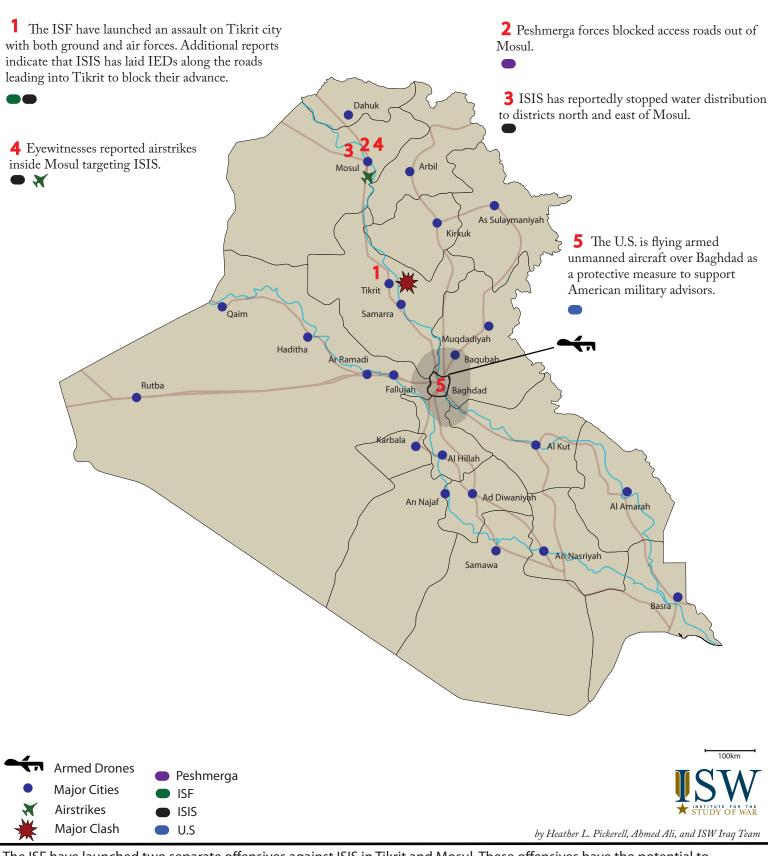
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The ISF have launched two separate offensives against ISIS in Tikrit and Mosul. These offensives have the potential to challenge ISIS's full control of the cities, but they may also alienate the Sunni population to the detriment of Iraq's security over the longer term. Meanwhile, ISIS has positions south of Tikrit from which it can strike Ramadi and Baghdad. The ISF must prevent ISIS from attacking these cities while engaged in its northern counteroffensive. In addition, the Kurdish Regional Government placed strict restrictions on border crossings for internally displaced persons fleeing the conflict elsewhere in Iraq.