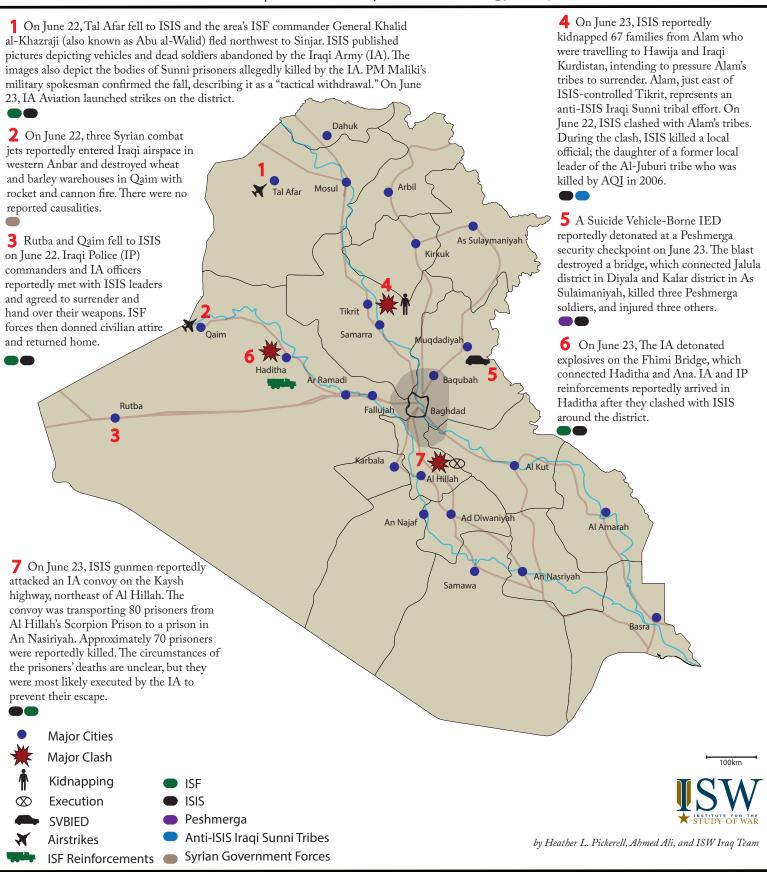
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ISIS has not culminated. ISIS has shifted its efforts toward western Iraq, and the fall of border crossings in Anbar to ISIS is a sign of the further collapse of the Iraqi state. The regional aspect of the current crisis in Iraq has been accentuated by the ISIS's seizure of Rutba, which has triggered concerns for the Jordanian government. The fall of Tal Afar is a setback for the ISF, who, along with volunteers, had held a line against ISIS in the city. Moving forward, it will be important to watch whether ISIS will choose to confront the Peshmerga stationed in Sinjar, Ninewa.