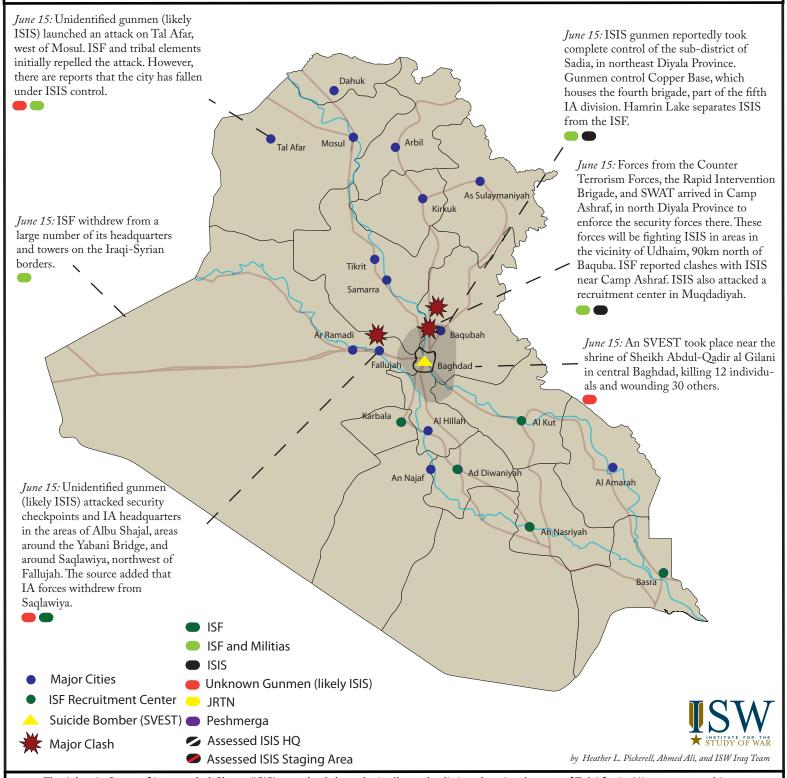
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The Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) attacked the ethnically and religiously mixed town of Tal Afar in Ninewa, provoking a mobilization of Iraqi Shi'a and Turkmen. Should ISIS gain control of the city, it is likely to inflict ethno-sectarian violence. Tal Afar is also an important hub on the roads between Anbar, Ninewa, and Syria. The ISF are withdrawing from the Iraq-Syria border likely in order to mass and counterattack ISIS. If ISIS controls the contested Sadia, it will be a major gain for its effort in Diyala. ISIS is attempting to slow down the ISF recruitment effort by attacking a recruitment center in Muqdadiyah.