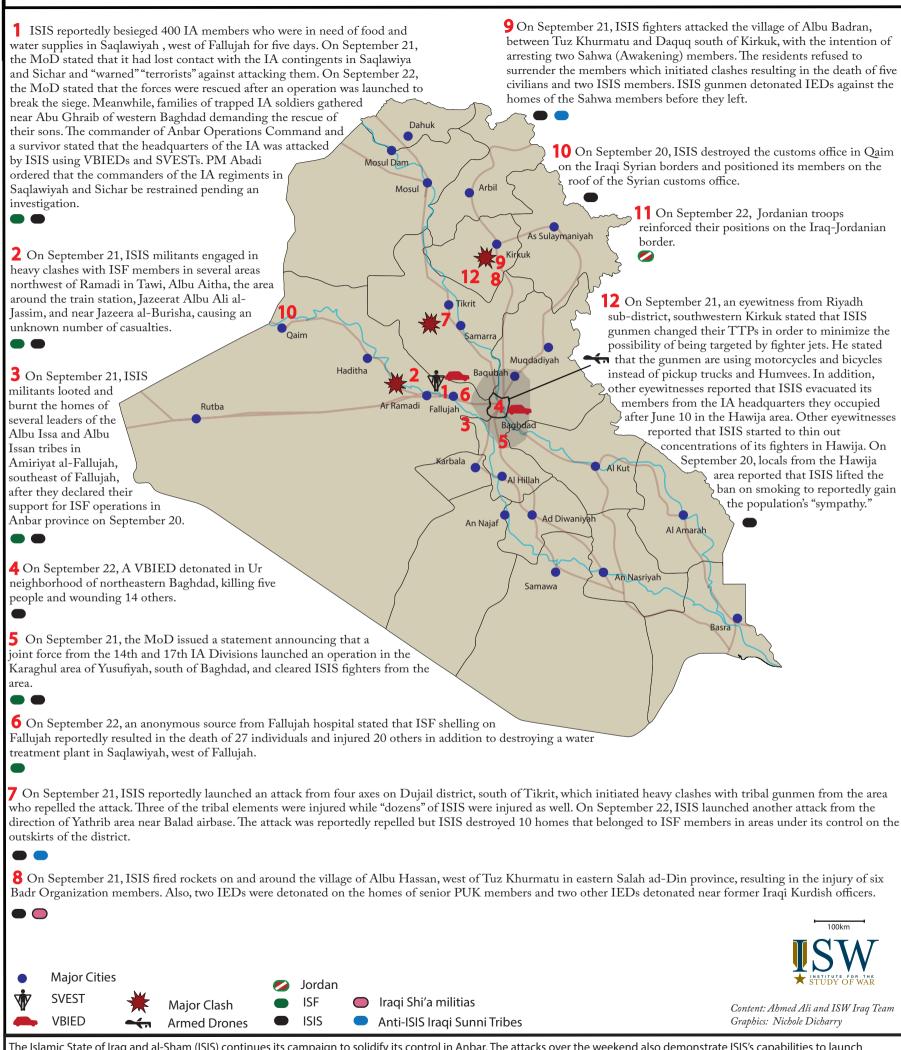
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The Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) continues its campaign to solidify its control in Anbar. The attacks over the weekend also demonstrate ISIS's capabilities to launch multiple attacks, including in Syria against Ayn al-Arab and in Iraq to include retaliatory attacks in the Tuz Khurmatu areas where ISIS has been pushed out of the nearby areas of Amerli and Suleiman Beg. ISIS also attacked Saqlawiyah, which has been a contested area since they took control of Fallujah in January of this year. Despite the attack, Saqlawiyah remains contested. ISIS control of the area will sever a supply route between Saqlawiyah and an ISF position in Habbaniyah that supplied Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and anti-ISIS tribal elements. ISIS will also be able to restrict a supply route between Habbaniyah and Ramadi and thus increase its pressure on Ramadi from the eastern flank. The attack demonstrates the continuing logistical difficulties the ISF face as they are confronted by ISIS operations. It will be important to watch if ISIS's Anbar operations will result in U.S. airstrikes in Ramadi and Fallujah in order to blunt ISIS's push.