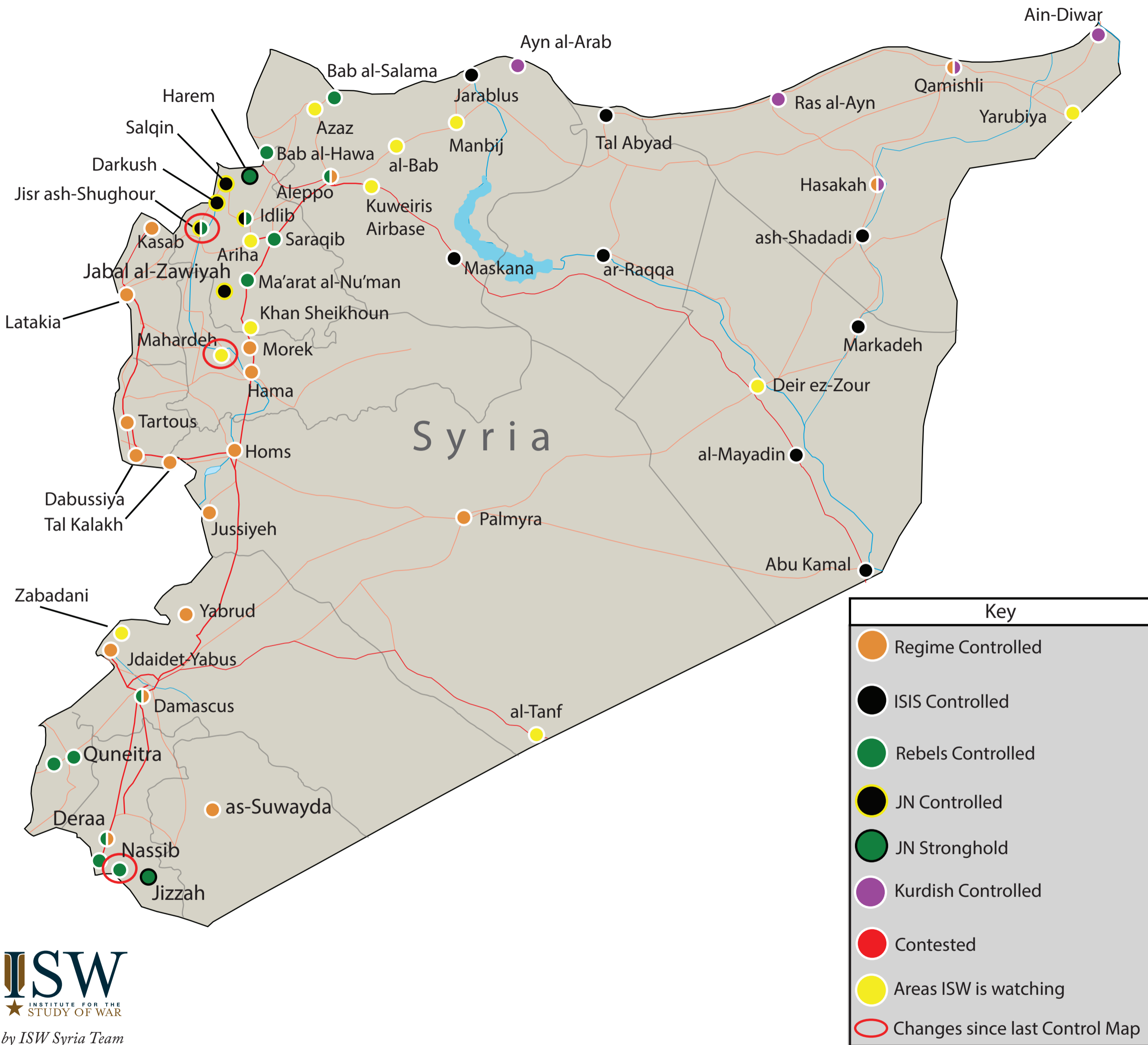


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Jabhat al-Nusra (JN) and rebel forces seized control of the Nasib border crossing with Jordan in Dera'a Province on April 2, 2015. In addition, JN and primarily Islamist and Jihadist rebel forces seized the regime-held city of Jisr al-Shughour, southwest of Idlib City, on April 25, 2015 in an offensive titled the "Battle of Victory." JN and rebel forces coordinated through the "Jaysh al-Fatah" operations room also seized the regime-held Qarmed Camp southeast of Idlib City on April 27, 2015. ISW is keeping its watch on the town of Ariha, the remaining regime stronghold in Idlib Province, expecting that JN and rebel forces will likely attempt to seize this stronghold as they consolidate their gains. ISW is also placing a watch on Merhada, northeast of Hama City, after rebel forces declared their intent to re-initiate military operations against Merhada after consolidating in Idlib.