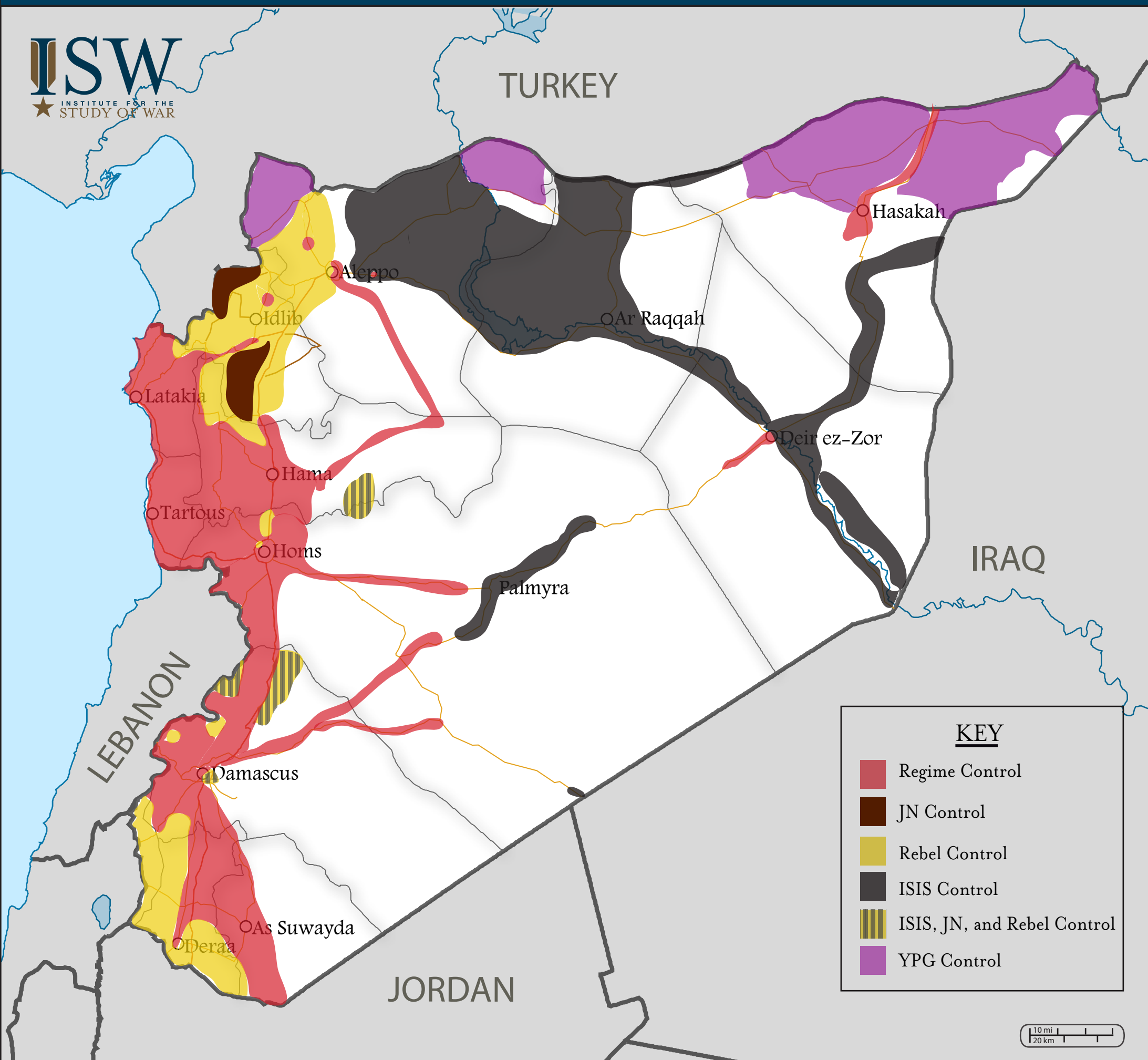


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ISIS seized the last regime-controlled border crossing between Syria and Iraq with the capture of the al-Tanf crossing on May 22 following a regime withdrawal. ISIS also launched an attack against the Iraqi side of the crossing at al-Waleed and the post remains contested. Control over the al-Tanf/al-Waleed crossing will enable ISIS forces in central Syria to link more directly with ISIS-held terrain in far-western Anbar Province, including ar-Rutbah. This advance also brings ISIS forces in Syria in close proximity with Jordan's northeastern border. Meanwhile, ISIS continued to expand westward from Palmyra, seizing the Suwannah area southwest of the city and encroaching on the critical regime T4 (Tiyas) Airbase along the highway to Homs.