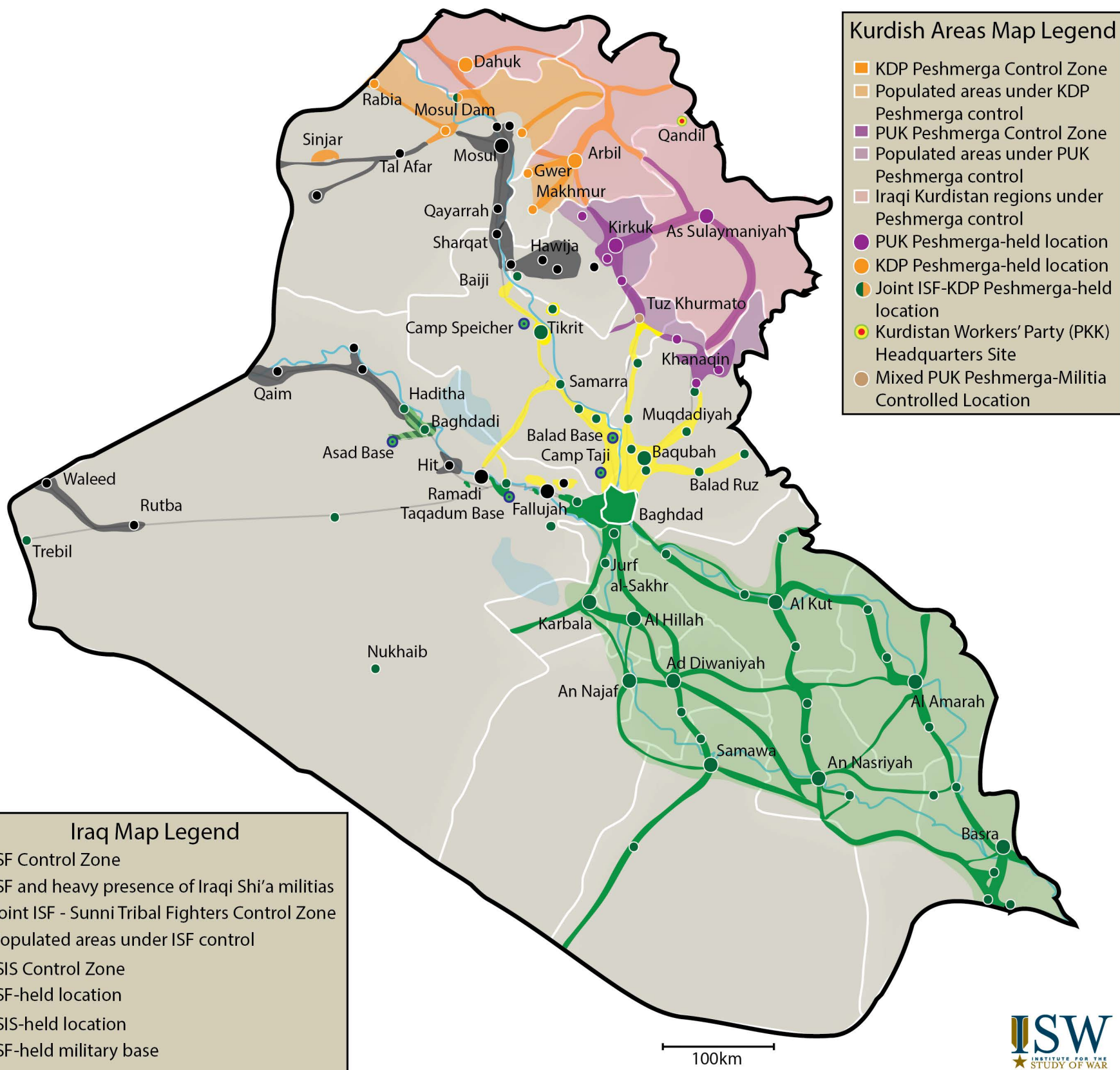


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Kurdish Areas Map Legend

- Orange square: KDP Peshmerga Control Zone
- Light orange square: Populated areas under KDP Peshmerga control
- Purple square: PUK Peshmerga Control Zone
- Light purple square: Populated areas under PUK Peshmerga control
- Light pink square: Iraqi Kurdistan regions under Peshmerga control
- Purple circle: PUK Peshmerga-held location
- Orange circle: KDP Peshmerga-held location
- Green circle: Joint ISF-KDP Peshmerga-held location
- Yellow circle: Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) Headquarters Site
- Brown circle: Mixed PUK Peshmerga-Militia Controlled Location

Iraq Map Legend

- Green square: ISF Control Zone
- Yellow square: ISF and heavy presence of Iraqi Shi'a militias
- Dark green square: Joint ISF - Sunni Tribal Fighters Control Zone
- Light green square: Populated areas under ISF control
- Grey square: ISIS Control Zone
- Green circle: ISF-held location
- Black circle: ISIS-held location
- Blue circle: ISF-held military base



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The Iraq Control of Terrain map depicts the control exerted by armed actors in Iraq over urban and populated areas. “Control” is defined as “an area in which a military actor exerts physical/psychological pressure to assure that individuals or groups within the area respond as directed.” Control also requires a military command to maintain physical influence over a specified area in order to prevent its use by an enemy. The control zones depicted above demonstrate where groups in Iraq are capable of repelling enemy forces. This map distinguishes between control zones that are less or more populated because armed actors in Iraq are primarily contesting each others' control of urban areas. Deserts where no armed actors are assessed to have control, and urban areas that are contested are marked as controlled by no one. Contested urban areas are depicted using neutral space to identify that no group has control over a specific area. As such, Baiji and Sinjar are represented as gaps because they are contested and not under the control of any actor. Ramadi, by contrast, is still under ISIS’s control, even though there is a major ISF campaign underway to reclaim the city.