

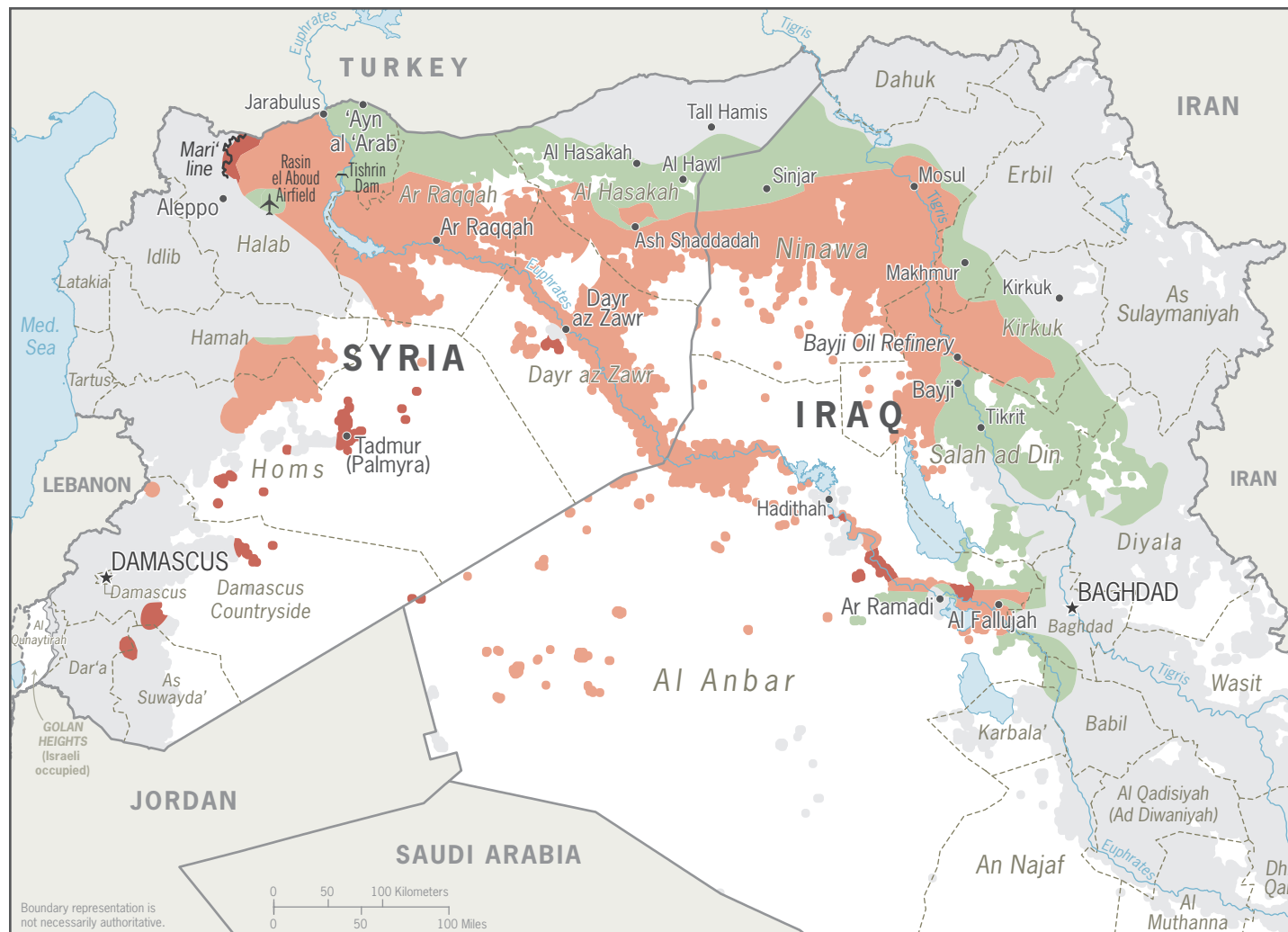
Iraq and Syria: ISIL's Areas of Influence, August 2014 Through February 2016

Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant's (ISIL) frontlines in much of northern and central Iraq and northern Syria have been pushed back since August 2014. ISIL probably can no longer operate openly in approximately 25 to 30 percent of populated areas in Iraq and Syria that it dominated in August 2014. The map depicts ISIL's net territorial losses, which translate into approximately 21,000 to 24,000 square kilometers, or about 40 percent, in Iraq. ISIL also has lost a net total of 4,700 to 5,000 square

kilometers, or about 11 percent, in Syria. ISIL probably has a presence and freedom of movement in much of the unpopulated areas depicted on the map, but we cannot determine if it is the dominant actor. Since our last update in mid-February, Iraqi Security Forces continue to clear areas surrounding Ar Ramadi, which they recaptured from ISIL in late January. In Syria, ISIL has lost about 200 to 300 additional square kilometers in areas east of Aleppo, as well as in Hamah and Al Hasakah Provinces.

Areas of Influence

- ISIL dominant
- ISIL territorial gain
- ISIL territorial loss
- Non-ISIL populated area
- Sparsely populated or unpopulated
- Administrative boundary



Note: Our judgement as to which group has dominant influence over an area is based on a body of sources that we deem reliable.