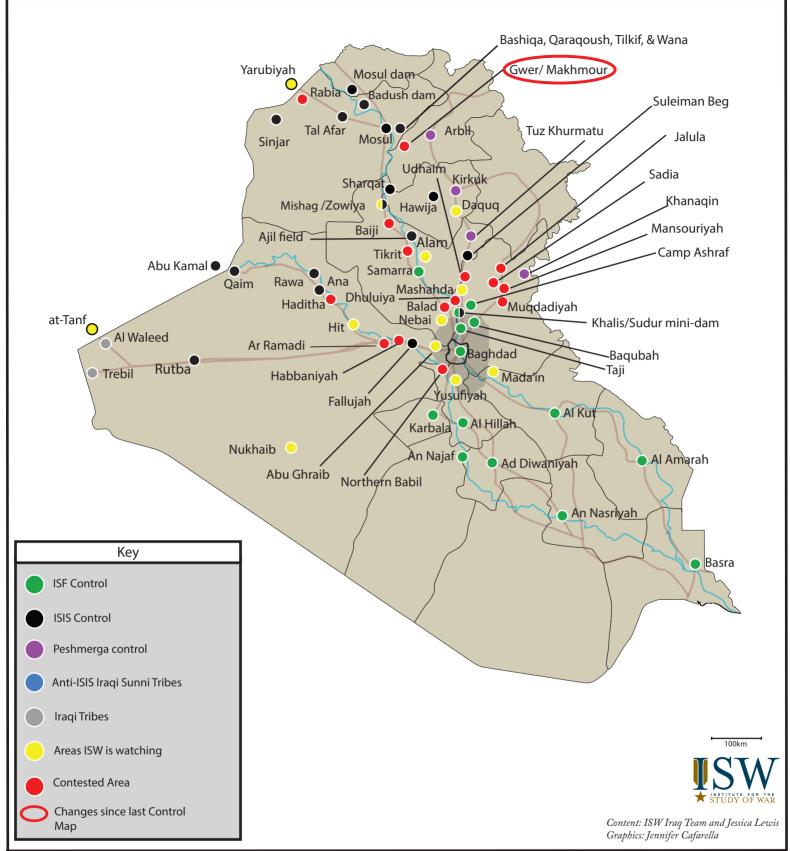
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Changes for August 10 update: Peshmerga forces clashed heavily with ISIS in the area of Gwer, located 30 miles southwest of Arbil city. The clashes took place after the Peshmerga supported by IA Aviation launched an operation from four axes on the area. Some reports indicate that the Peshmerga seized control of the town while others indicate that clashes are still ongoing. Unconfirmed reports indicated that the Peshmerga controlled part of the sub-district while ISIS remained in control of the other part. Additional reports indicate that heavy clashes between ISIS and Peshmerga also took place in Makhmour, 18 km south of Gwer. Previous reports had indicated ISIS established an operational presence in both towns in early August 2014. The area of the Ninewa Plains marking Gwer and Makhmour is therefore depicted as contested. Read more about developments in this area in ISW's Iraq SITREP for today – www.understandingwar.org.