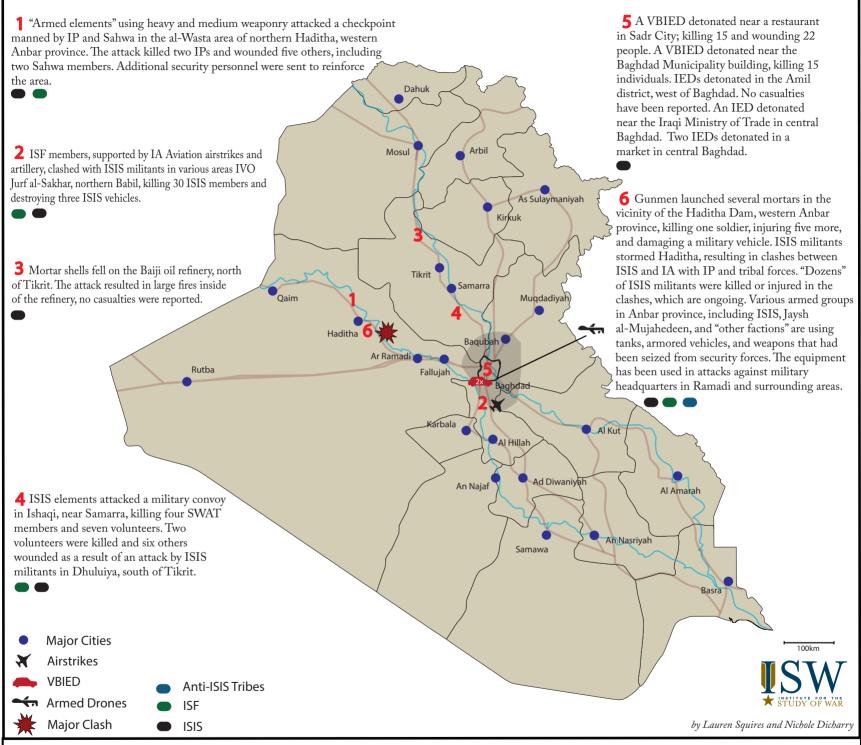
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ISIS continues to attack the Baiji oil refinery with the intent to complete its control of Baiji city. The ISF continues to withstand the assault. ISIS and possibly other anti-government militants launched an assault on Haditha in the vicinity of Haditha Dam. The last attack on Haditha Dam was reported on July 13, 2014. Anti-government groups also attacked an ISF checkpoint north of Haditha. ISIS likely seeks to control this terrain. The reported use of captured armored vehicles in the assault is a shift in tactics by these groups, but it is not clear the degree that their use will neutralize ISF defenses. Clashes between ISIS and the ISF with IA air support have occurred several times since July 8, 2014, indicating an enduring ISIS presence southwest of Baghdad. ISIS attacks south of Samarra also indicate the enduring presence of ISIS elements north of Baghdad. The ISF must remain vigilant against the threat of an offensive by either of these ISIS contingents in the vicinity of the capital.