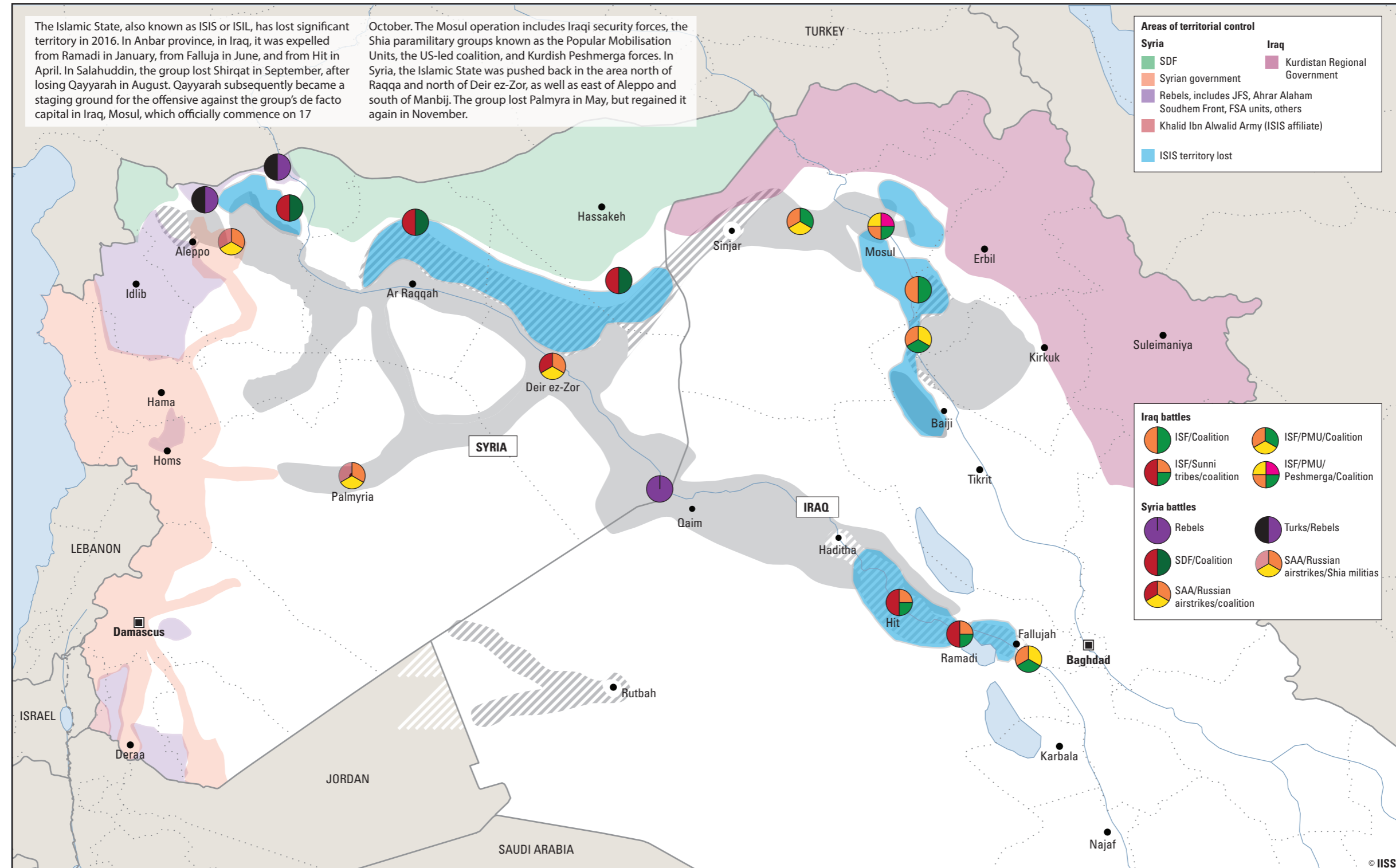


Territory lost by the Islamic State and Operations against the Islamic State

The Islamic State, also known as ISIS or ISIL, has lost significant territory in 2016. In Anbar province, in Iraq, it was expelled from Ramadi in January, from Falluja in June, and from Hit in April. In Salahuddin, the group lost Shirqat in September, after losing Qayyarah in August. Qayyarah subsequently became a staging ground for the offensive against the group's de facto capital in Iraq, Mosul, which officially commence on 17

October. The Mosul operation includes Iraqi security forces, the Shia paramilitary groups known as the Popular Mobilisation Units, the US-led coalition, and Kurdish Peshmerga forces. In Syria, the Islamic State was pushed back in the area north of Raqqa and north of Deir ez-Zor, as well as east of Aleppo and south of Manbij. The group lost Palmyra in May, but regained it again in November.



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