

## IRAQI KURDISTAN SECURITY BULLETIN 16 DEC 2014:

### Mosul Province

**Shengal** - On 15 DEC at approximately 2345 hours, forty IS insurgents gathered at a farm north east of Boraca Village to attack Yazidi fighters protecting the Shaf ad Din Shrine/ The insurgents were equipped with four HMMWVs, two pickup trucks and several DsHkas. Another ten insurgents gathered at the Boraca intersection with two HMMWVs and several DsHkas. Insurgent also had a 120 mm anti aircraft gun, which has a range of twenty kilometers. The insurgents were firing on the Yazidis at the shrine which was approximately six kilometers away from their location. Despite the range, the shrine was not hit and no one was injured.

On 16 DEC at approximately 1900 hours, thirty IS insurgents equipped with four HMMWVs, three pickup trucks, several DsHkas and the 120 mm anti aircraft gun, were positioned five kilometers west of Baraca Village, in Dahullah Village, also preparing to attack Yazidis probably at the Shaf ad Din Shrine.

### Erbil Province

**Erbil** - On 16 DEC, another insurgent from the same cell responsible for the 29 NOV VBIED attack on the Mayor's Office in Erbil was arrested in Erbil.

This makes the number of members in the cell fifteen. He is an Arab male who is the brother of the military leader of the cell, Abu Haitham.

### Kirkuk Province

**Kirkuk** - On 16 DEC, IS has been sending foreign jihadists to the following areas around Kirkuk:

- Makhtab Khalid Village (south of Mullah Abdullah Village)
- Tal Wardah Village
- Wahad Village (near Daquq)
- Shamsiya Village

IS has changed all the leadership in these areas from local to foreign. Many of these foreigners are being brought in from Syria. Heavy equipment, including tanks and artillery, are also being brought into these areas.

Every night for the past three nights, IS has been moving in the area in convoys. Airstrikes are hitting the areas but the insurgents are disappearing and reappearing after the aircraft are gone. Some Peshmerga believe the insurgents have dug underground areas and are hiding equipment and personnel in these areas when the airstrikes occur.

There is a bridge in Makhtab Khalid Village that airstrikes are hitting; however insurgents are regrouping under the bridge after the airstrikes are over. Tal Wardah and Wahad Village is on the frontline between IS insurgents and Peshmerga forces.

Wahad Village is 150 kilometers off of the main highway which goes to Baghdad. IS have placed a sniper who is targeting civilians driving on the highway. yesterday a car with three students was hit, killing two of the students and injuring one who died later at the hospital.

IS leadership knows that there is an offensive being planned against Mosul and Shengal and are taking measures to survive the attack. They may also try to target Kirkuk during any battle for Mosul.

### **Sulaymaniyah Province**

**Sulaymaniyah** - On 16 DEC the Badr Corp Shia militia commander, Hadi Ameri, was visiting PUK Headquarters with Mullah Baktiyar to meet with PUK leadership. Both Ameri and Baktiyar were in Sadiyya and Jelewlah fighting together. Ameri is not welcomed by the KDP because the KDP will not allow Shia militia soldiers into the Kurdistan Regional Government Areas. This meeting was not coordinated between the KDP and the PUK.

Five IS insurgents were arrested in Sulaymaniyah on 15 DEC. They were also members of the same cell that was responsible for the 29 NOV VBIED attack on the Governor's Office in Erbil. With the help of Erbil Assayish and after their investigation, the Sulaymaniyah Assayish were able make the additional arrests. This cell was also

making IEDs out of propane gas tanks and bringing those tanks into Sulaymaniyah. These five insurgents were preparing for an attack on Sulaymaniyah.

On 16 DEC, another insurgent, making the number in the cell fifteen, was arrested in Erbil. This was an Arab male who is the brother of the military leader of the cell, Abu Haitham.

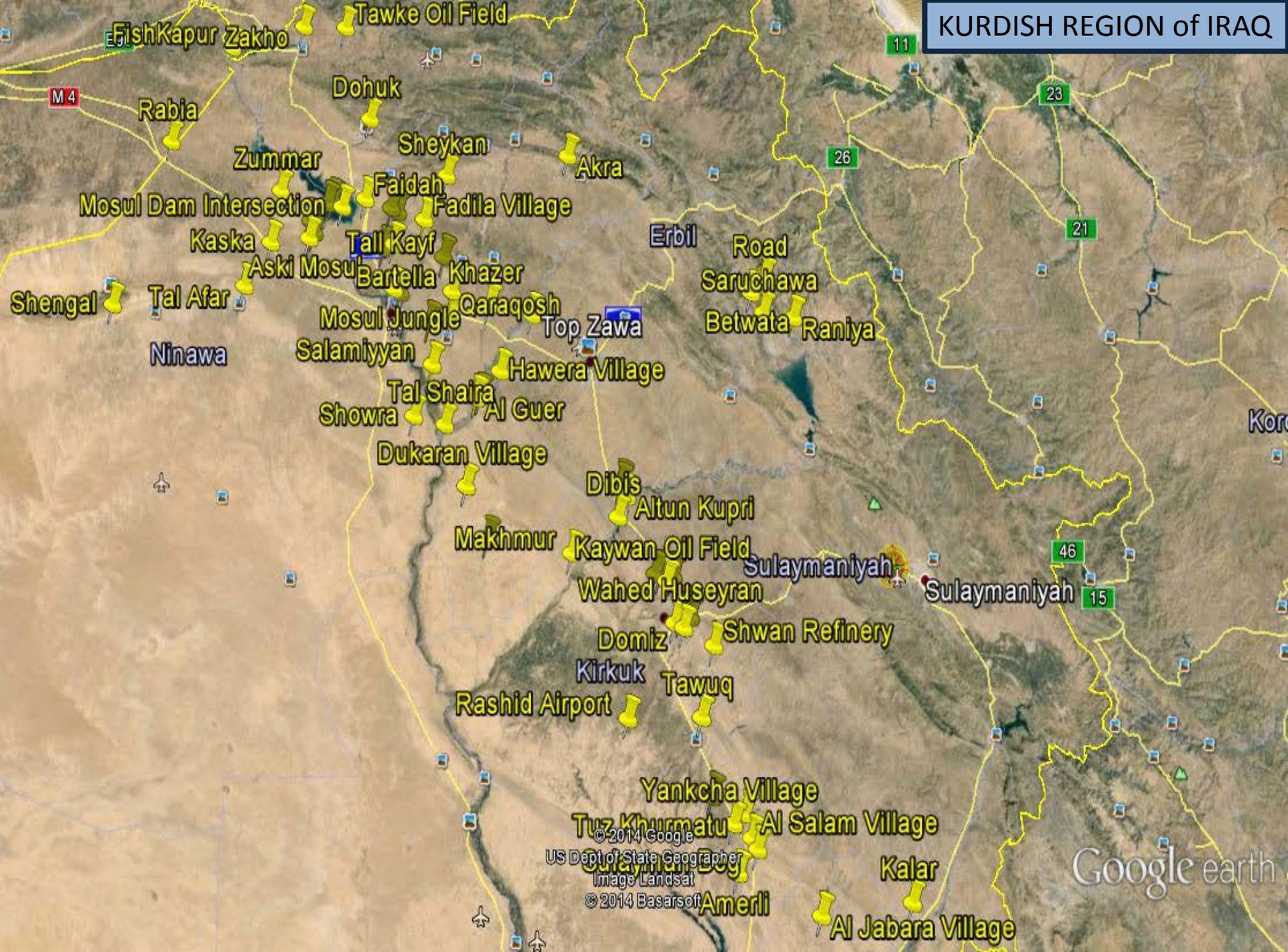
Also on 16 DEC, approximately 300 students protestors gathered in front of the University of Science in Sulaymaniyah because the government will no longer allow students to be hired by the Ministry of Education upon graduation and further to become teachers.

Now the students can get jobs from the government after they graduate. Most students want to become teachers because there are a lot of teaching jobs available but other jobs are not. Unemployment is something the students do not want to face so they are protesting.

***Khanaqin*** - On 15 DEC, over 300 students from the Khanaqin high schools and the university of Khanaqin, demonstrated and blocked the main road between Kalar and Khanaqin at 14:45, demanding the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) give the students the paperwork needed to request their career fields. This is normally done for all students in the KRG and allows them to continue their education. Because Khanaqin is disputed, the local government has not distributed the paperwork

The Director of the Education Directorate for Khanaqin addressed the protestors, promising them that he would solve the problem and the protest ended.

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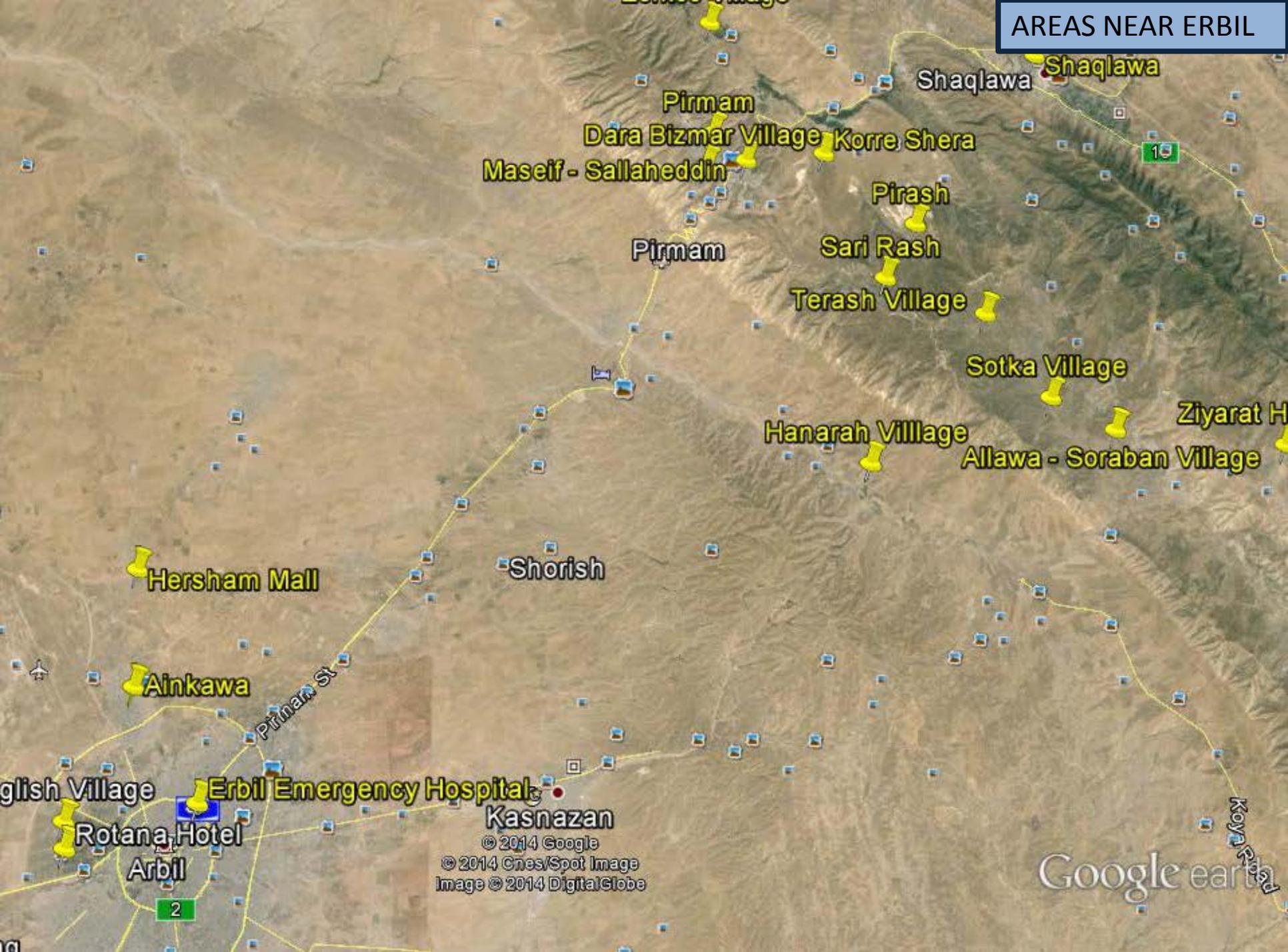
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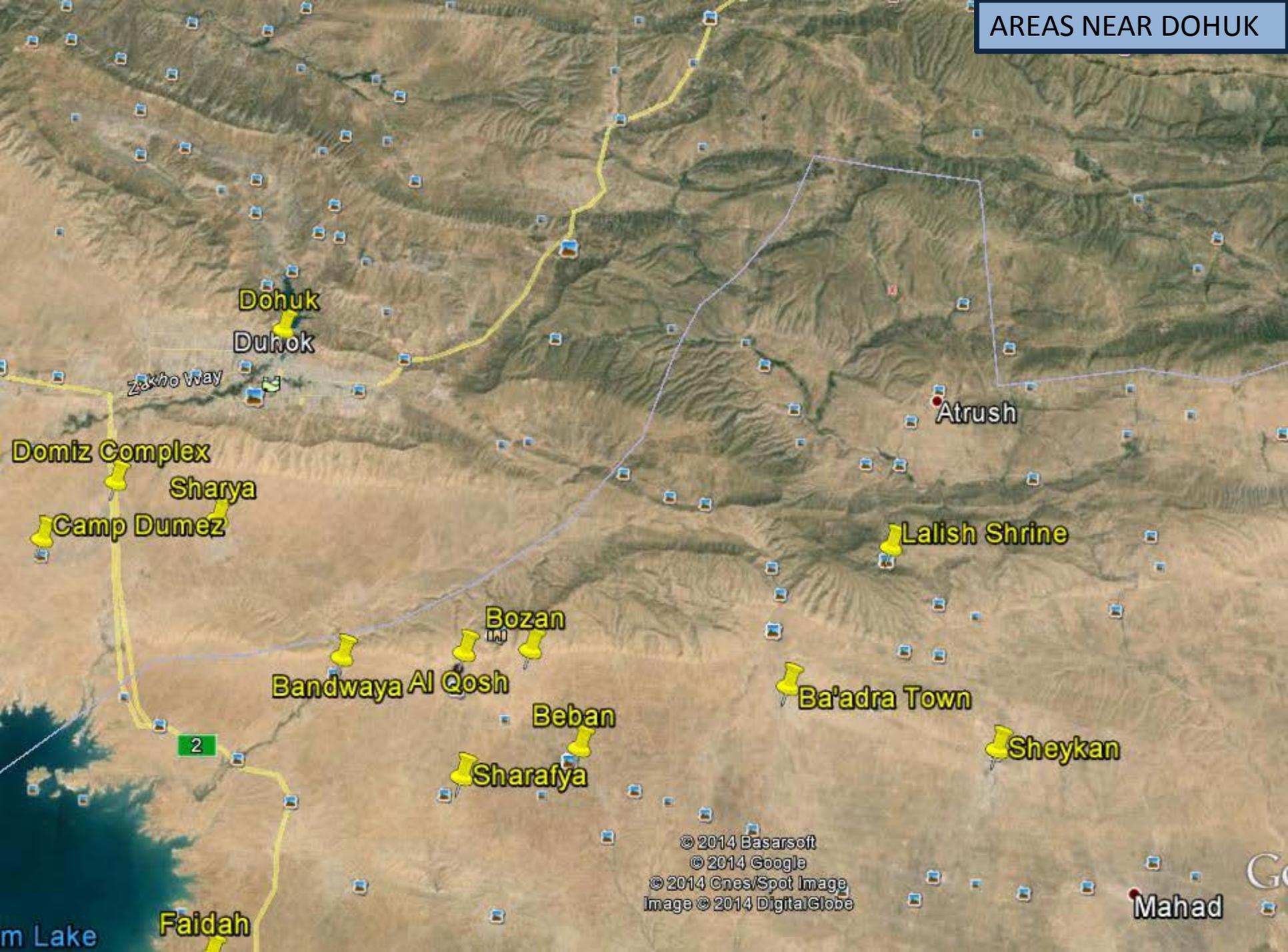
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Dohuk  
Duhok

Atrush

Lalish Shrine

Ba'adra Town

Sheykan

Sharafya

Beban

Bozan

Bandwaya Al Qosh

Sharya

Camp Dumez

Domiz Complex

Faidah

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AREAS NEAR MOSUL DAM



Khuraba Ashka

Khuraba Tiban

Ain Zalah

Abu Wajnam

Zummar

Tal Mus

Refugee Camp 1

Old Khanka Village

Refugee Camp 2

Domiz Complex

Sharya

Camp Dumez

Bandwaya

2

Faidah

Mosul Dam Bridge Mosul Dam Lake

Mosul Dam Intersection

Sahalich Village

Tall Zahab Village

Wana Village

Aski Mosul

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AREAS NEAR MAKHMUR



Al Khidhir

Rotana Hotel

Showra

Qarach  
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Dukaran Village

Makhmur

Sheraweh Refinery

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KIRKUK



Bagwan  
Bagwan Oil Field

Baba Gurgur

Gorga Chal Village

K1 Airfield

Kaywan Oil Field

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رحيماره

Kirkuk Ring Rd

Chiman

Kirkuk/Qara Hanjeer Checkpoint

Kirkuk

Kirkuk

Shorija

Mamdoudah

Hay al Nahda

Hayy al Hajaj

Yayci Kasabasi

Beldet al Muhrur

Hayy al Nasr

Raparin Al Aruba

Wahed Huseyran

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Kirkuk Checkpoint

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Kaywan Oil Field  
Bagwan  
Baba Gurgur

Wahed Huseyran  
Al Aruba

Domiz  
Shwan Refinery

Tawuq

Tuz Khormatu Airport

Yankcha Village

Tuz Khurma

Al Salam Village

Sulayman Beg

Amerli

Bazian

Sulaymaniyah  
Sulaymaniyah

Chamchamal

Halabja

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Al Jabara Village

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