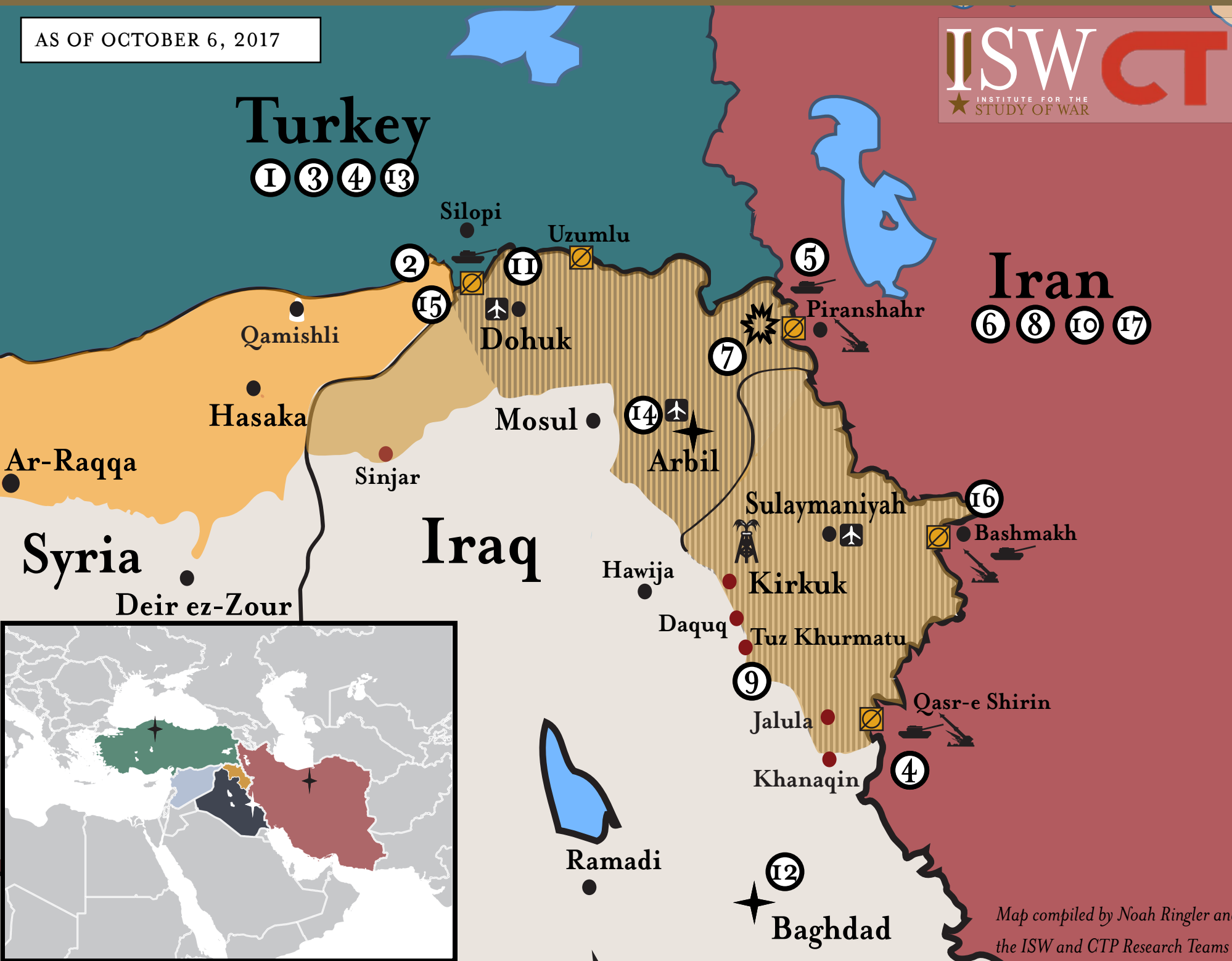


AS OF OCTOBER 6, 2017



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| | Iranian Shelling | | Disputed Area | | Capital |
| | Referendum Areas | | Military Exercise | | Airport |
| | Iraqi Kurdish Forces Permissive | | Missile Defense Activity | <u>Assessed Border Status</u> | |
| | Syrian Democratic Forces | | Oil Producing Region | | Closed |
| | | | | | Partially Open |
| | | | | | Open |

- 1** 15 -17 AUG: Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) commander and Iranian Armed Forces Chief of the General Staff met with Turkish Chief of the General Staff and Turkish President to discuss cooperation in Ankara.
- 2** 18 SEP: The Turkish Armed Forces (TSK) began military exercises near the Ibrahim Khalil Border Crossing in the Silopi District of Sirnak Province in Turkey.
- 3** 20 SEP: Turkey, Iran, and Iraq released a joint communique condemning the referendum following a foreign ministers meeting on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.
- 4** 23 SEP: Turkish Chairman of the Joint Staff discussed 'illegitimate' referendum with Iraqi Chief of Staff in Ankara.
- 5** 23 SEP: IRGC conducted annual Muharram military exercises near the Iranian-Iraqi border in the Oshnaviyeh District of West Azerbaijan Province in Iran.
- 6** 24 SEP: The Iranian Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) closed Iranian airspace for flights from Kurdistan Region of Iraq.
- 7** 24 SEP: Unidentified Iranian forces engaged in cross-border shelling targeting the Juman District of Erbil Province in Kurdistan Region of Iraq.
- 8** 25 SEP: Turkey, Iran, and Iraq issued a joint statement condemning the Iraqi Kurdistan independence referendum.
- 9** 25 SEP: Kurdish Internal Security Service (Asayish) official claimed Popular Mobilization Unit (PMU) personnel fire on Kurdish Peshmerga in Tuz Khurmatu.
- 10** 25 SEP: Iraqi Chief of Staff met with Iranian Armed Forces Chief of the General Staff to discuss a coordinated military response to the referendum in Tehran.
- 11** 26 SEP: Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) participated in joint military exercises with the Turkish Armed Forces near the Ibrahim Khalil Border Crossing.
- 12** 27 SEP: Council of Representatives of Iraq passed a 12-point resolution calling for the Government of Iraq to deploy ISF forces to reclaim oil fields in Kirkuk.
- 13** 27 SEP: Turkish Prime Minister restricted travel for Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) personnel to Turkey.
- 14** 29 SEP: Turkey and Iran implemented a ban on direct flights from Kurdistan Region of Iraq. Iran enacted a temporary ban of crude oil transports with the KRG.
- 15** 30 SEP: The ISF established an additional checkpoint at border crossing in Turkey to Kurdistan Region of Iraq. Anonymous officials reported the ISF was positioned to enact similar checkpoints from Iran.
- 16** 01 OCT: The Iraqi Security Forces joined Iranian Artesh and IRGC personnel in the ongoing "Heydar-e Karrar" military exercises near all three Iranian border crossings with Kurdistan Region of Iraq.
- 17** 04 OCT: Turkey and Iran held Fourth High-Level Cooperation Council Meeting to expand economic and energy cooperation in Tehran.