

Russian Airstrikes in Syria Maps

(September 30, 2015 – June 28, 2016)

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Russia Airstrikes in Syria Assessment Methodology

NOTE: ISW changed its assessment methodology regarding low- and high-confidence strikes on May 28. Both the Russian Ministry of Defense and Western officials had altered their patterns of reporting on Russian air operations within the previous weeks. ISW amended the criteria for determining high-confidence reporting to rely more heavily on key indicators of Russian airstrikes, rather than statements from Russian and Western officials. Key indicators of strikes include precision, flight patterns, and time of strikes as well as an examination of picture intelligence.

The following graphics depict ISW's assessment of Russian airstrike locations based on reports from local Syrian activist networks, statements by Russian and Western officials, and documentation of Russian airstrikes through social media. These maps represent *locations* targeted by Russia's air campaign, rather than the number of individual strikes or sorties.

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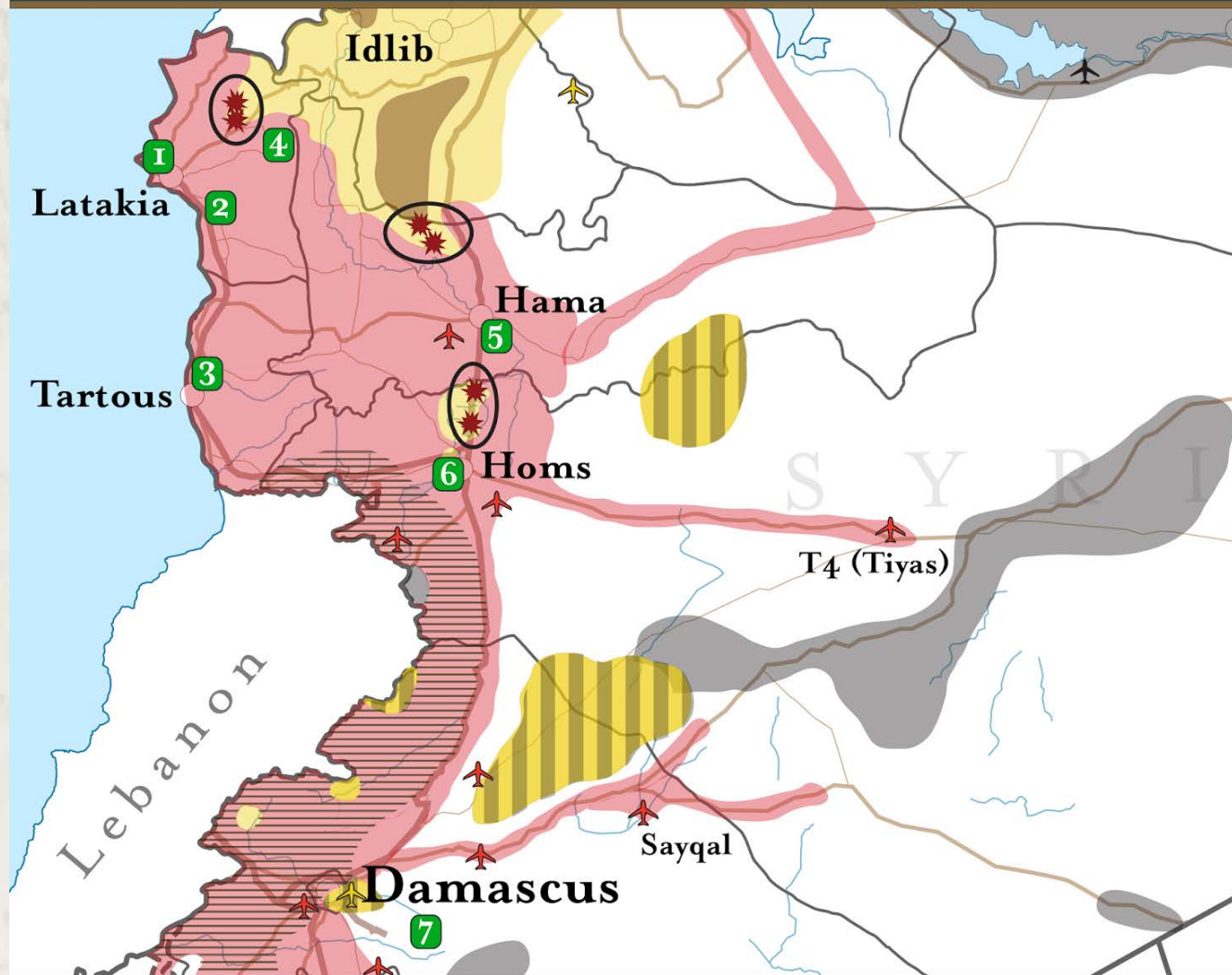
High-Confidence reporting. ISW places high confidence in reports corroborated by documentation from opposition factions and activist networks on the ground in Syria deemed to be credible that demonstrate a number of key indicators of Russian airstrikes.

Low-Confidence reporting. ISW places low confidence in reports corroborated only by multiple secondary sources, including from local Syrian activist networks deemed credible or Syrian state-run media.

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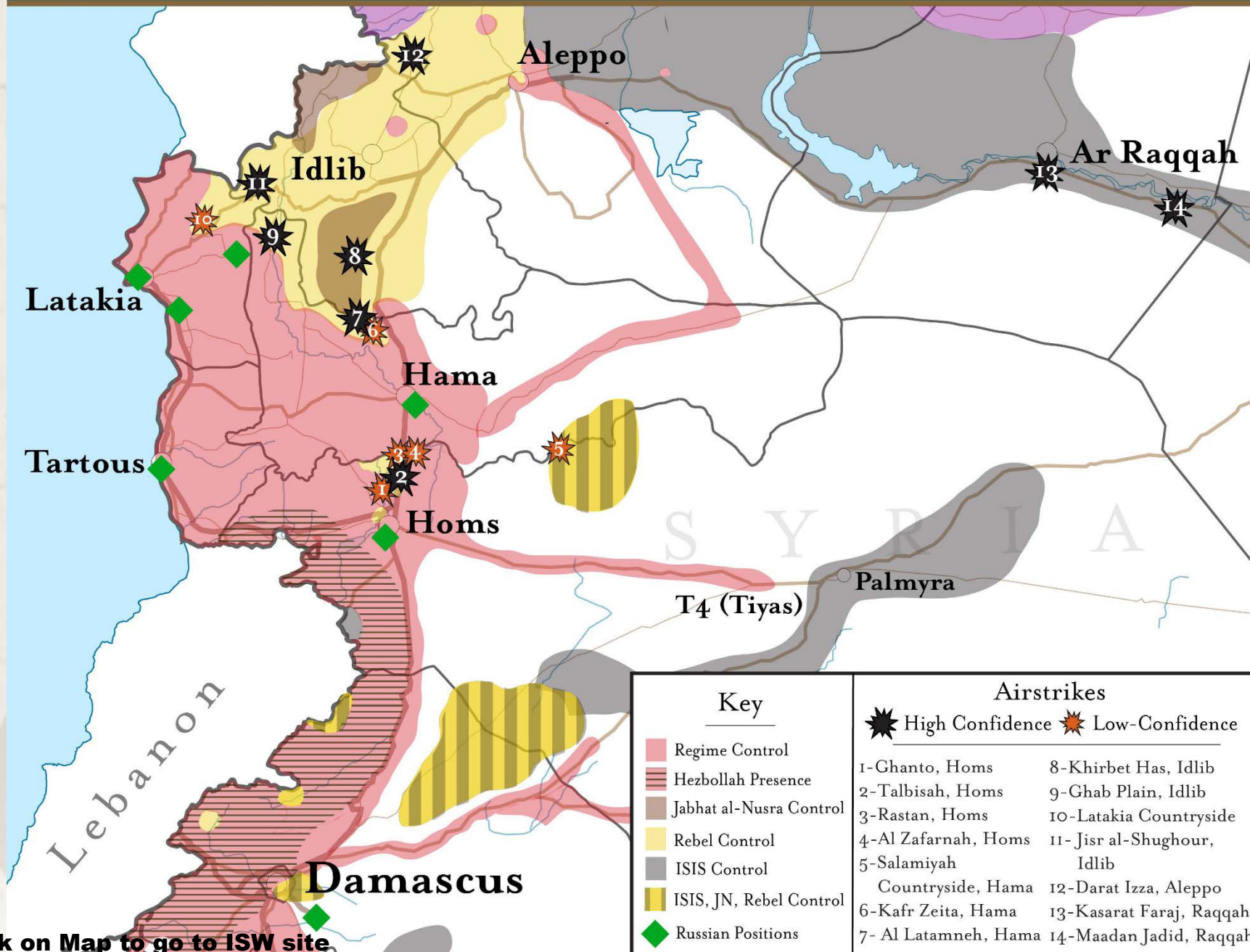
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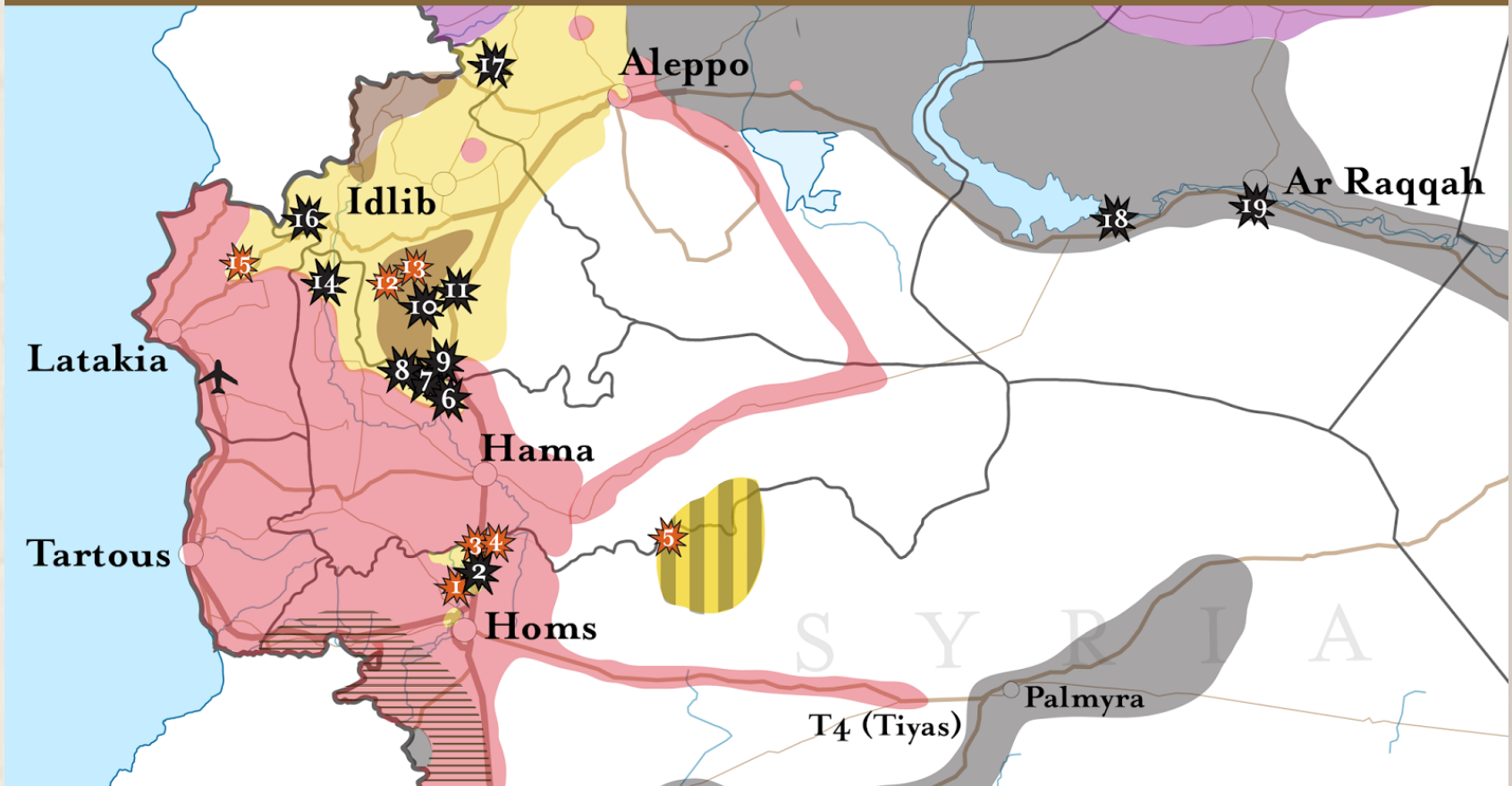
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Regime Control	Hezbollah Presence	1-Port of Latakia	Airstrike
Jabhat al-Nusra Control	Rebel Control	2-Bassel al-Assad Airport	
ISIS Control	ISW/N. Rebel Control	3-Tartous Naval Facility	
		4-Slinfah	
		5-Hama Equestrian Club	
		6-Homs City	
		7-Damascus International Airport	

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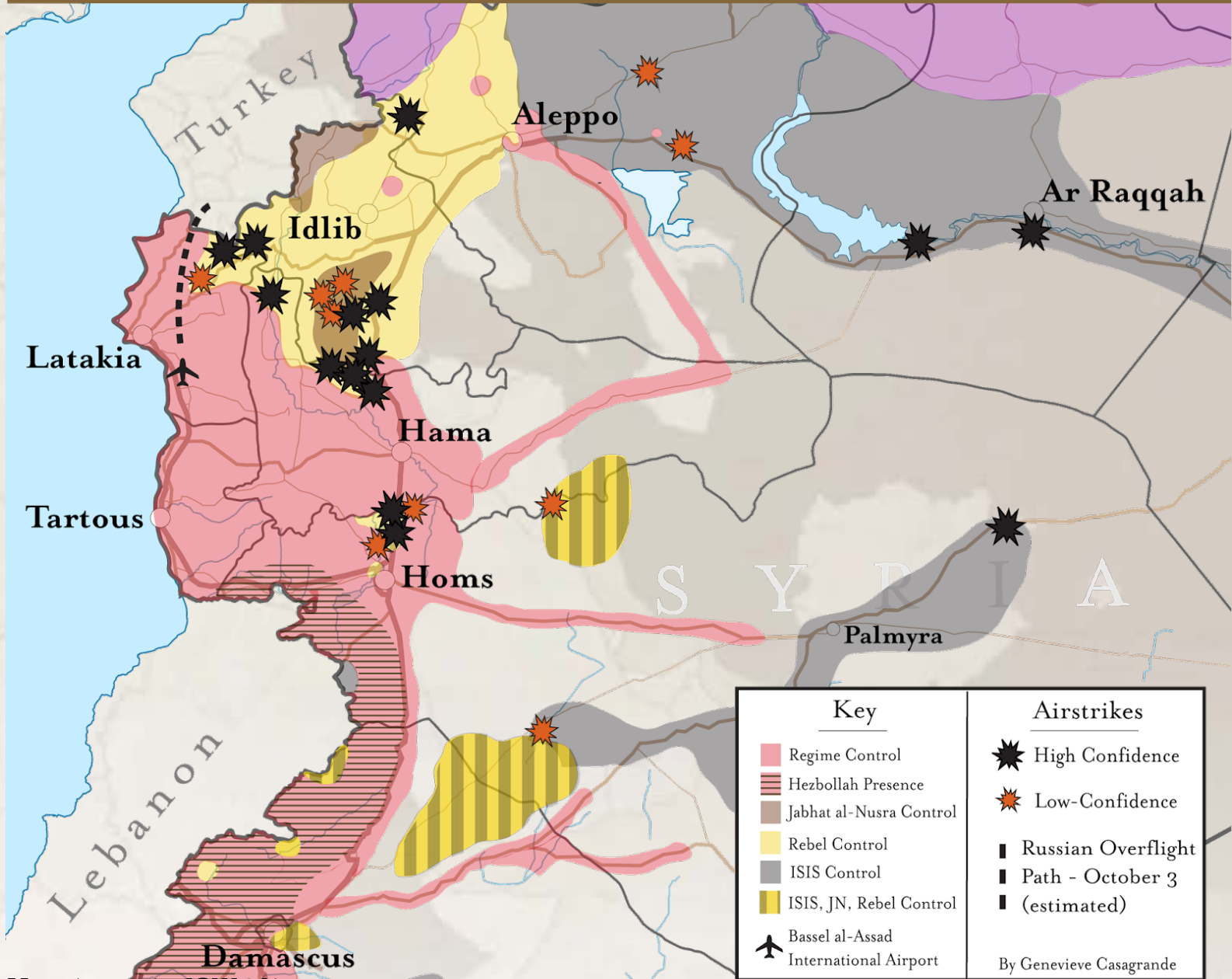


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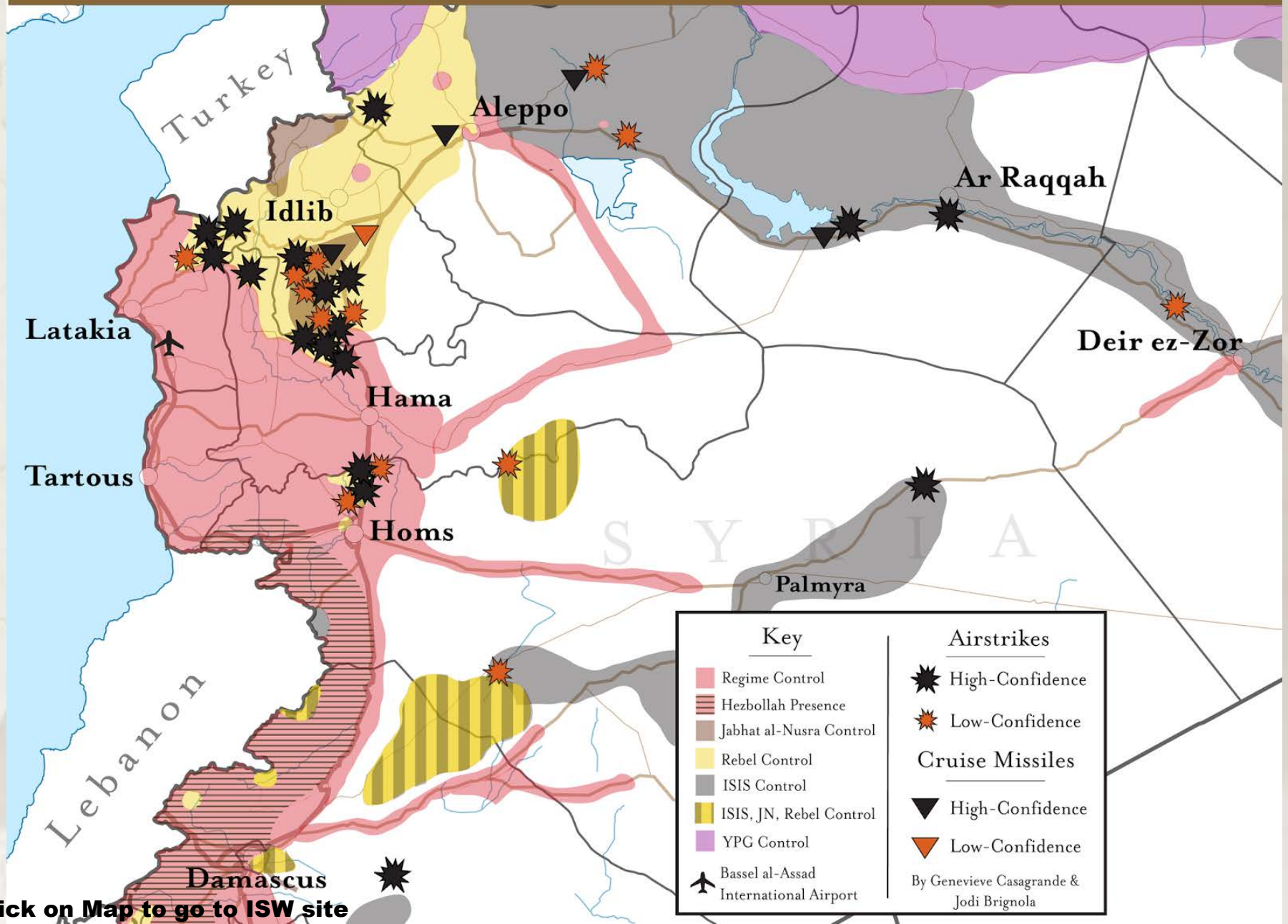
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	Jabhat al-Nusra Control	2-Talbisah, Homs	9-Khan Sheikhoun, Idlib	15-Latakia Countryside	
	Rebel Control	3-Rastan, Homs	10-Khirbet Has, Idlib	16-Jsir al-Shughour	
	ISIS Control	4-Al Zafarnah, Homs	11- Ma'aret al-Nouman, Idlib	17- Darat Izza, Aleppo	
	ISIS, JN, Rebel Control	5-Salamiyah Countryside, Hama	12-Baylon, Idlib	18-Maadon Jadid, Raqqa	
	Bassel al-Assad International Airport	6-Al Latamneh, Hama	13-Ihsem, Idlib	19-Kasarat Faraj, Raqqa	
		7- Kafr Zeita, Hama			

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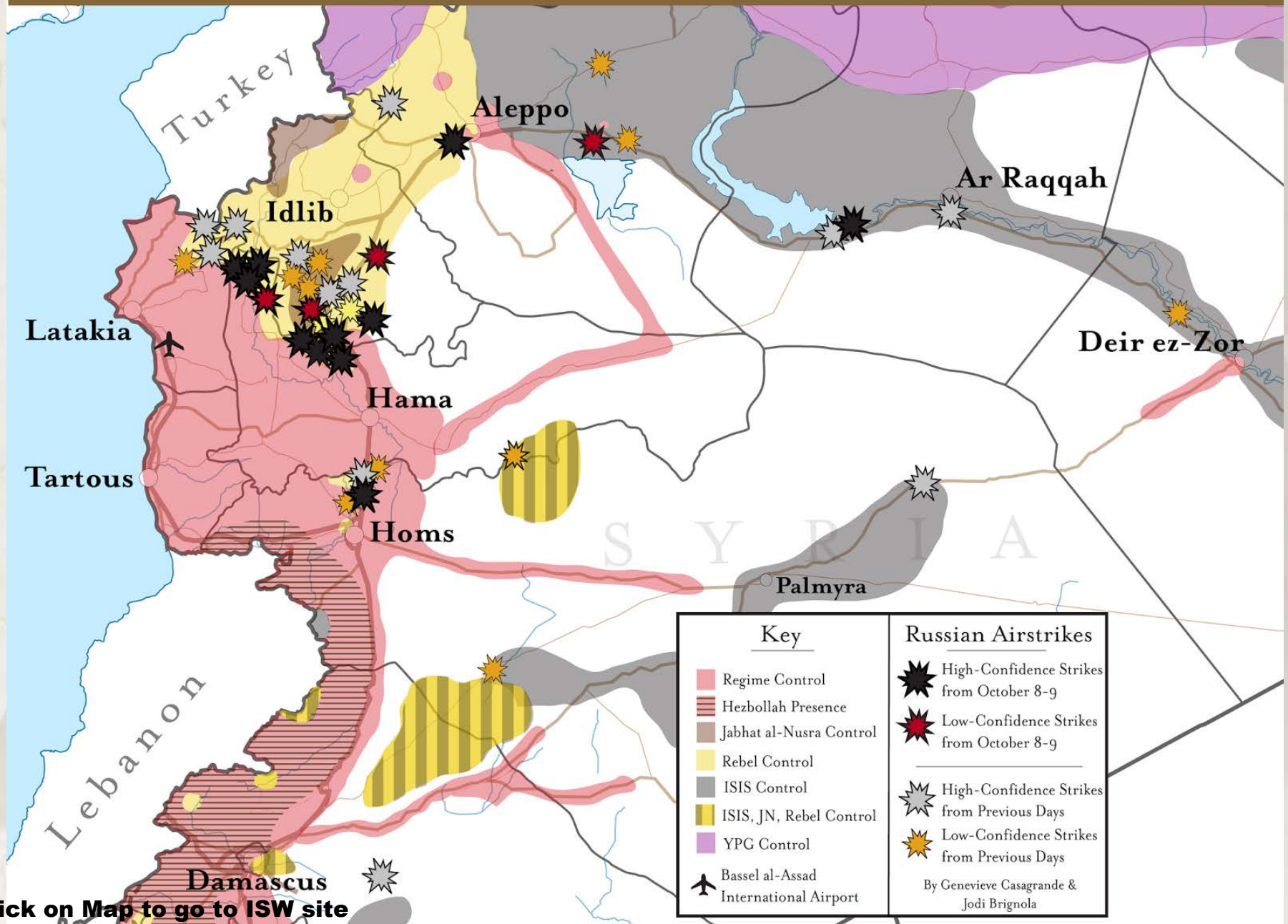


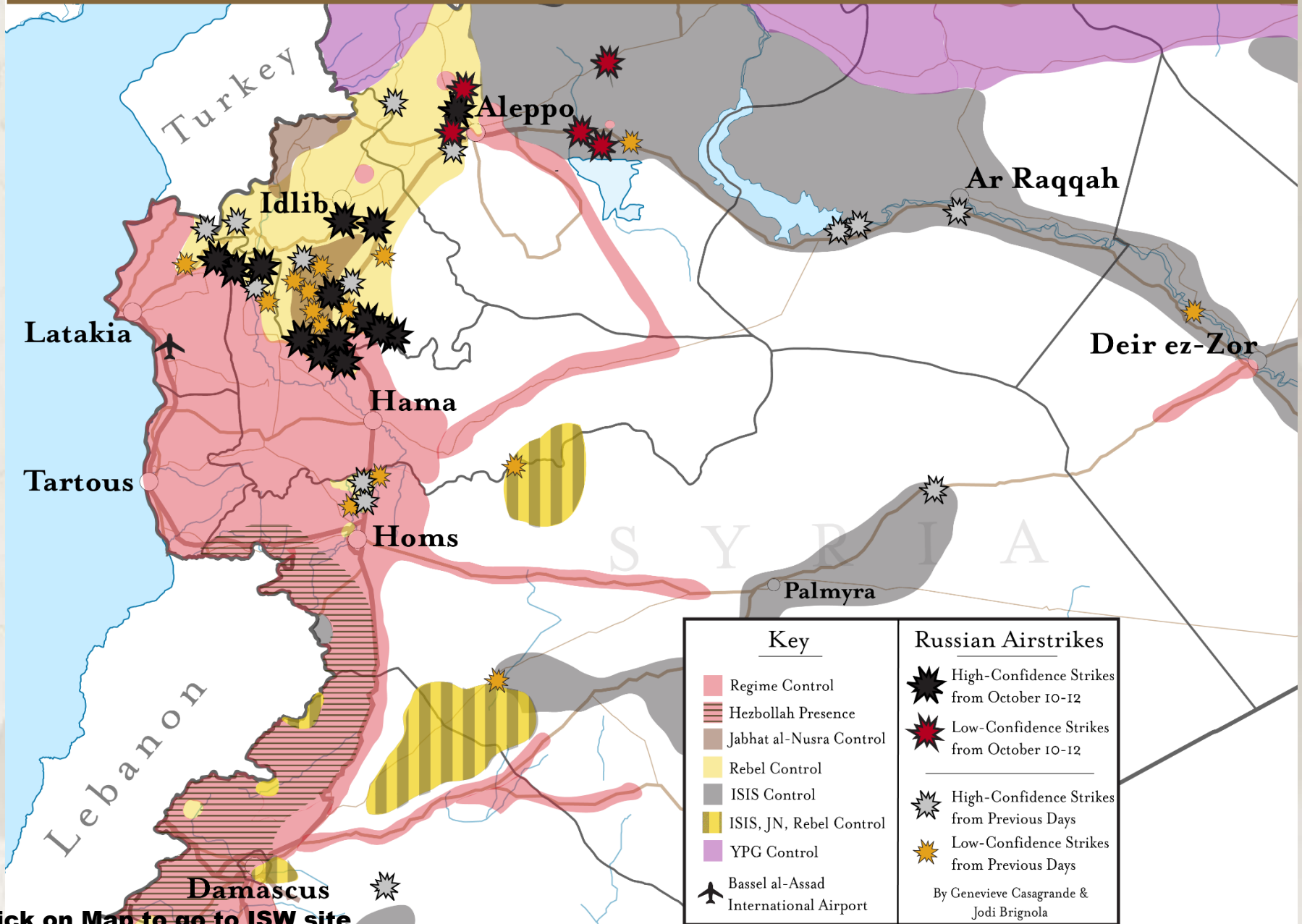
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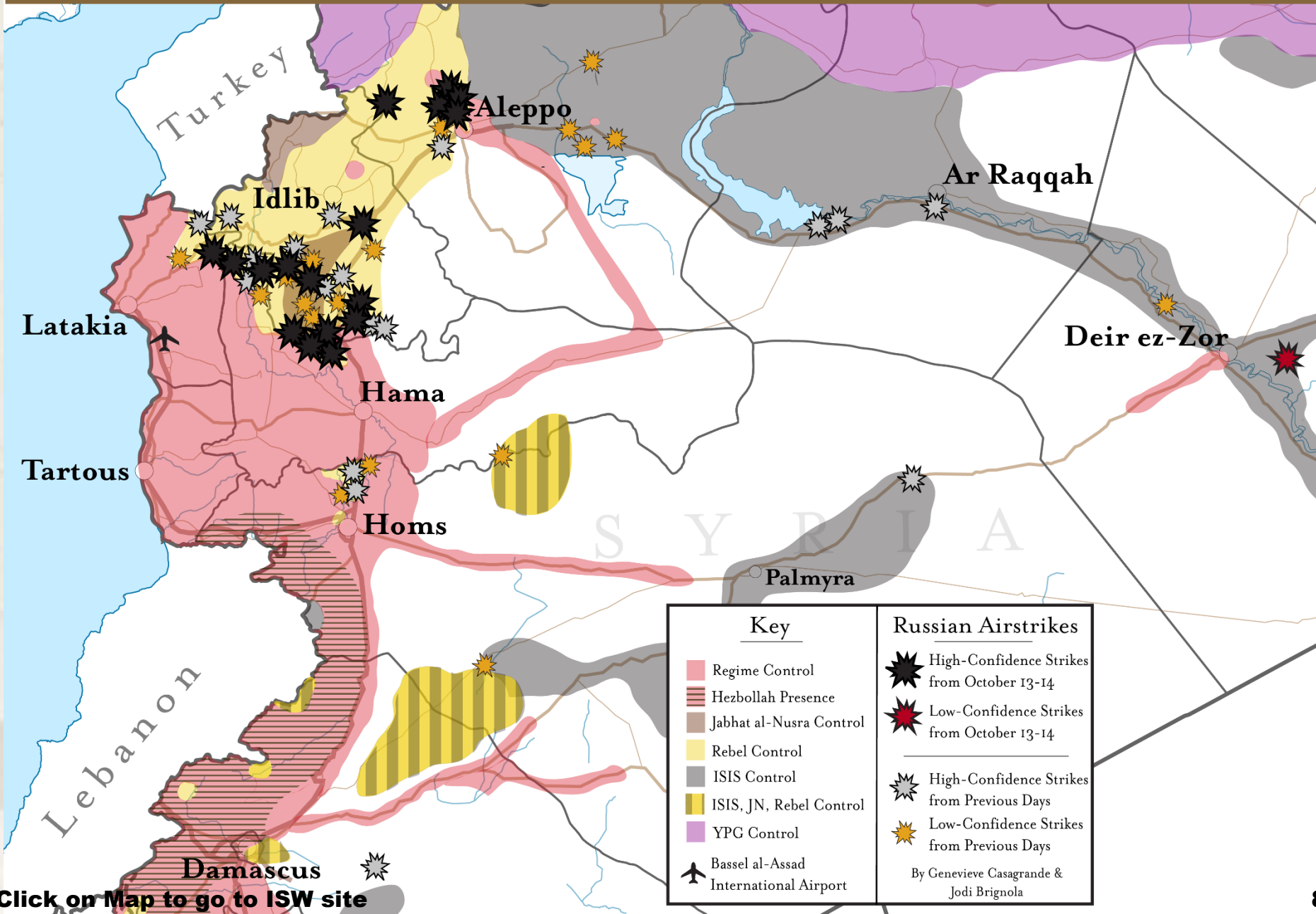


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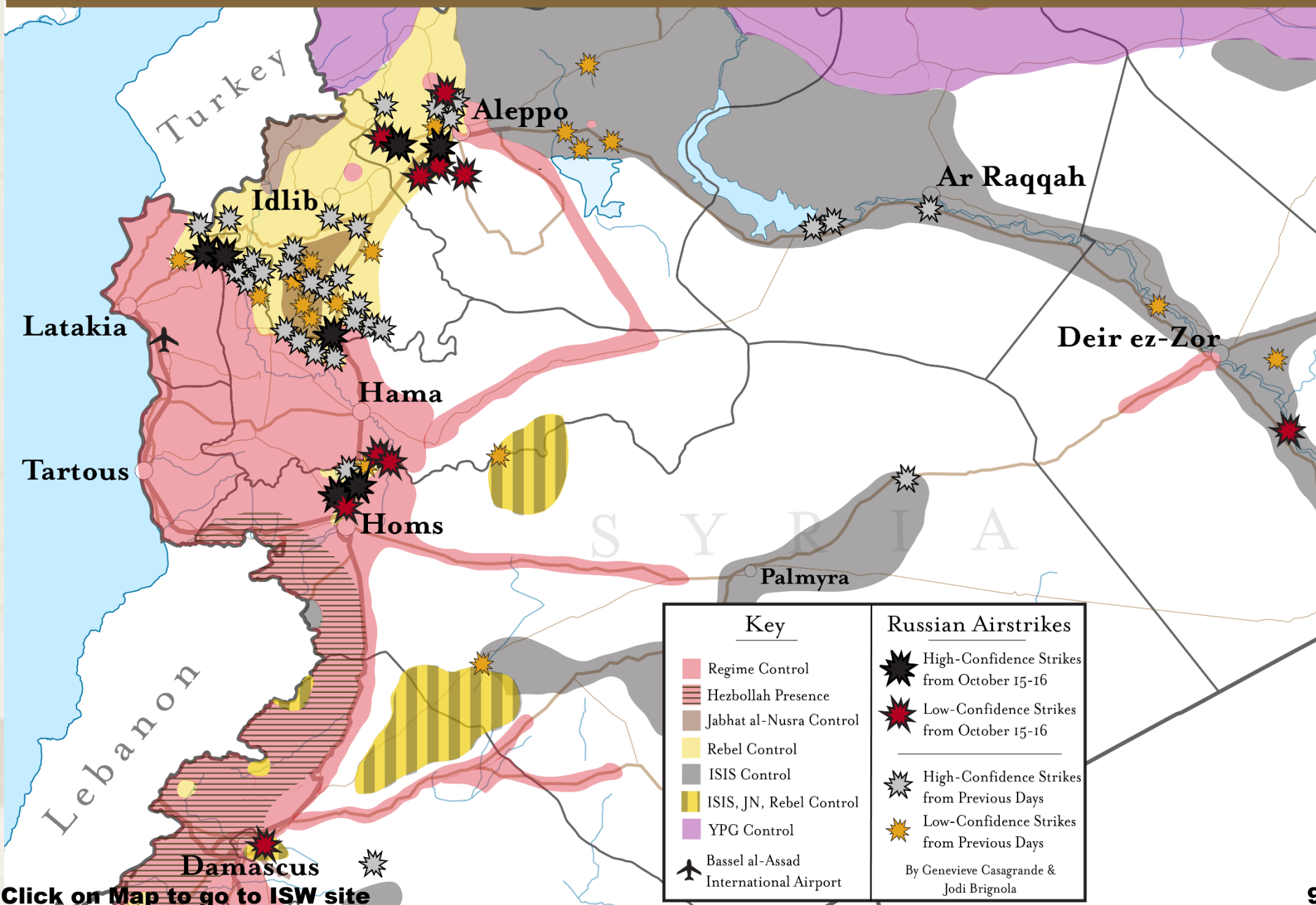




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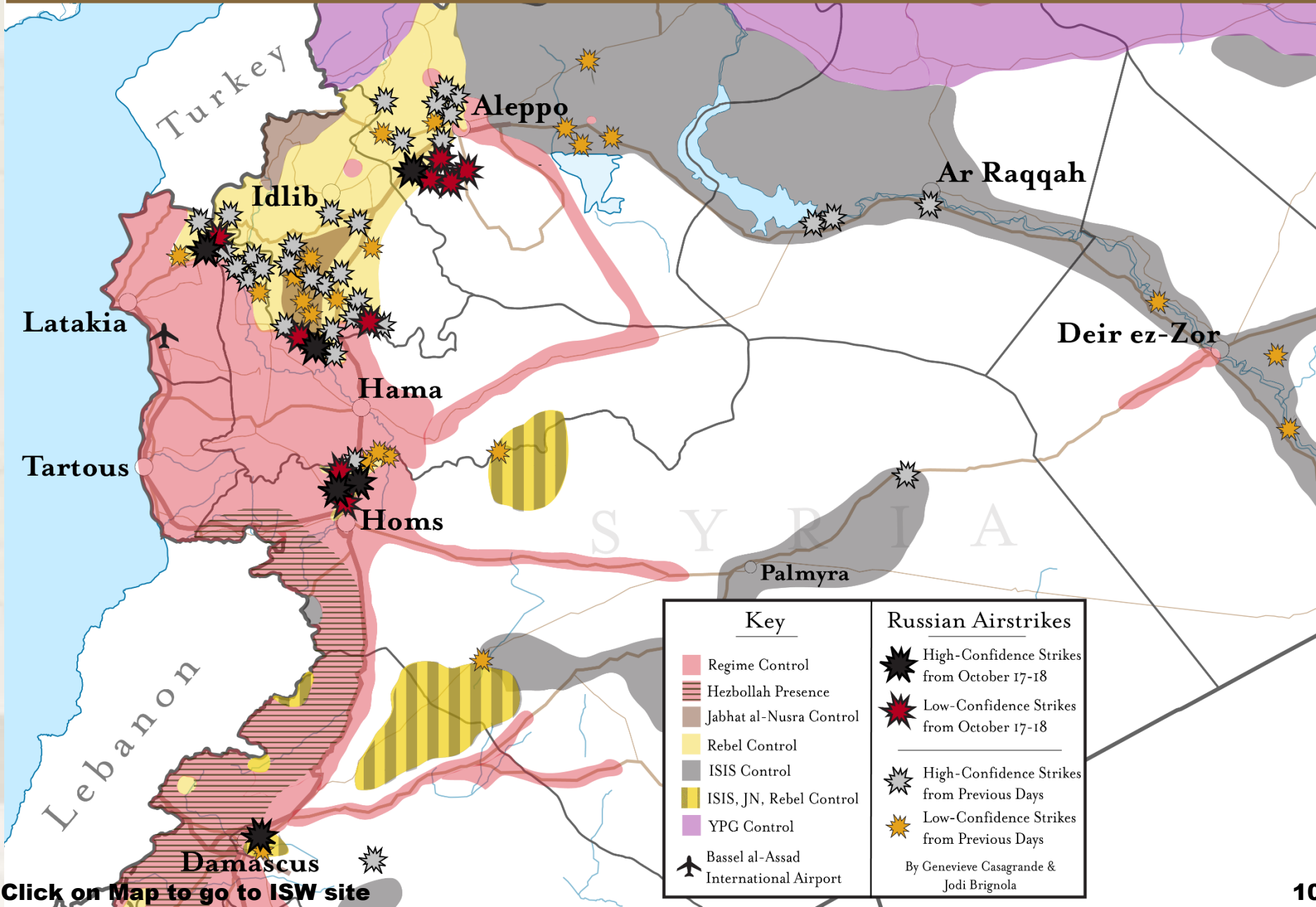
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Key		Russian Airstrikes	
	Regime Control		High-Confidence Strikes from October 15-16
	Hezbollah Presence		Low-Confidence Strikes from October 15-16
	Jabhat al-Nusra Control		High-Confidence Strikes from Previous Days
	Rebel Control		Low-Confidence Strikes from Previous Days
	ISIS Control		
	ISIS, JN, Rebel Control		
	YPG Control		
	Basel al-Assad International Airport		

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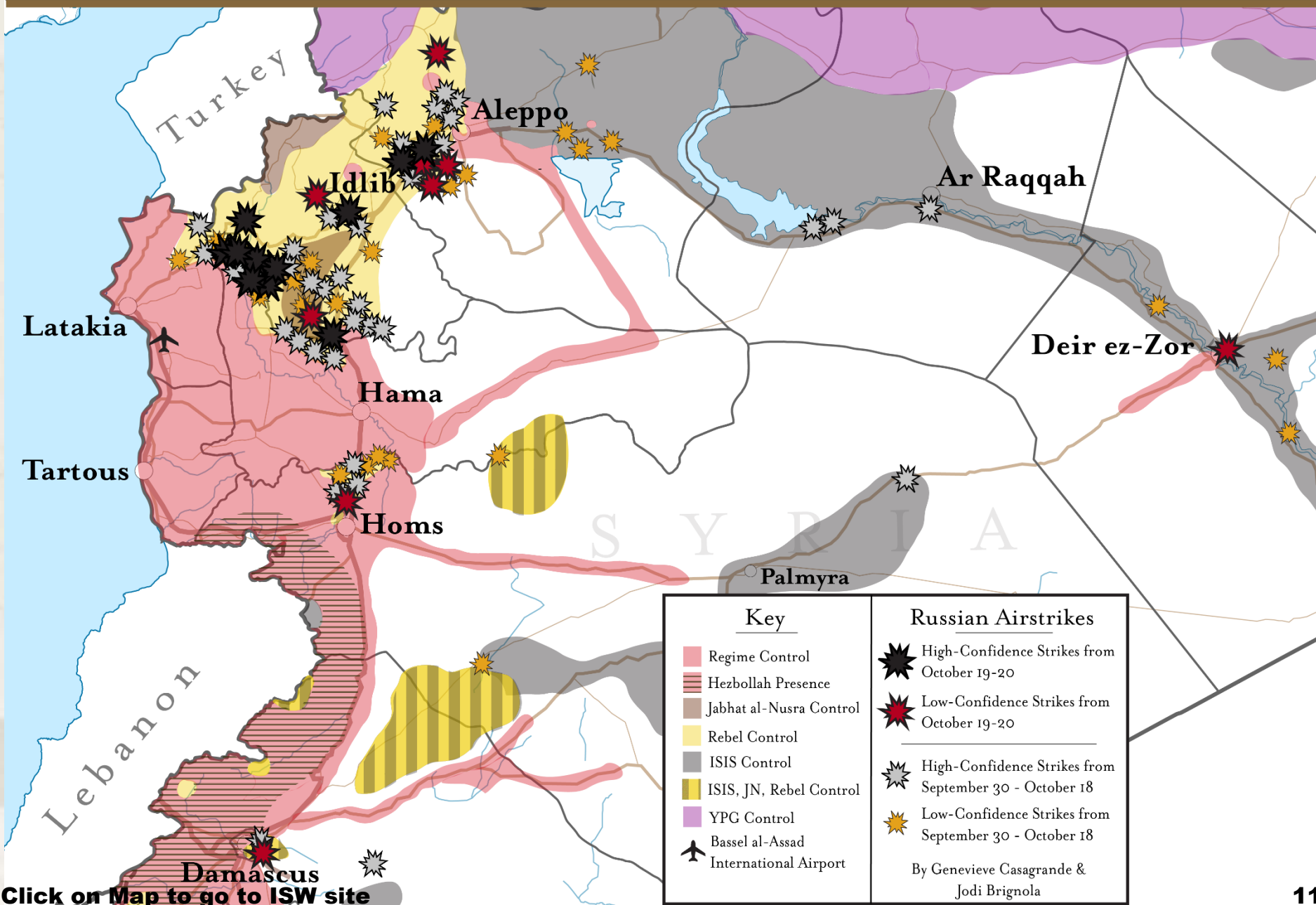
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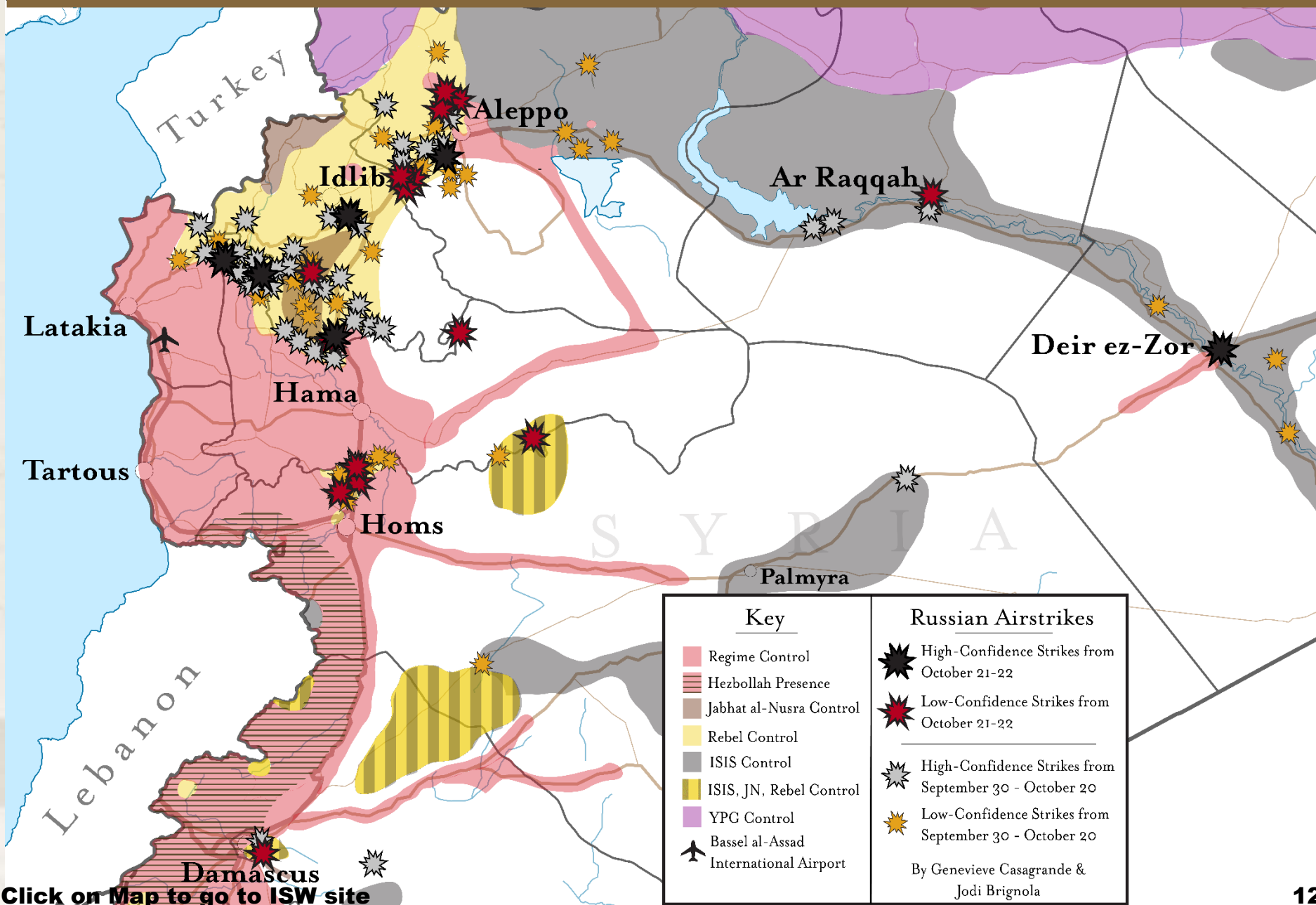
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	Hezbollah Presence		Low-Confidence Strikes from October 17-18
	Jabhat al-Nusra Control		High-Confidence Strikes from Previous Days
	Rebel Control		Low-Confidence Strikes from Previous Days
	ISIS Control		
	ISIS, JN, Rebel Control		
	YPG Control		
	Bassel al-Assad International Airport		

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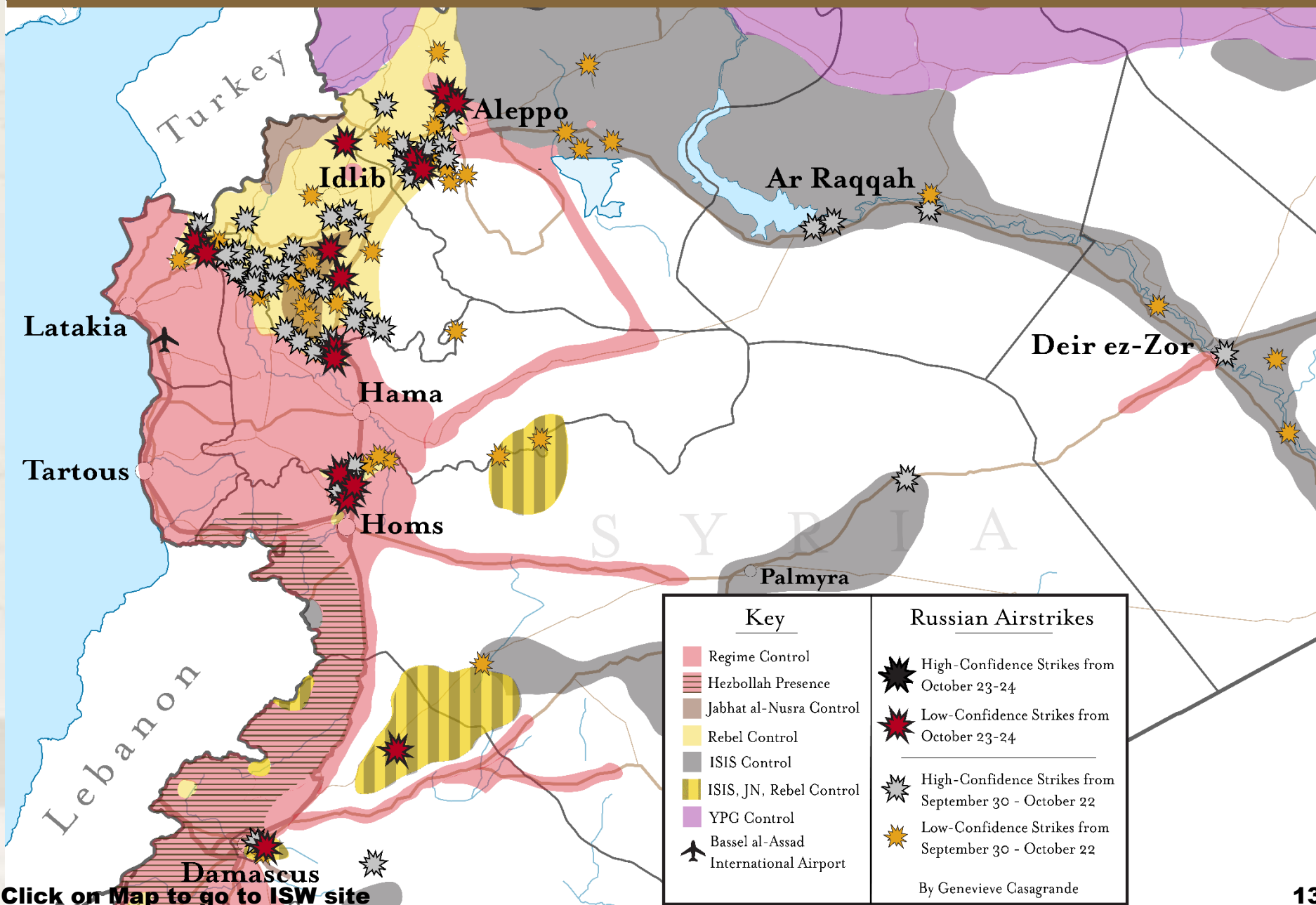


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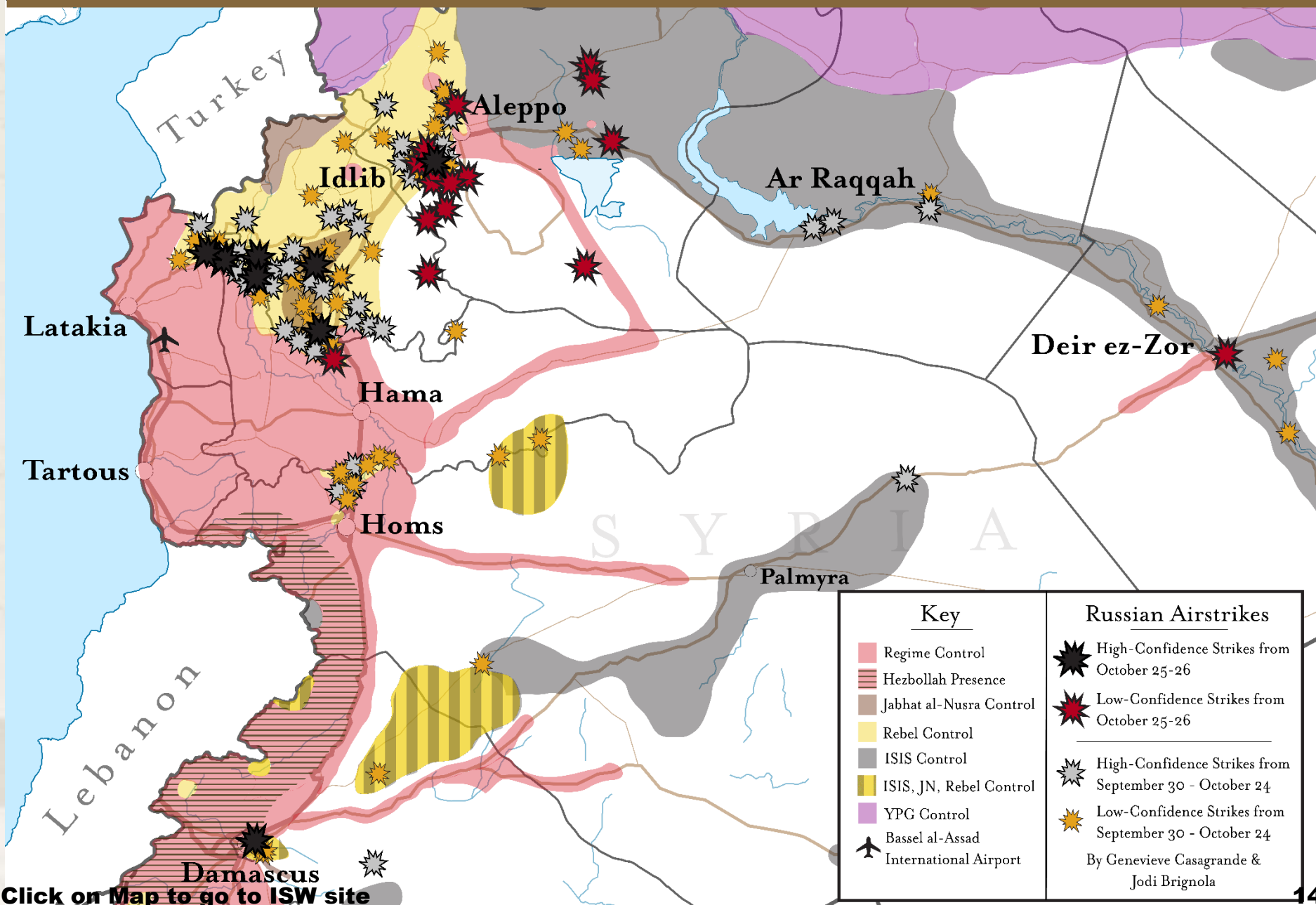
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Key	Russian Airstrikes
Regime Control	High-Confidence Strikes from October 23-24
Hezbollah Presence	Low-Confidence Strikes from October 23-24
Jabhat al-Nusra Control	High-Confidence Strikes from September 30 - October 22
Rebel Control	Low-Confidence Strikes from September 30 - October 22
ISIS Control	
ISIS, JN, Rebel Control	
YPG Control	
Bassel al-Assad International Airport	

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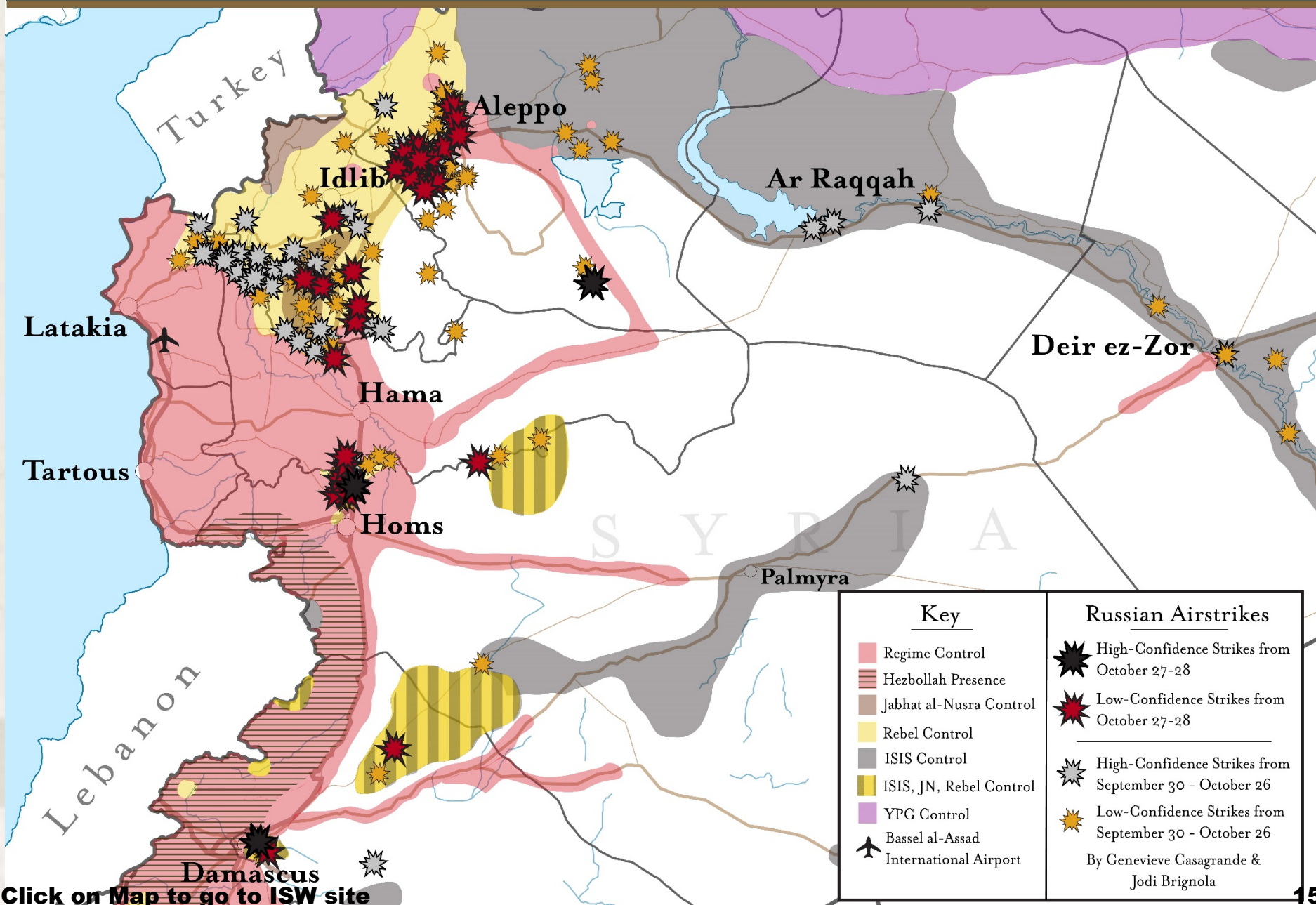
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Key		Russian Airstrikes	
	Regime Control		High-Confidence Strikes from October 25-26
	Hezbollah Presence		Low-Confidence Strikes from October 25-26
	Jabhat al-Nusra Control		High-Confidence Strikes from September 30 - October 24
	Rebel Control		Low-Confidence Strikes from September 30 - October 24
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	YPG Control		
	Bassel al-Assad International Airport		

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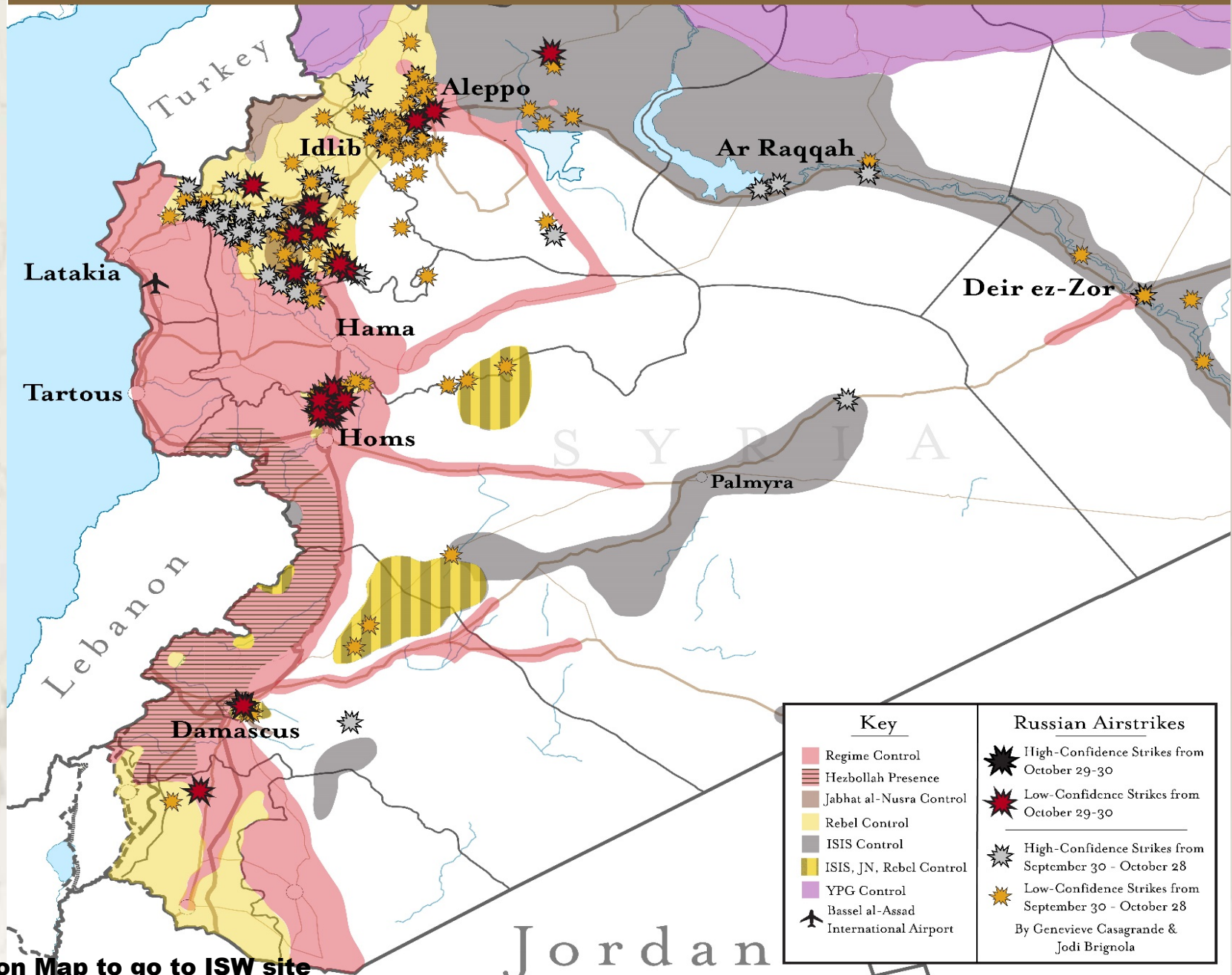
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Key		Russian Airstrikes	
	Regime Control		High-Confidence Strikes from October 27-28
	Hezbollah Presence		Low-Confidence Strikes from October 27-28
	Jabhat al-Nusra Control		High-Confidence Strikes from September 30 - October 26
	Rebel Control		Low-Confidence Strikes from September 30 - October 26
	ISIS Control		
	ISIS, JN, Rebel Control		
	YPG Control		
	Bassel al-Assad International Airport		

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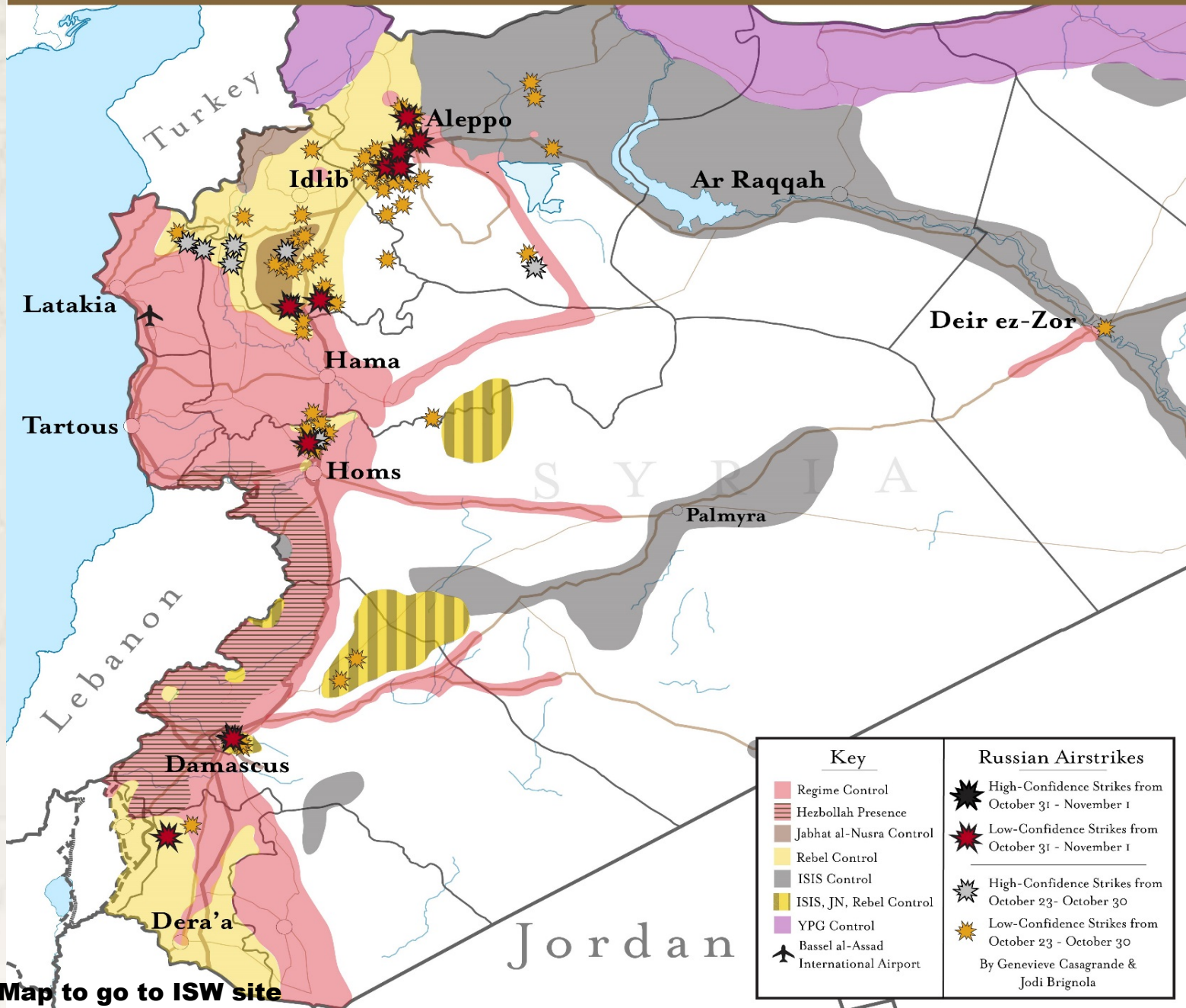
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	Hezbollah Presence
	Jabhat al-Nusra Control
	Rebel Control
	ISIS Control
	ISIS, JN, Rebel Control
	YPG Control
	Bassel al-Assad International Airport

Russian Airstrikes	
	High-Confidence Strikes from October 29-30
	Low-Confidence Strikes from October 29-30
	High-Confidence Strikes from September 30 - October 28
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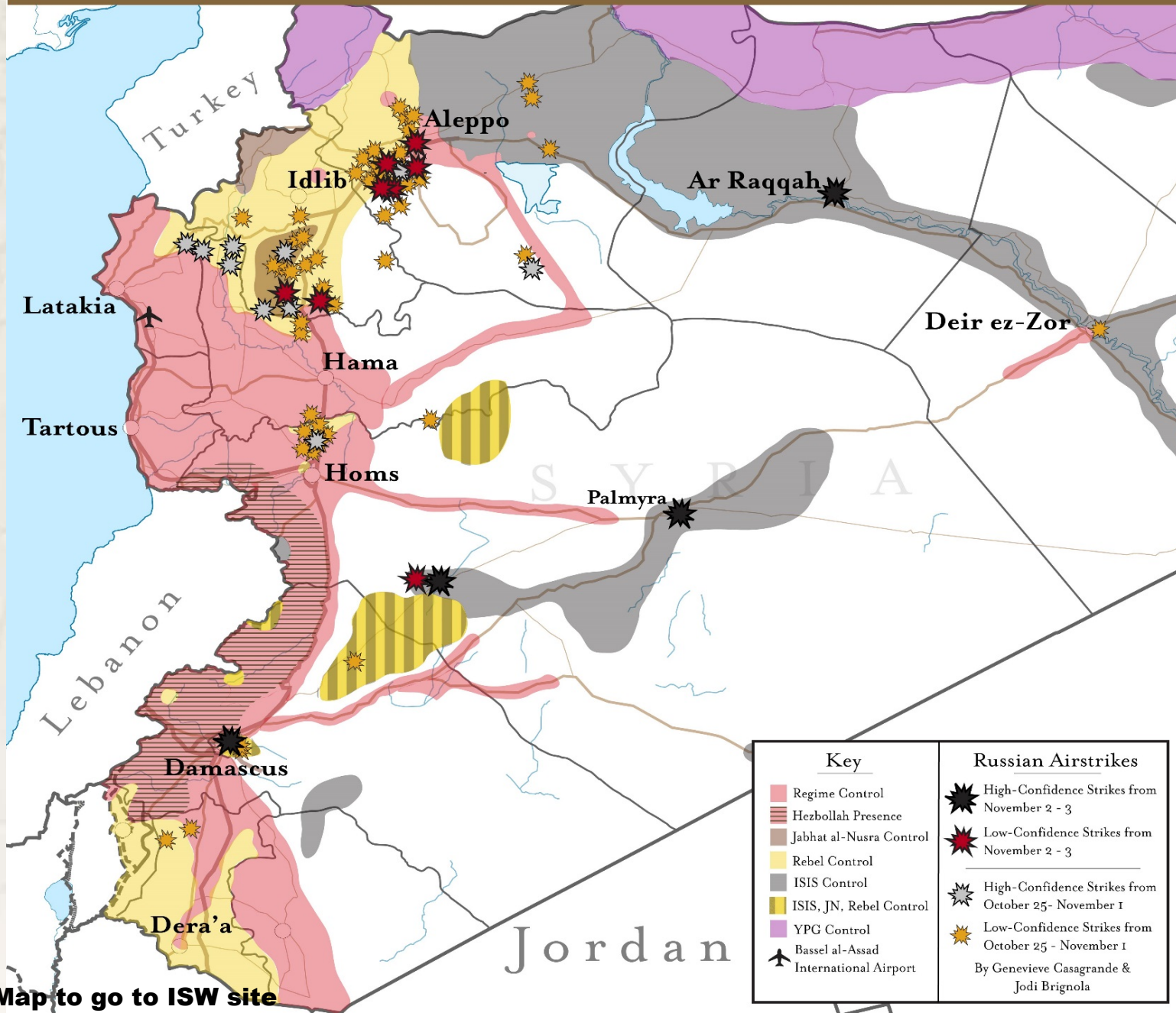
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Key	Russian Airstrikes
 Regime Control	High-Confidence Strikes from October 31 - November 1
 Hezbollah Presence	Low-Confidence Strikes from October 31 - November 1
 Jabhat al-Nusra Control	<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black;"/>
 Rebel Control	High-Confidence Strikes from October 23 - October 30
 ISIS Control	Low-Confidence Strikes from October 23 - October 30
 ISIS, JN, Rebel Control	
 YPG Control	
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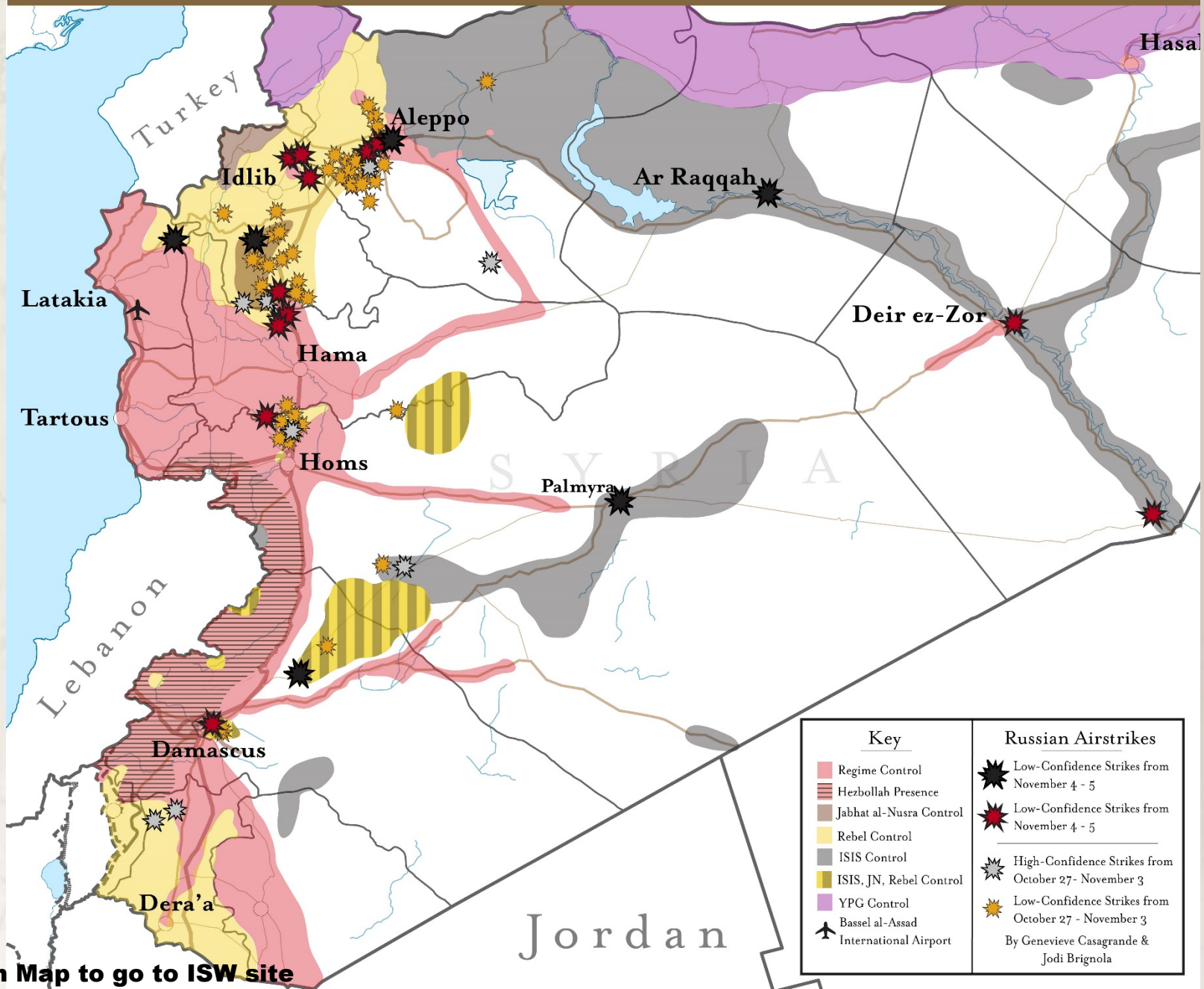
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Key		Russian Airstrikes	
	Regime Control		High-Confidence Strikes from November 2 - 3
	Hezbollah Presence		Low-Confidence Strikes from November 2 - 3
	Jabhat al-Nusra Control		High-Confidence Strikes from October 25 - November 1
	Rebel Control		Low-Confidence Strikes from October 25 - November 1
	ISIS Control		
	ISIS, JN, Rebel Control		
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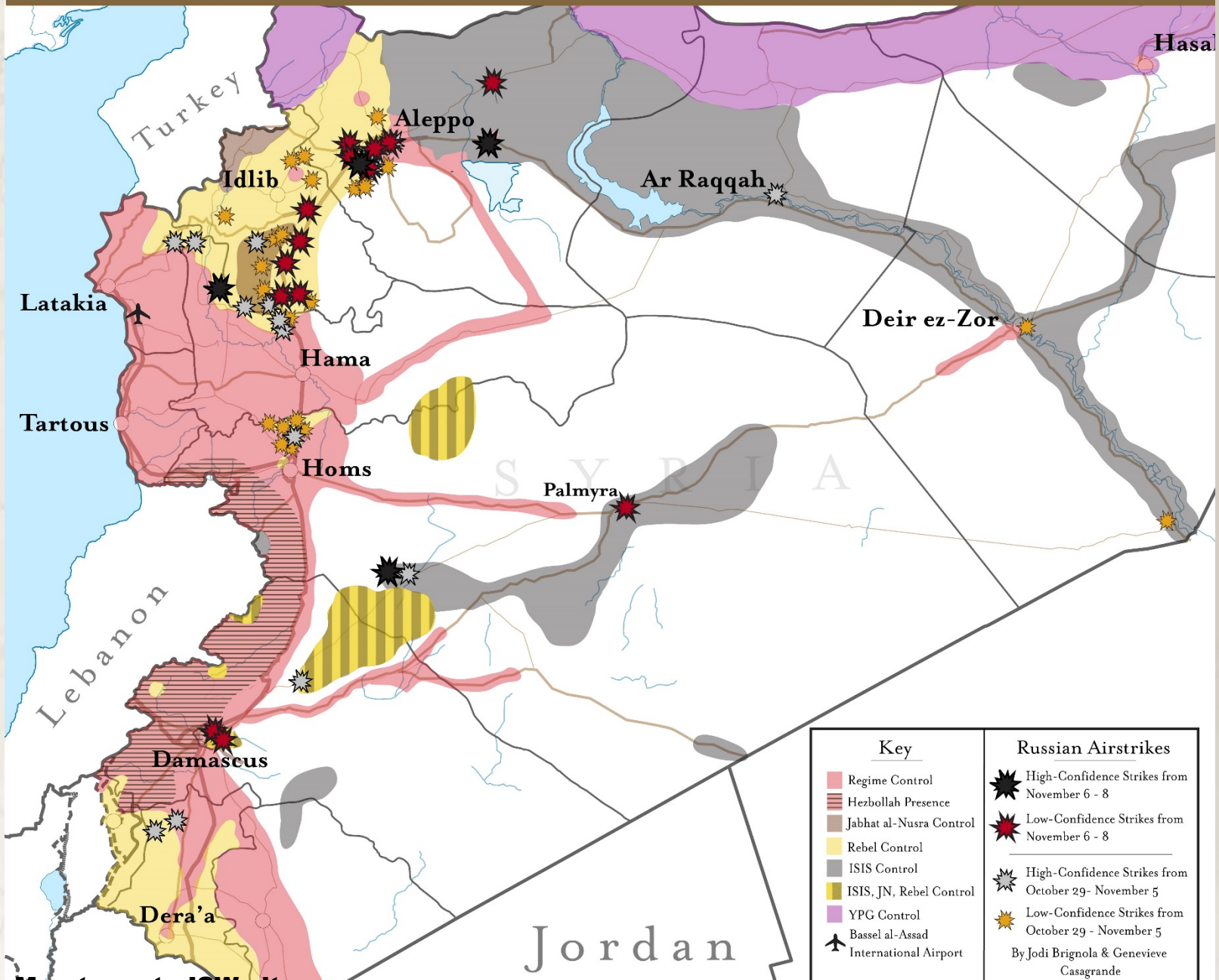


Key	
	Regime Control
	Hezbollah Presence
	Jabhat al-Nusra Control
	Rebel Control
	ISIS Control
	ISIS, JN, Rebel Control
	YPG Control
	Bassel al-Assad International Airport

Russian Airstrikes	
	Low-Confidence Strikes from November 4 - 5
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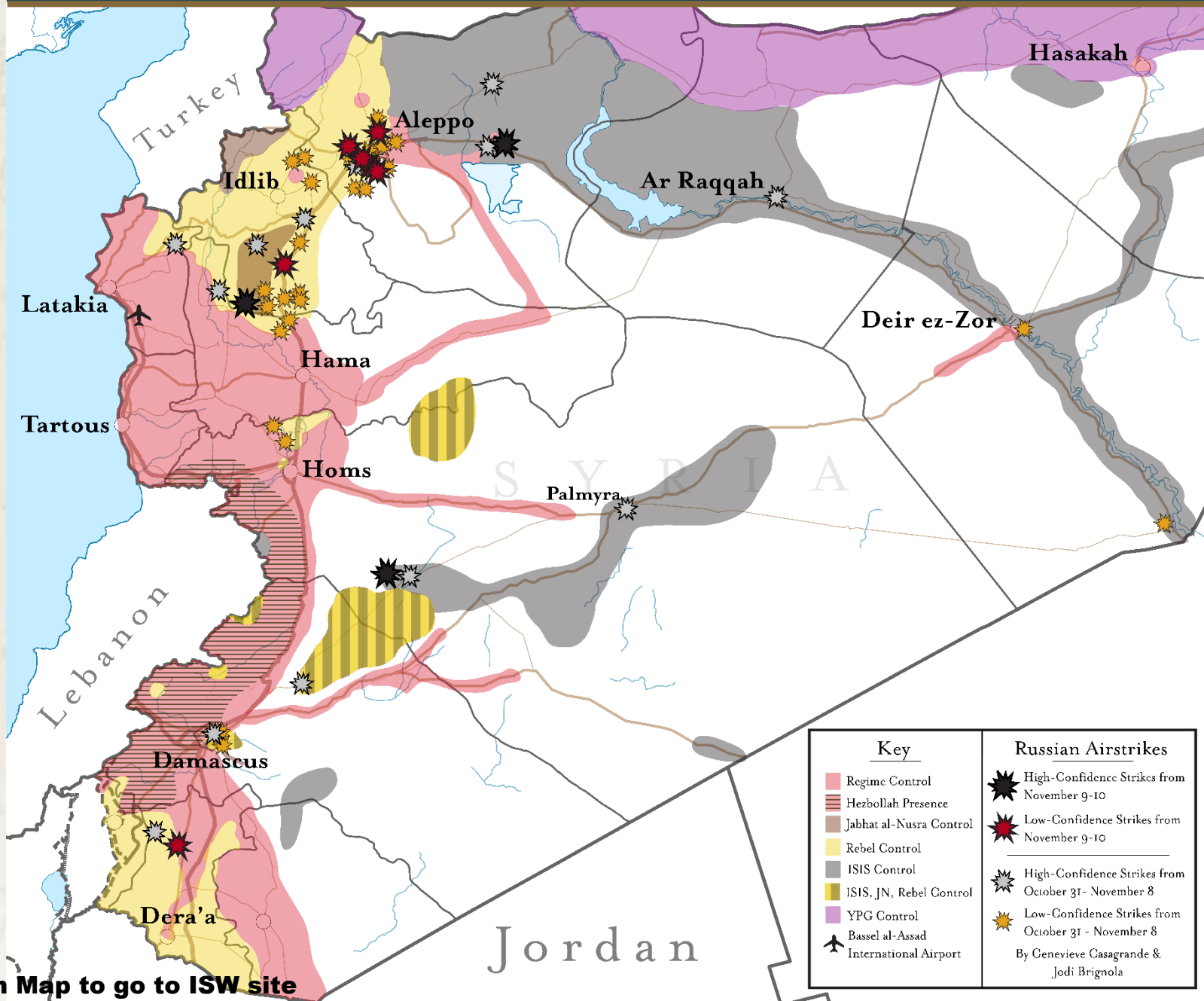
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Key	
	Regime Control
	Hezbollah Presence
	Jabhat al-Nusra Control
	Rebel Control
	ISIS Control
	ISIS, JN, Rebel Control
	YPG Control
	Bassel al-Assad International Airport
	High-Confidence Strikes from November 6 - 8
	Low-Confidence Strikes from November 6 - 8
	High-Confidence Strikes from October 29- November 5
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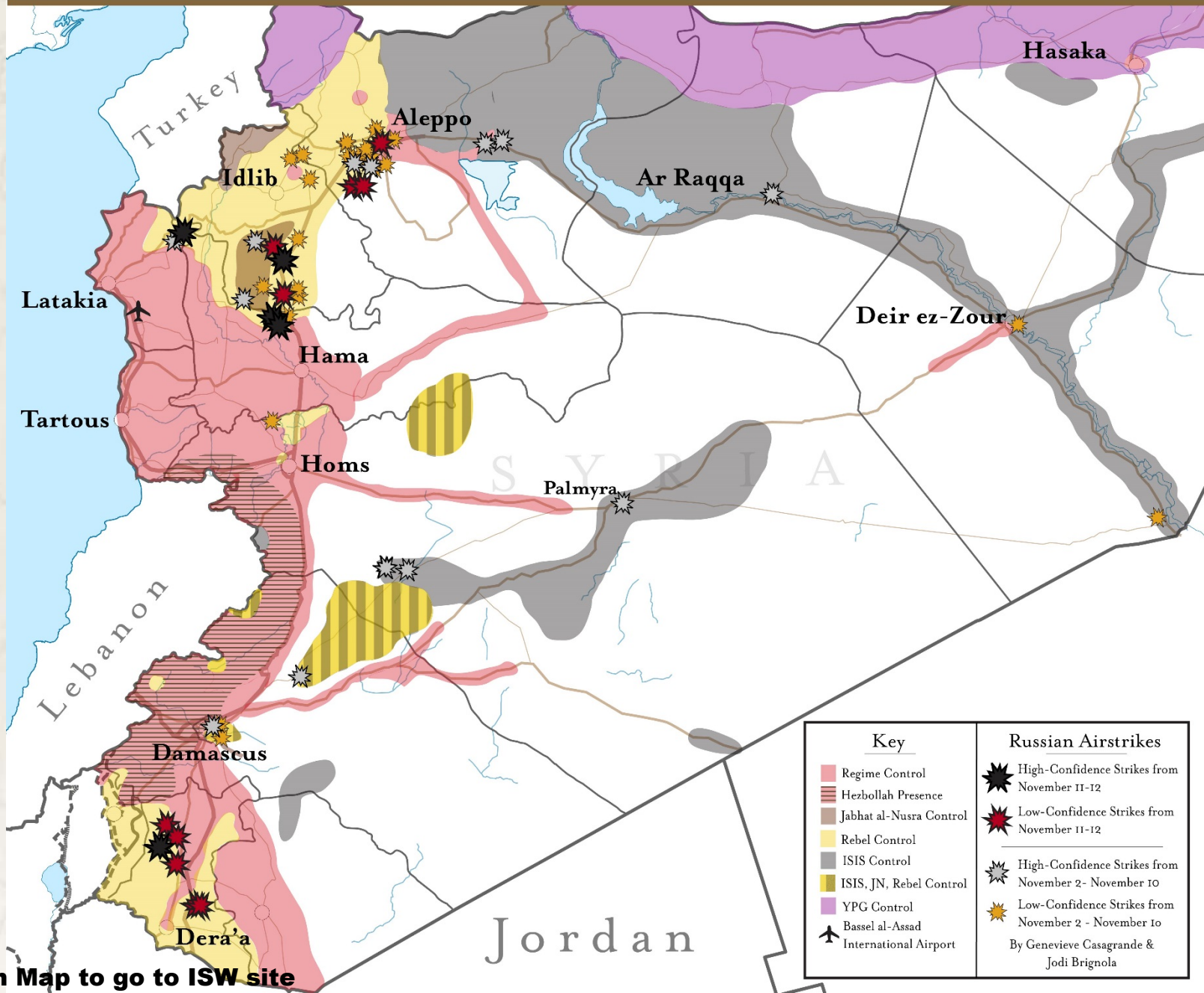
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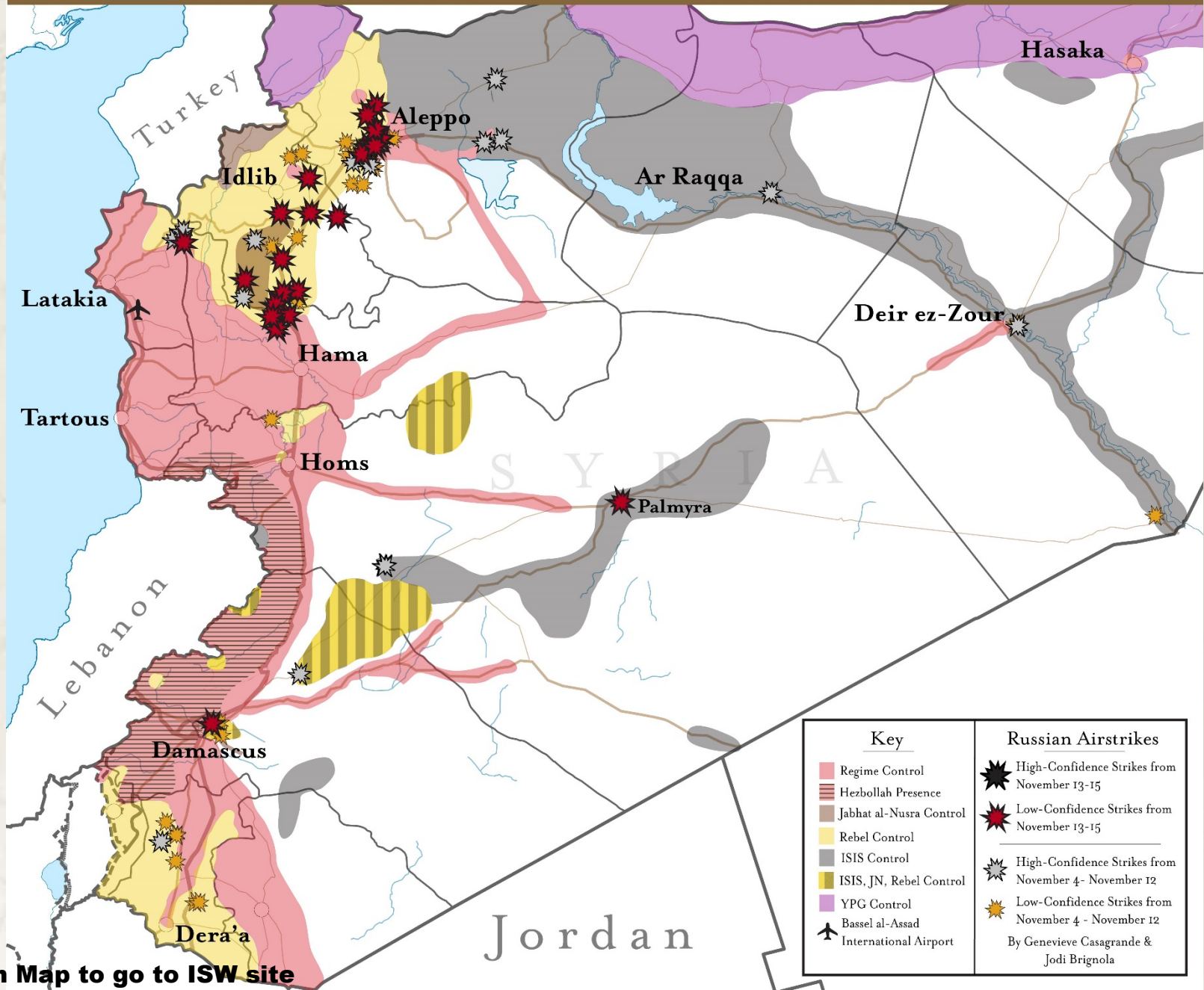


Key	Russian Airstrikes
Regime Control	High-Confidence Strikes from November 9-10
Hezbollah Presence	Low-Confidence Strikes from November 9-10
Jabhat al-Nusra Control	High-Confidence Strikes from October 31- November 8
Rebel Control	Low-Confidence Strikes from October 31 - November 8
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ISIS, JN, Rebel Control	
YPG Control	
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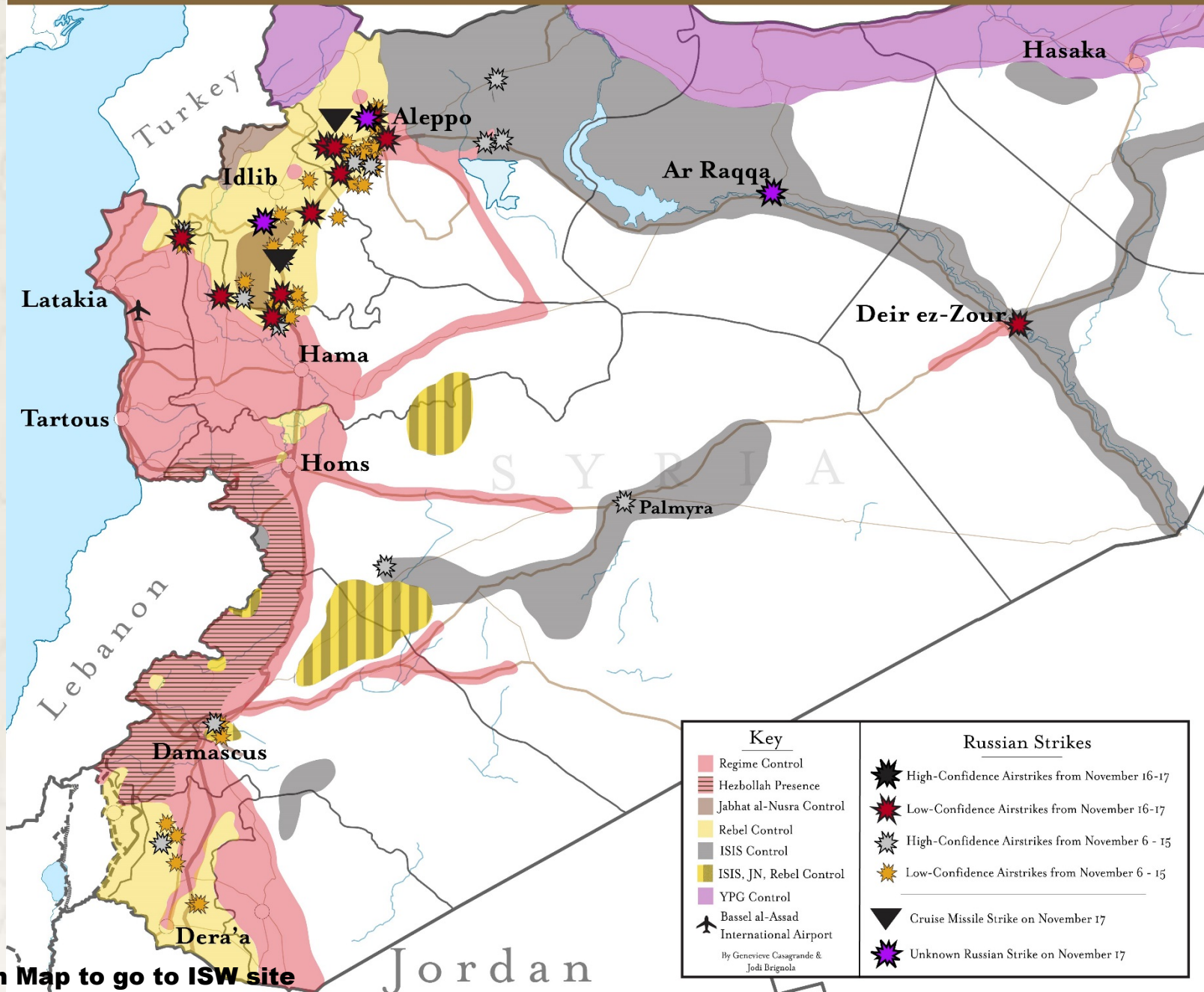
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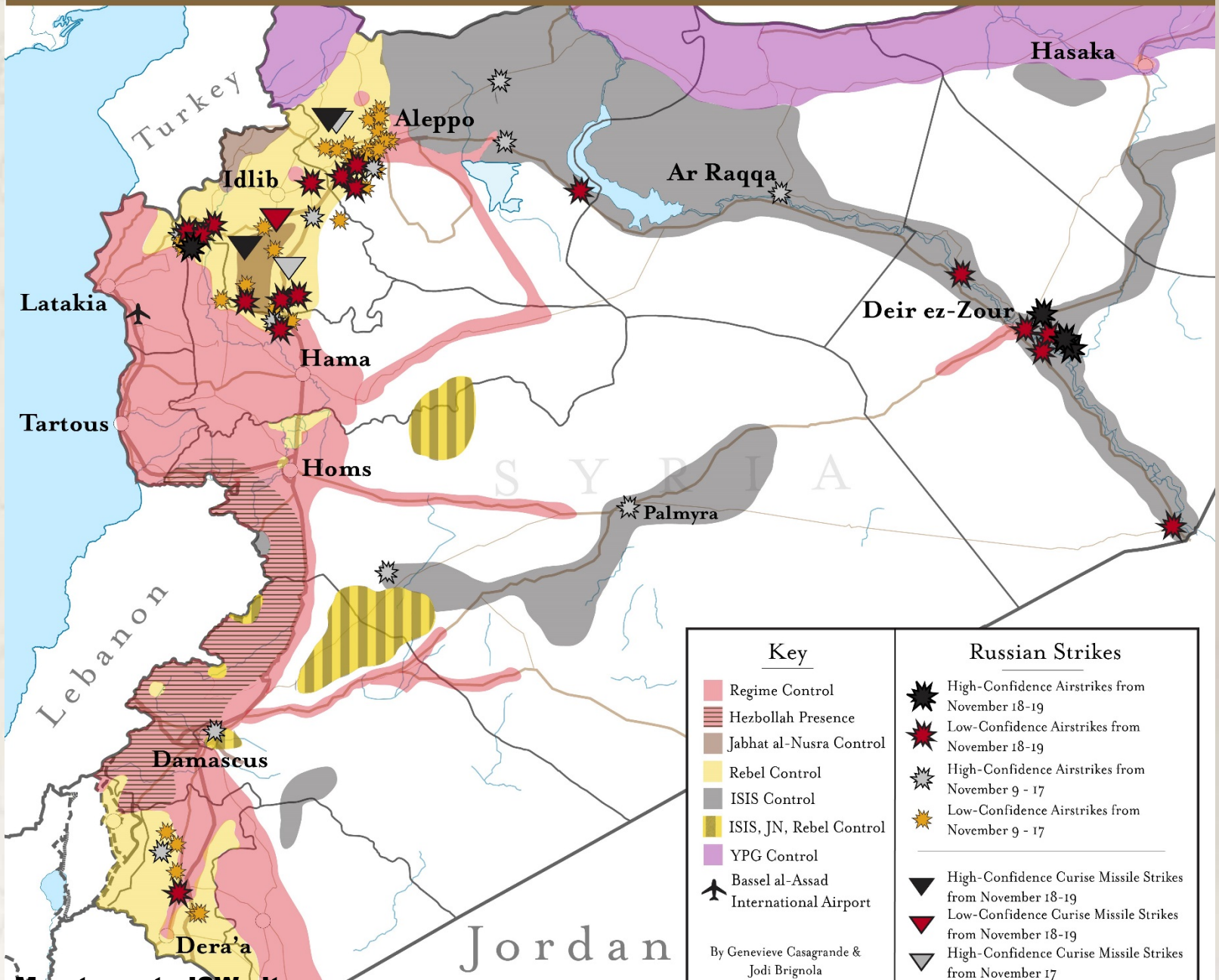
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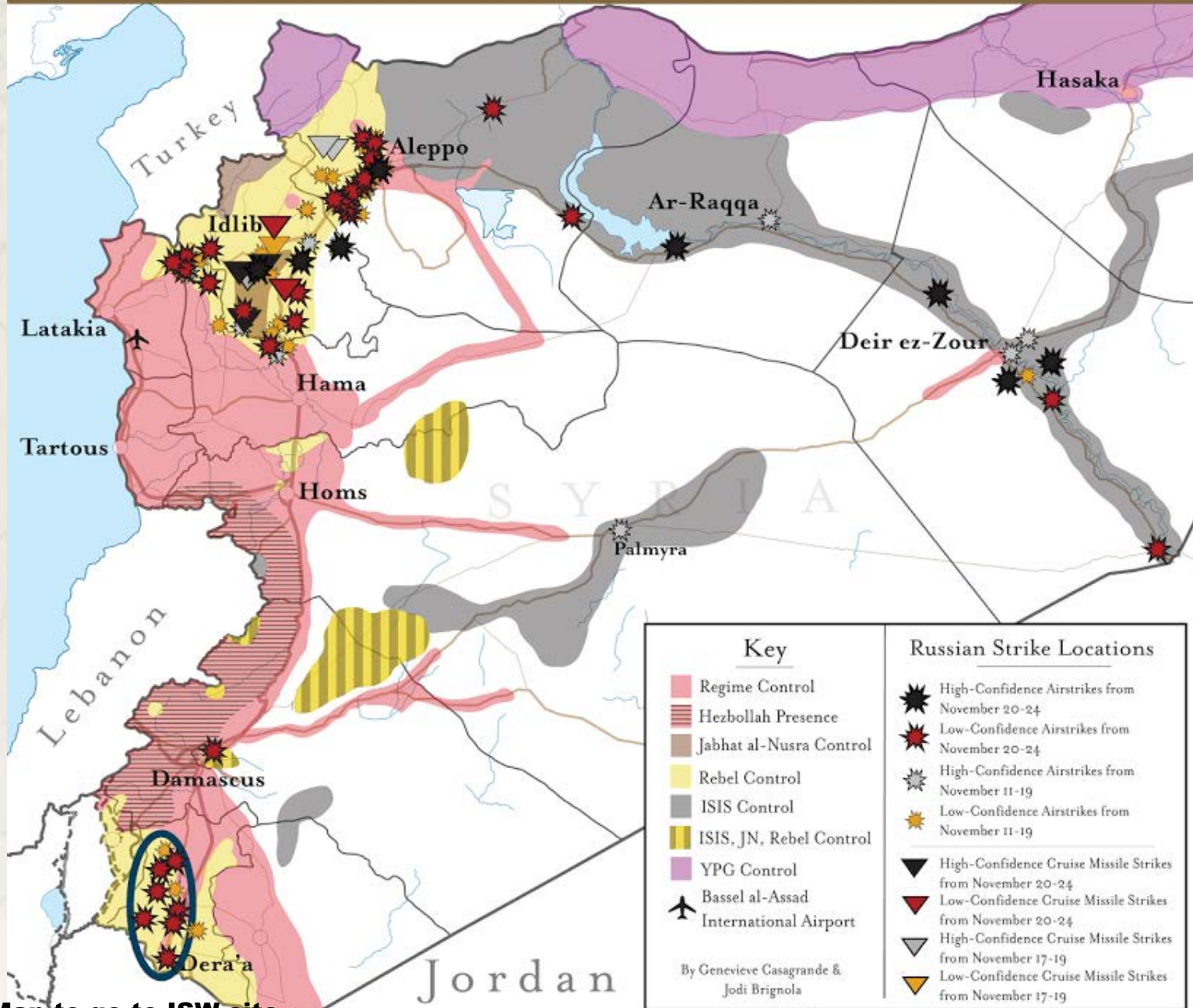
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Key	Russian Strikes
Regime Control	High-Confidence Airstrikes from November 18-19
Hezbollah Presence	Low-Confidence Airstrikes from November 18-19
Jabhat al-Nusra Control	High-Confidence Airstrikes from November 9 - 17
Rebel Control	Low-Confidence Airstrikes from November 9 - 17
ISIS Control	High-Confidence Curise Missile Strikes from November 18-19
ISIS, JN, Rebel Control	Low-Confidence Curise Missile Strikes from November 18-19
YPG Control	High-Confidence Curise Missile Strikes from November 17
Bassel al-Assad International Airport	

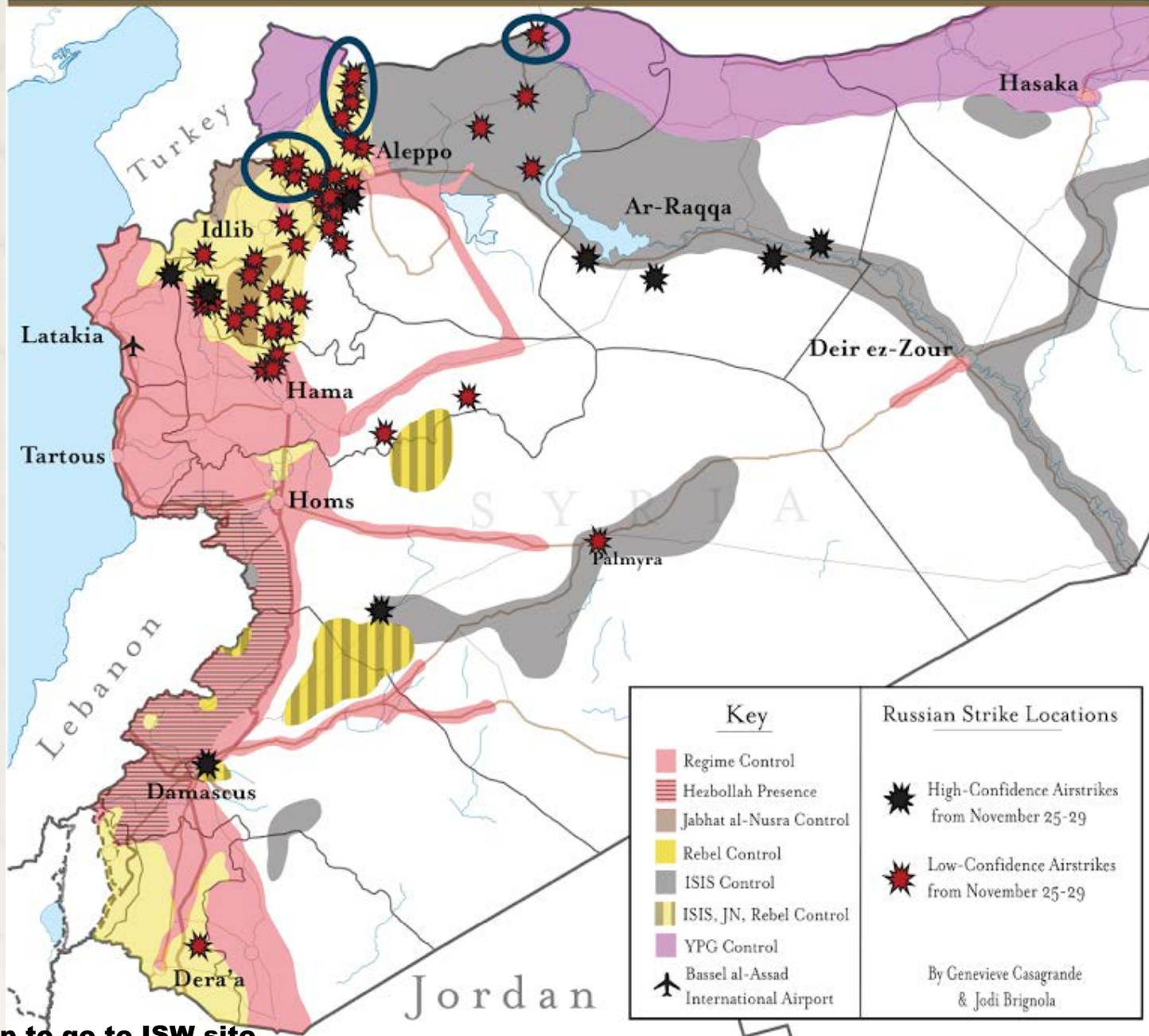
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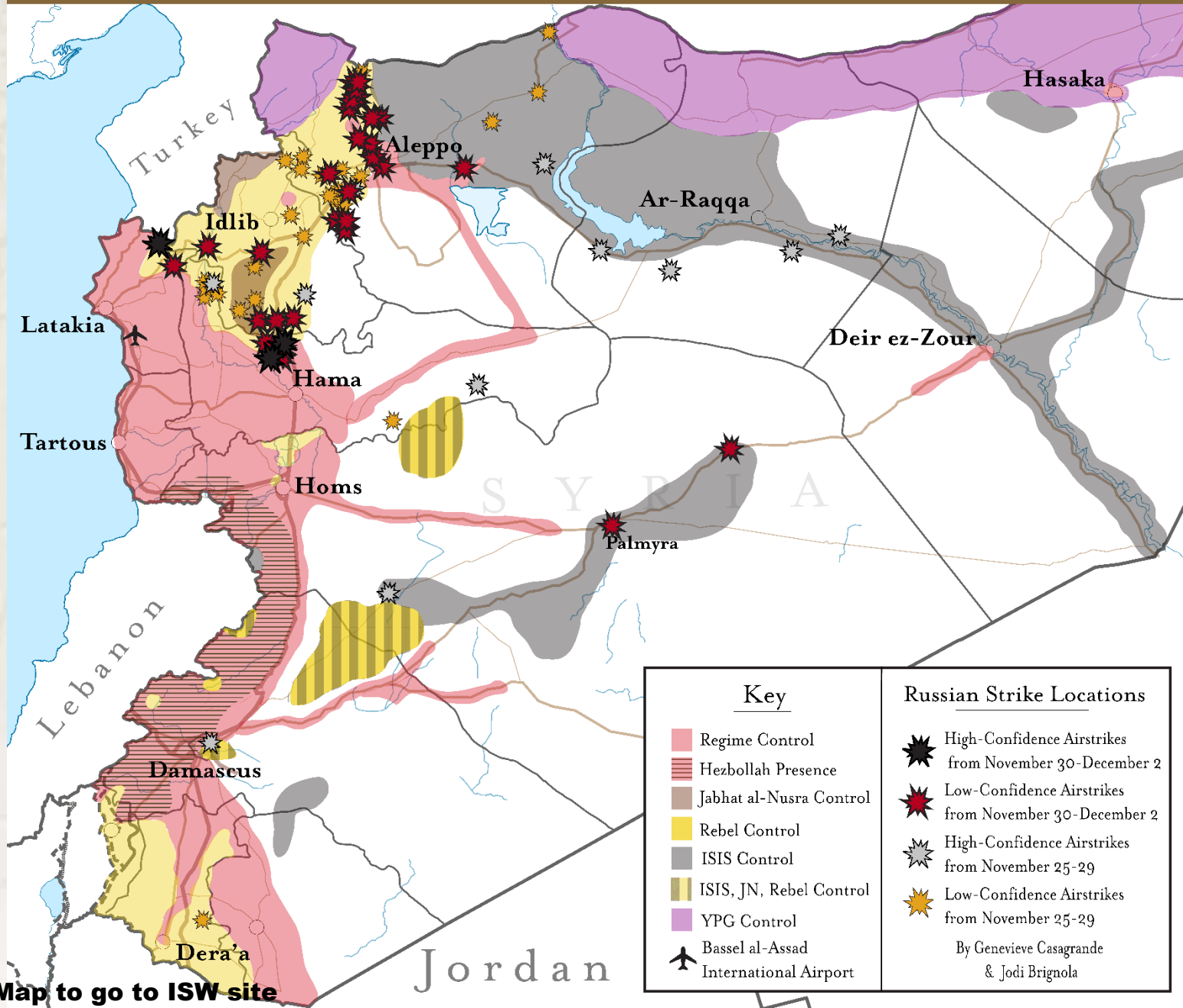
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Key		Russian Strike Locations	
	Regime Control		High-Confidence Airstrikes from November 20-24
	Hezbollah Presence		Low-Confidence Airstrikes from November 20-24
	Jabhat al-Nusra Control		High-Confidence Airstrikes from November 11-19
	Rebel Control		Low-Confidence Airstrikes from November 11-19
	ISIS Control		High-Confidence Cruise Missile Strikes from November 20-24
	ISIS, JN, Rebel Control		Low-Confidence Cruise Missile Strikes from November 20-24
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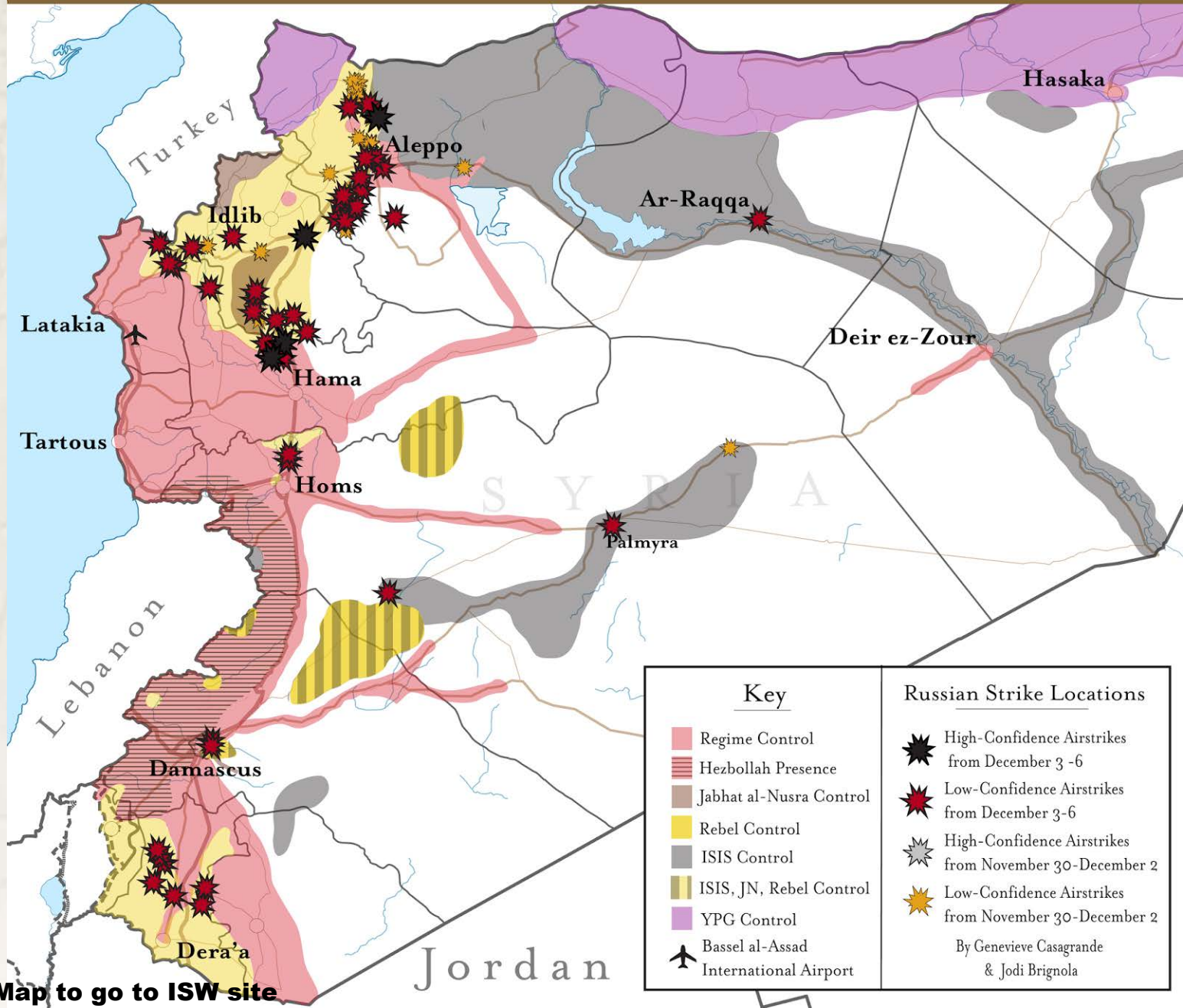
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Key	Russian Strike Locations
Regime Control	High-Confidence Airstrikes from November 30-December 2
Hezbollah Presence	Low-Confidence Airstrikes from November 30-December 2
Jabhat al-Nusra Control	High-Confidence Airstrikes from November 25-29
Rebel Control	Low-Confidence Airstrikes from November 25-29
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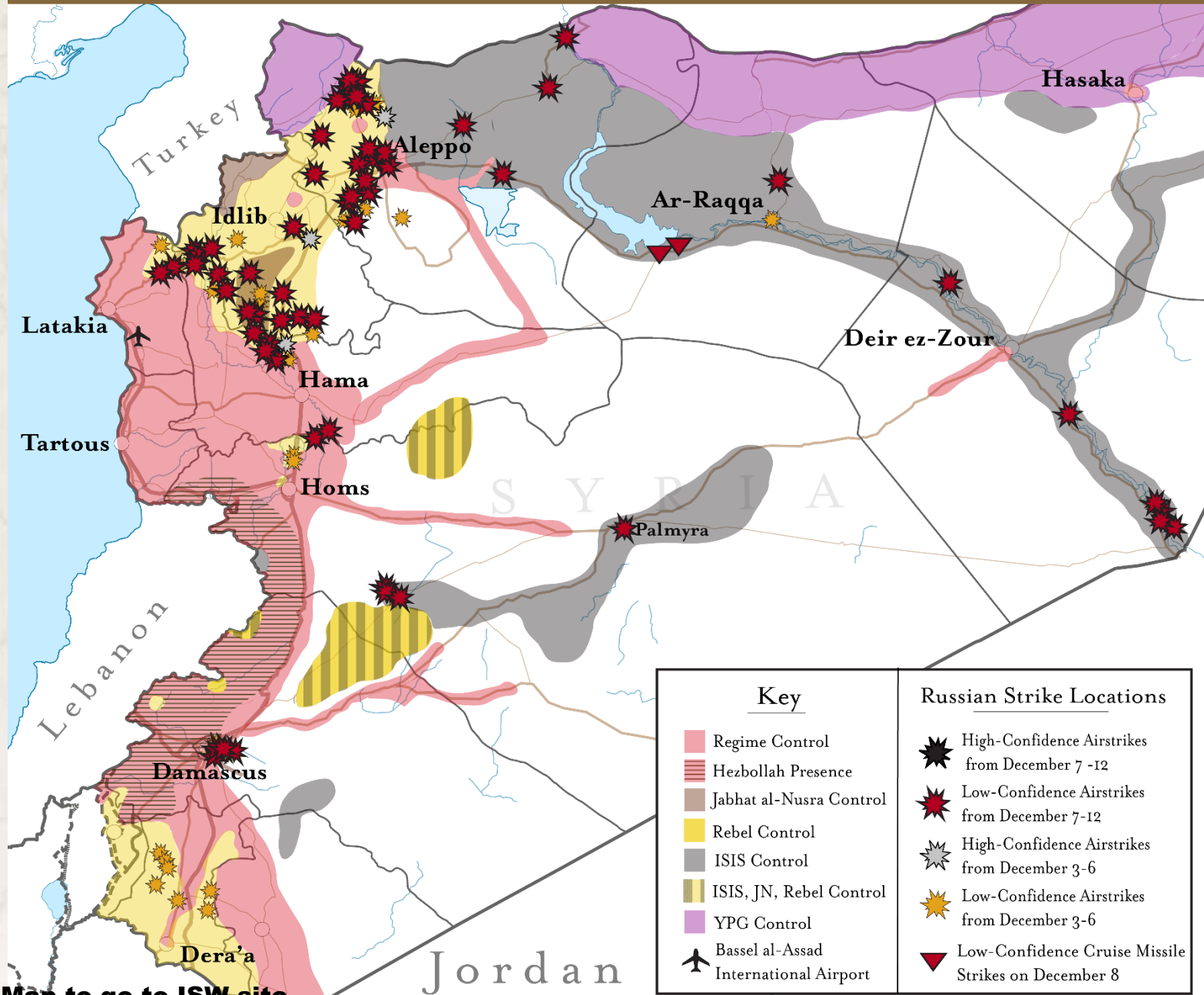
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	Hezbollah Presence		Low-Confidence Airstrikes from December 3-6
	Jabhat al-Nusra Control		High-Confidence Airstrikes from November 30-December 2
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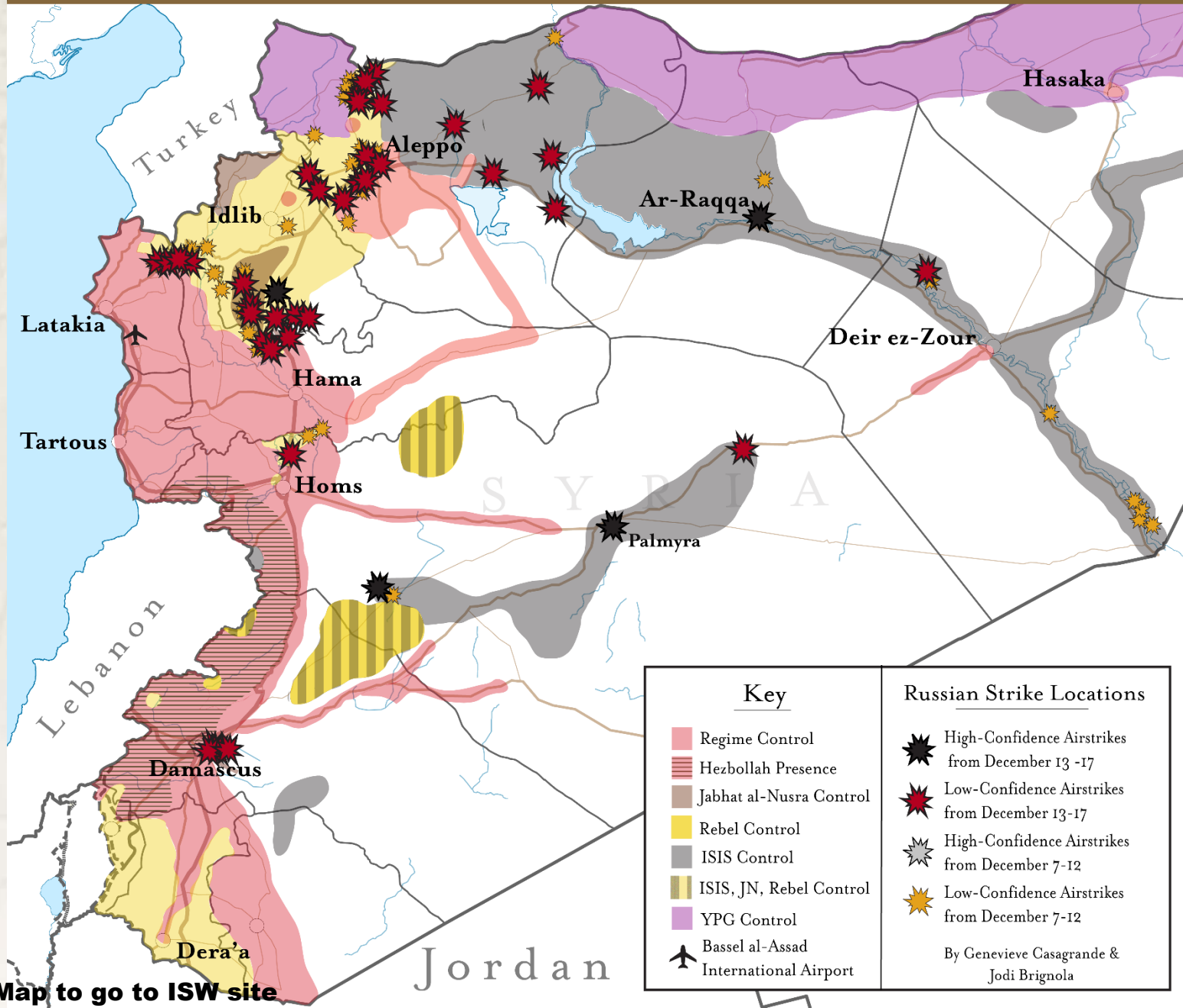
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	Regime Control		High-Confidence Airstrikes from December 7 -12
	Hezbollah Presence		Low-Confidence Airstrikes from December 7-12
	Jabhat al-Nusra Control		High-Confidence Airstrikes from December 3-6
	Rebel Control		Low-Confidence Airstrikes from December 3-6
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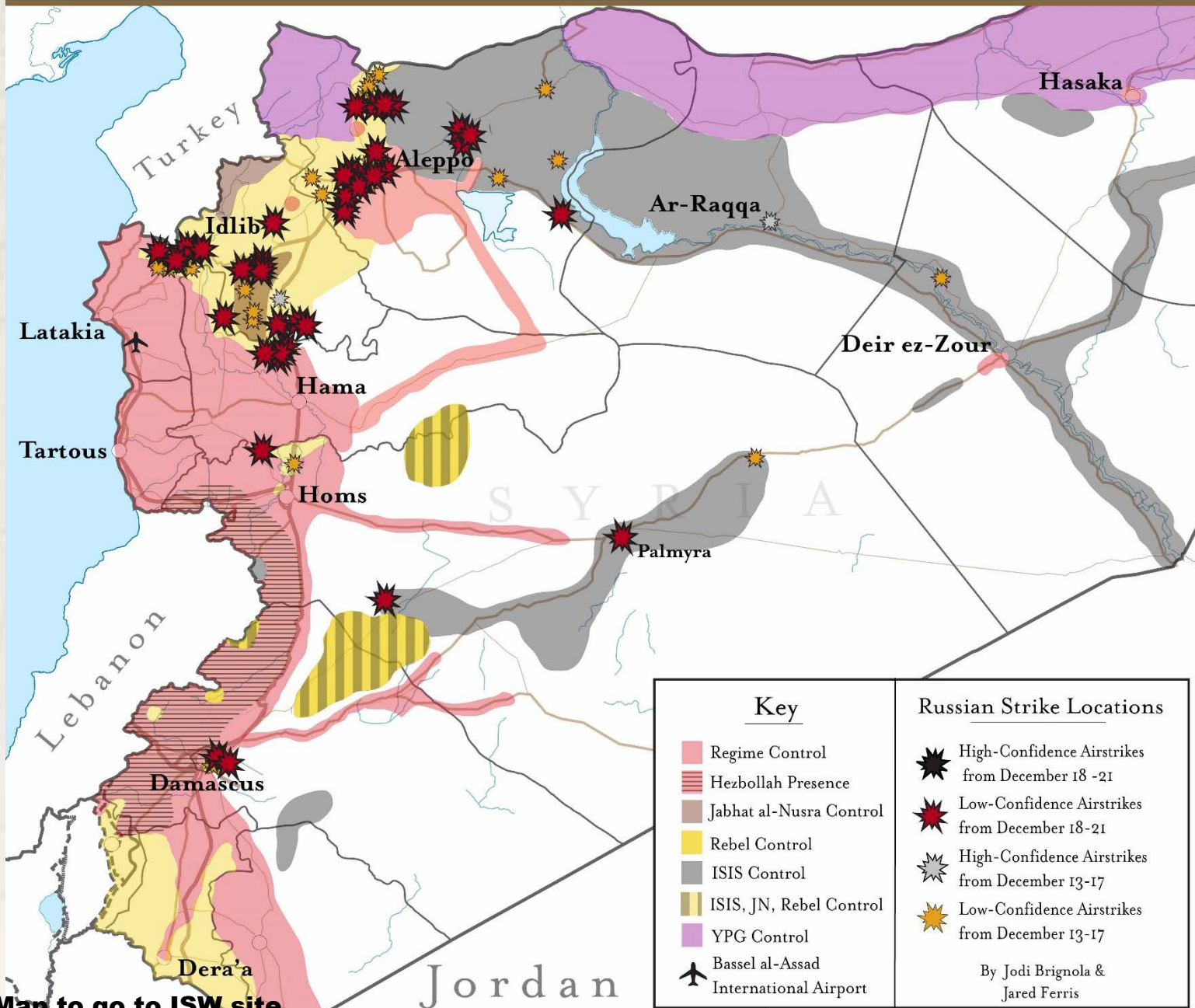
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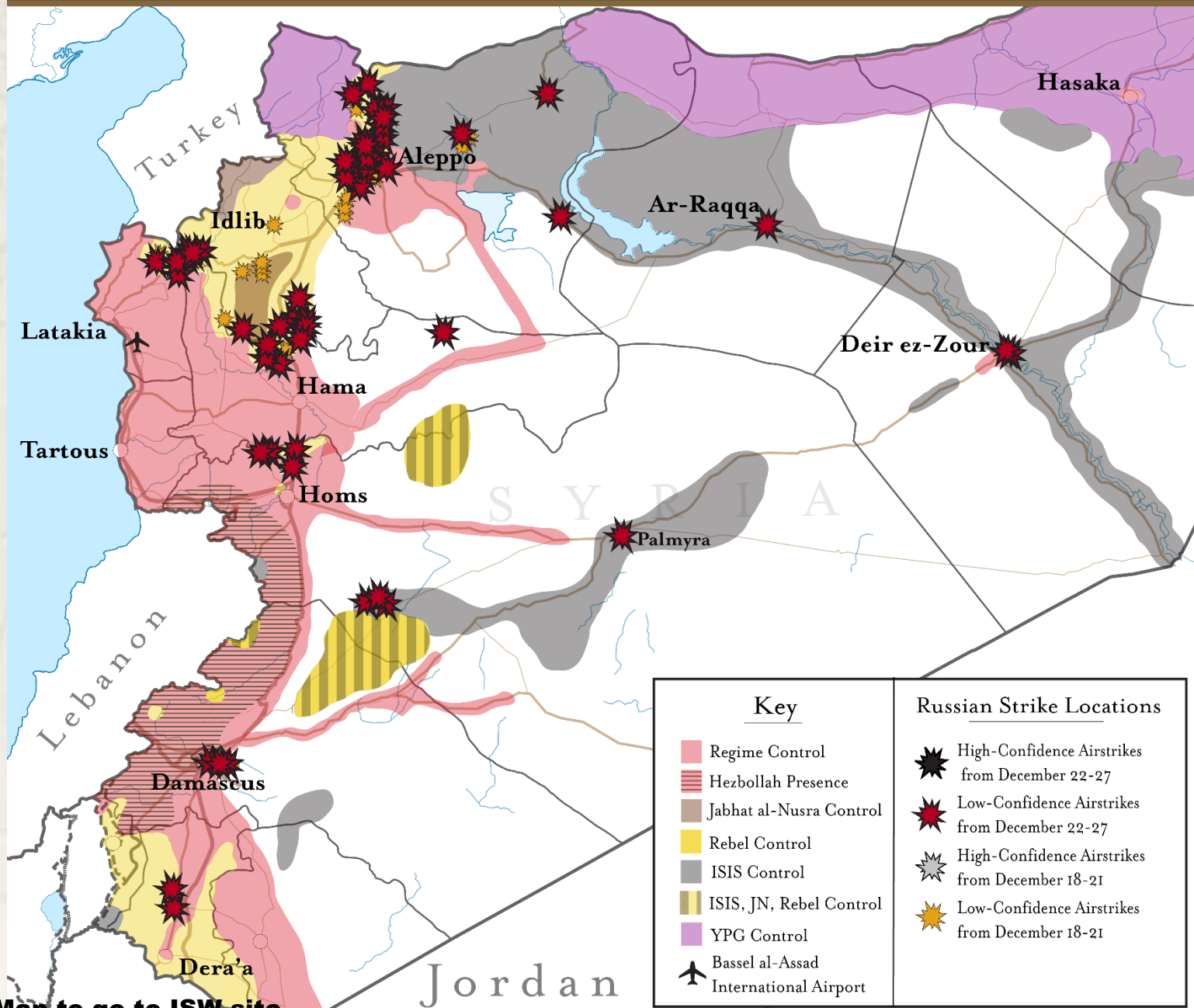
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	Rebel Control		Low-Confidence Airstrikes from December 7-12
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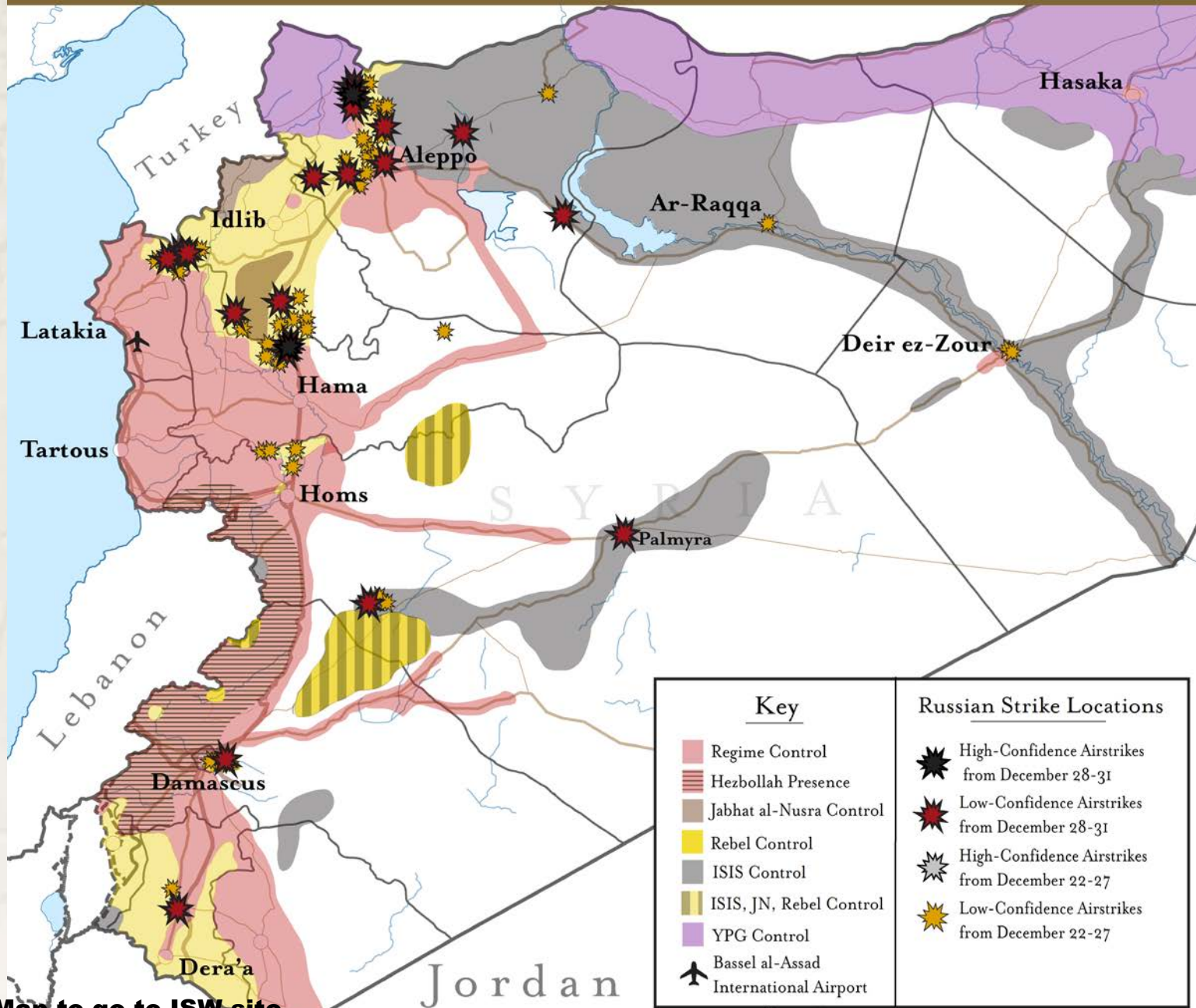
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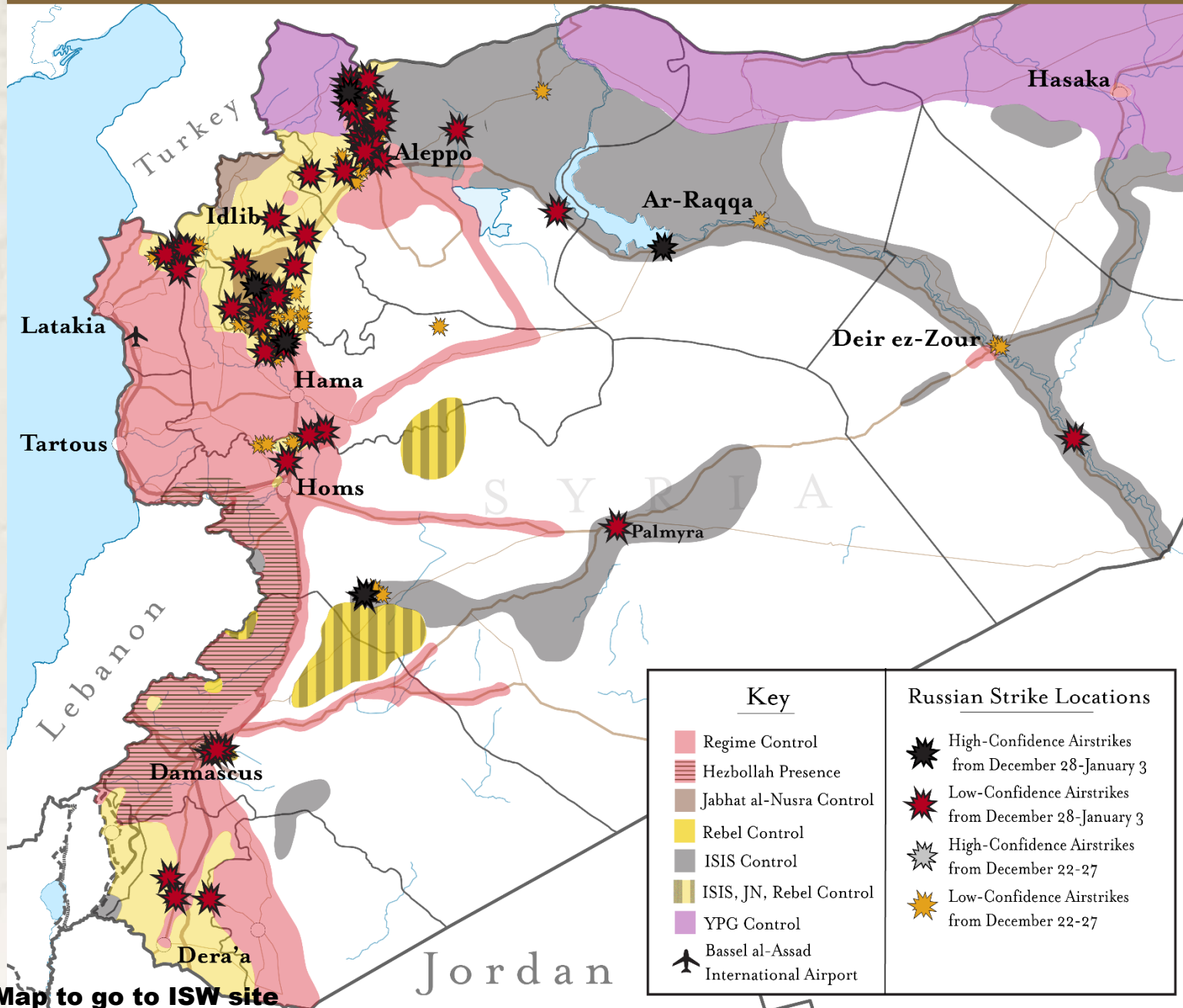
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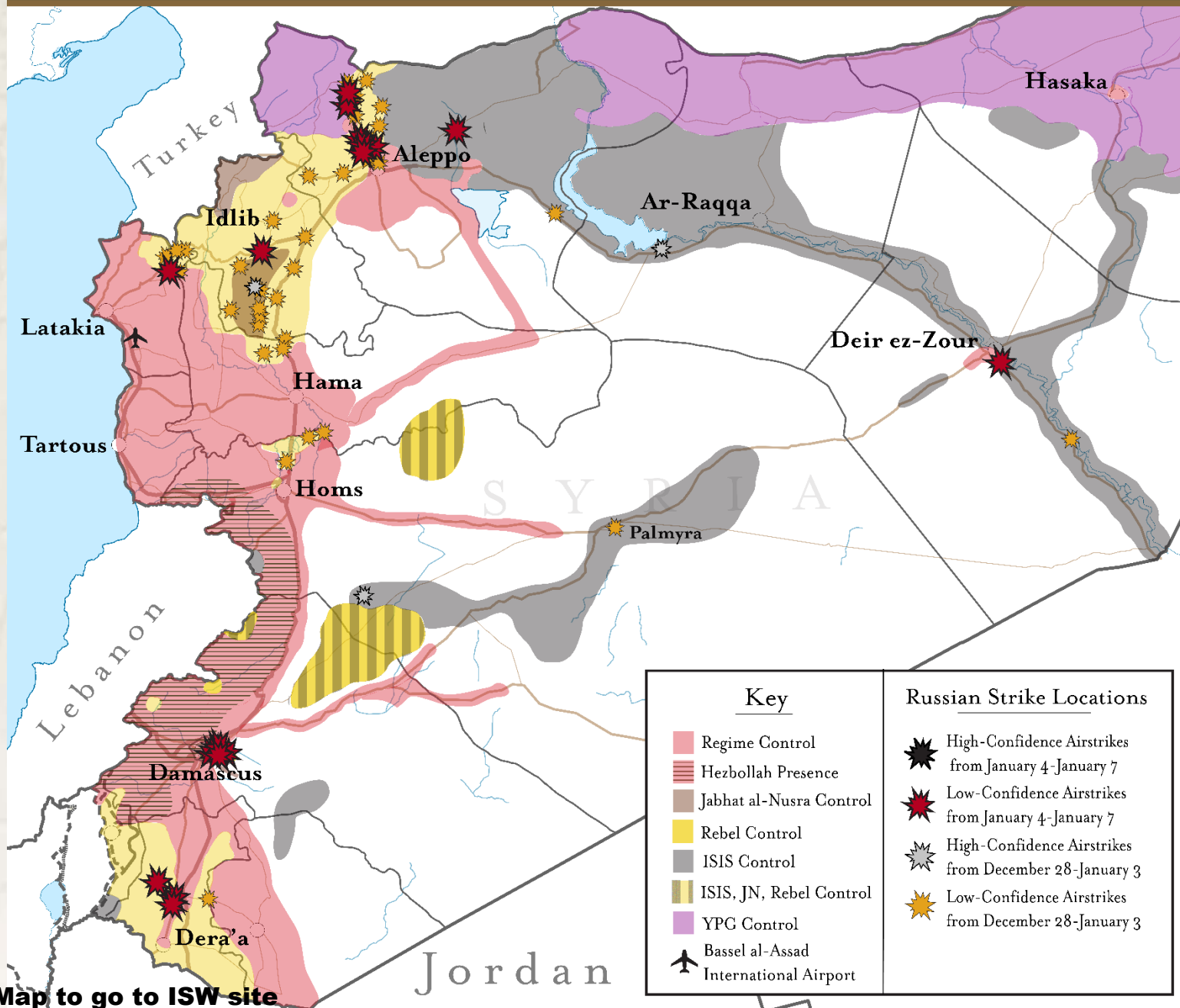


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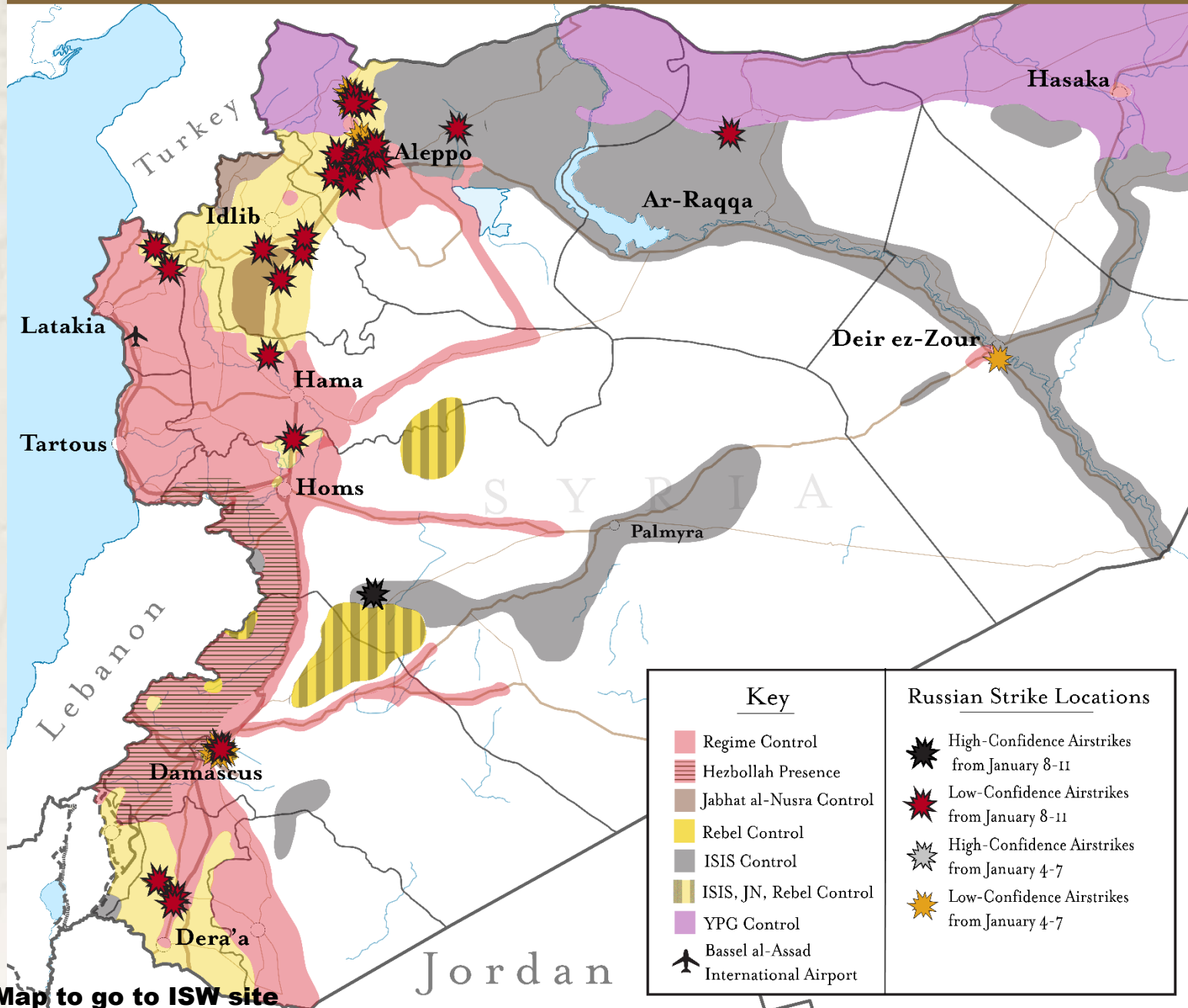


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	Hezbollah Presence		Low-Confidence Airstrikes from December 28-January 3
	Jabhat al-Nusra Control		High-Confidence Airstrikes from December 22-27
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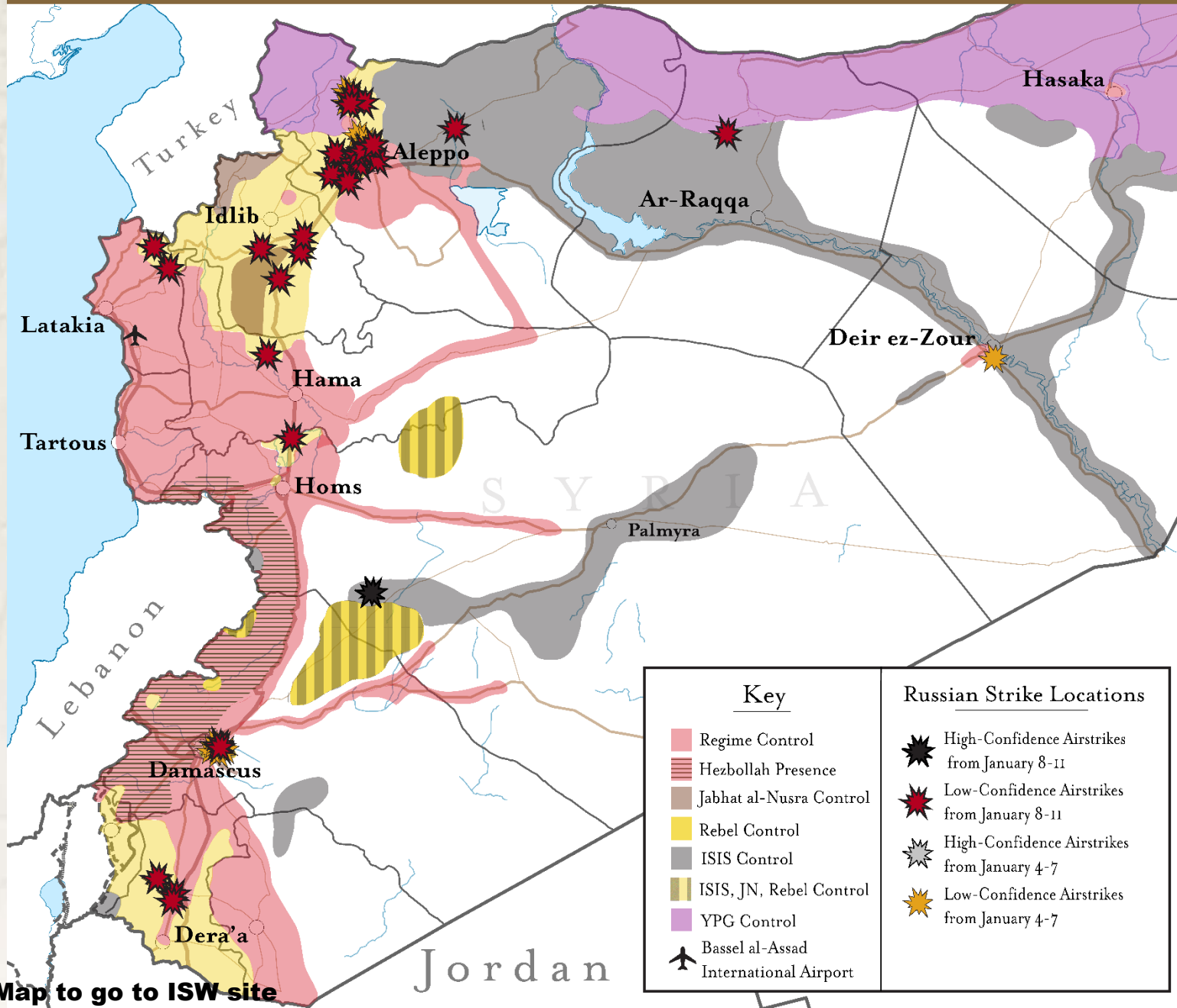
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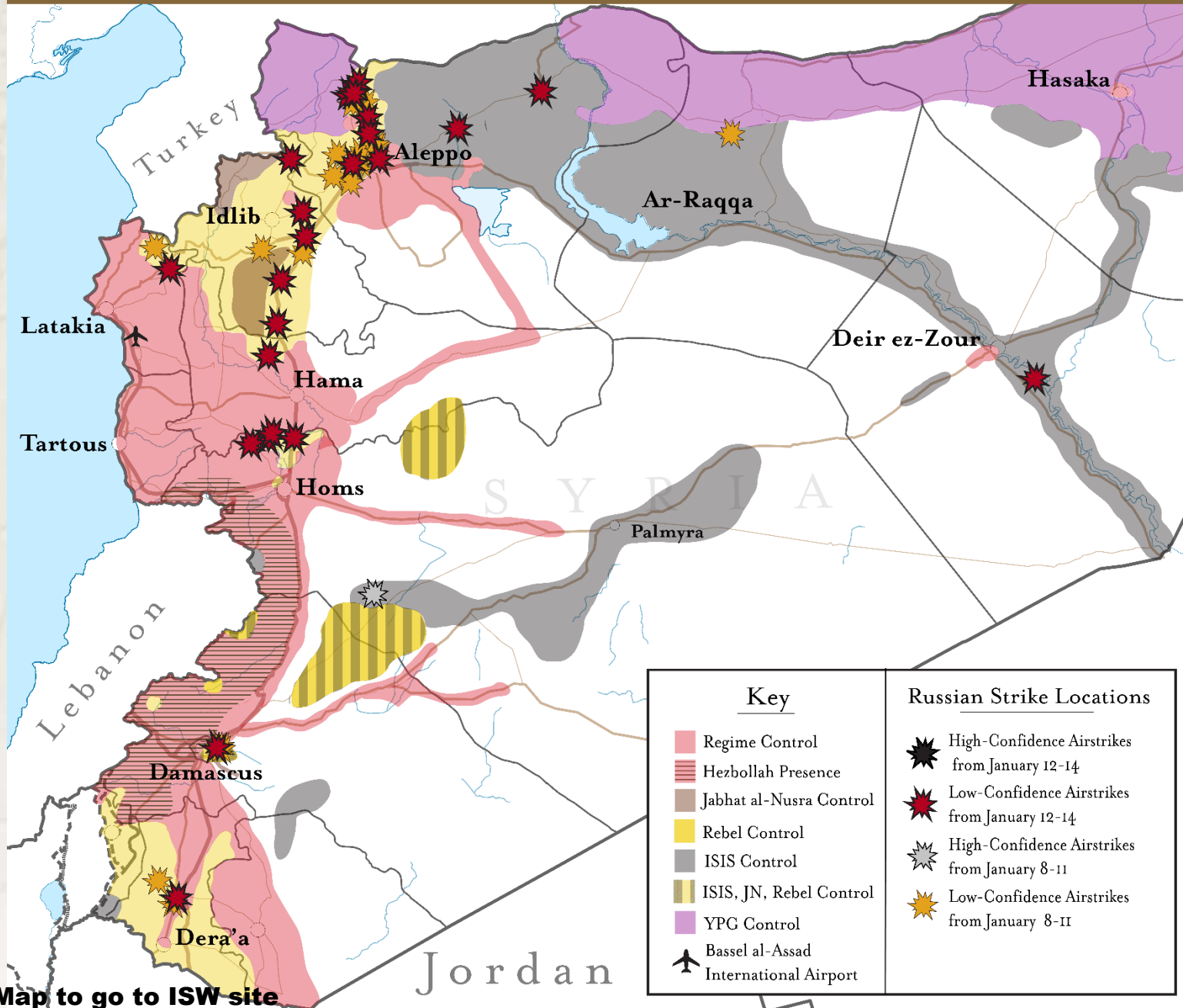
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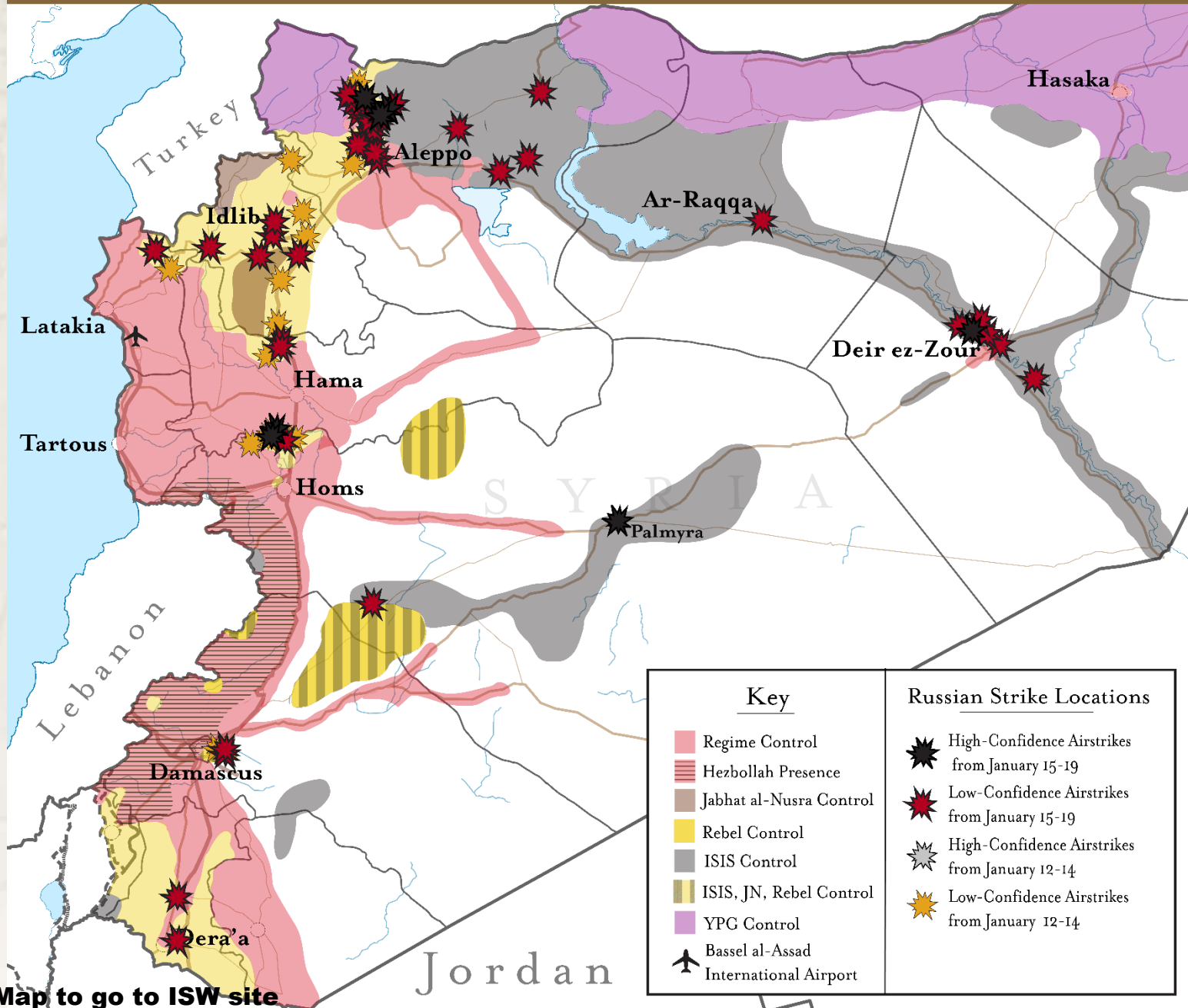
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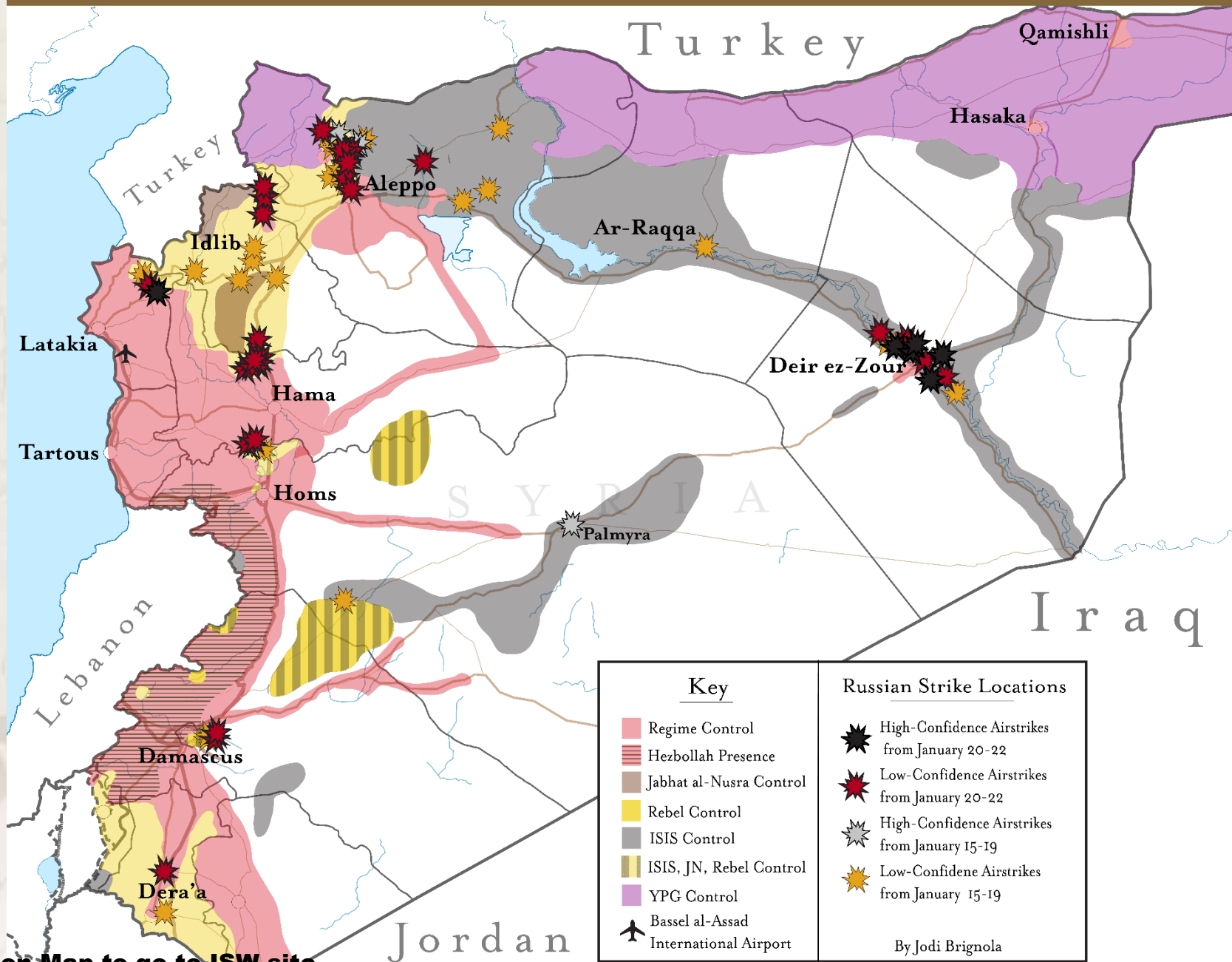
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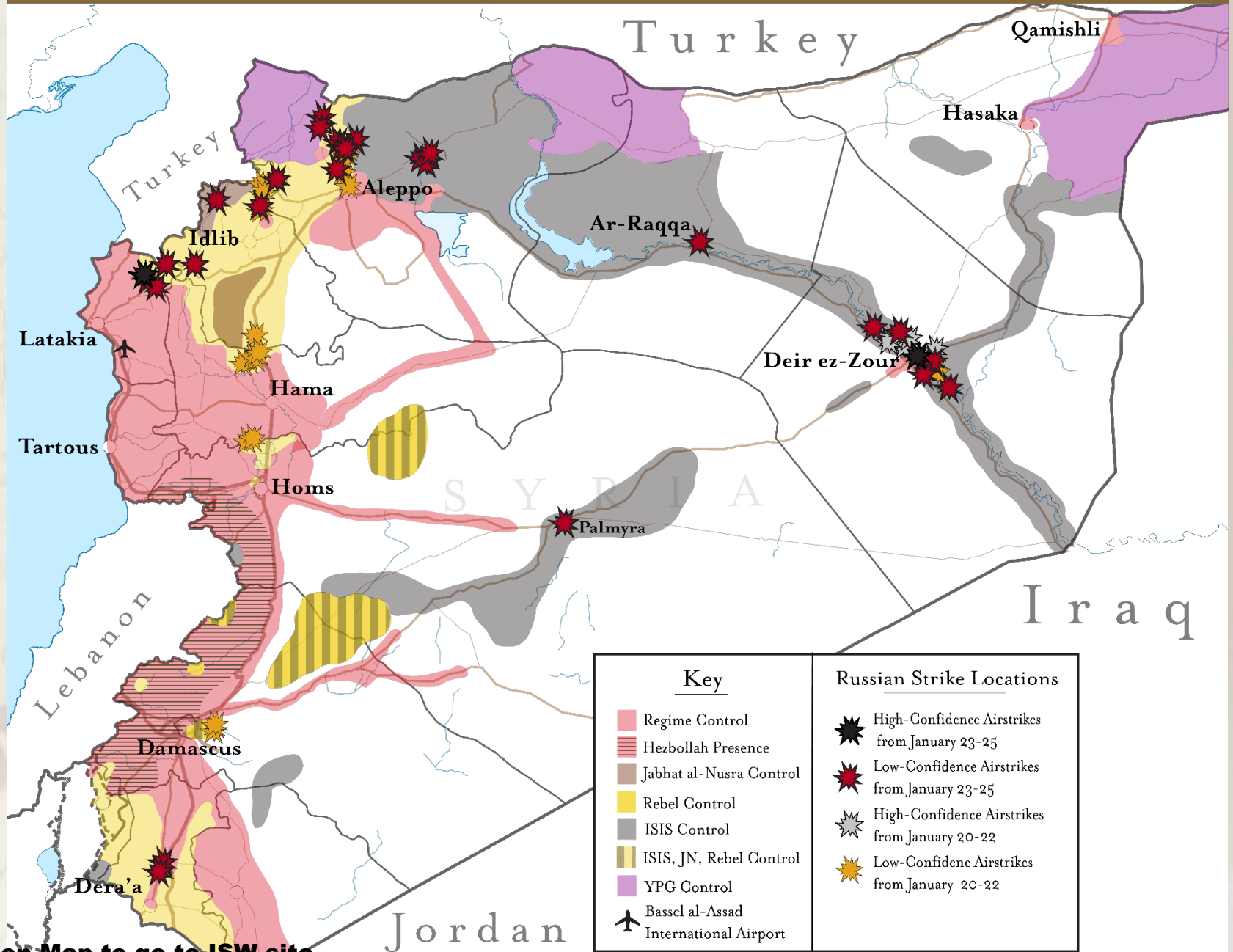
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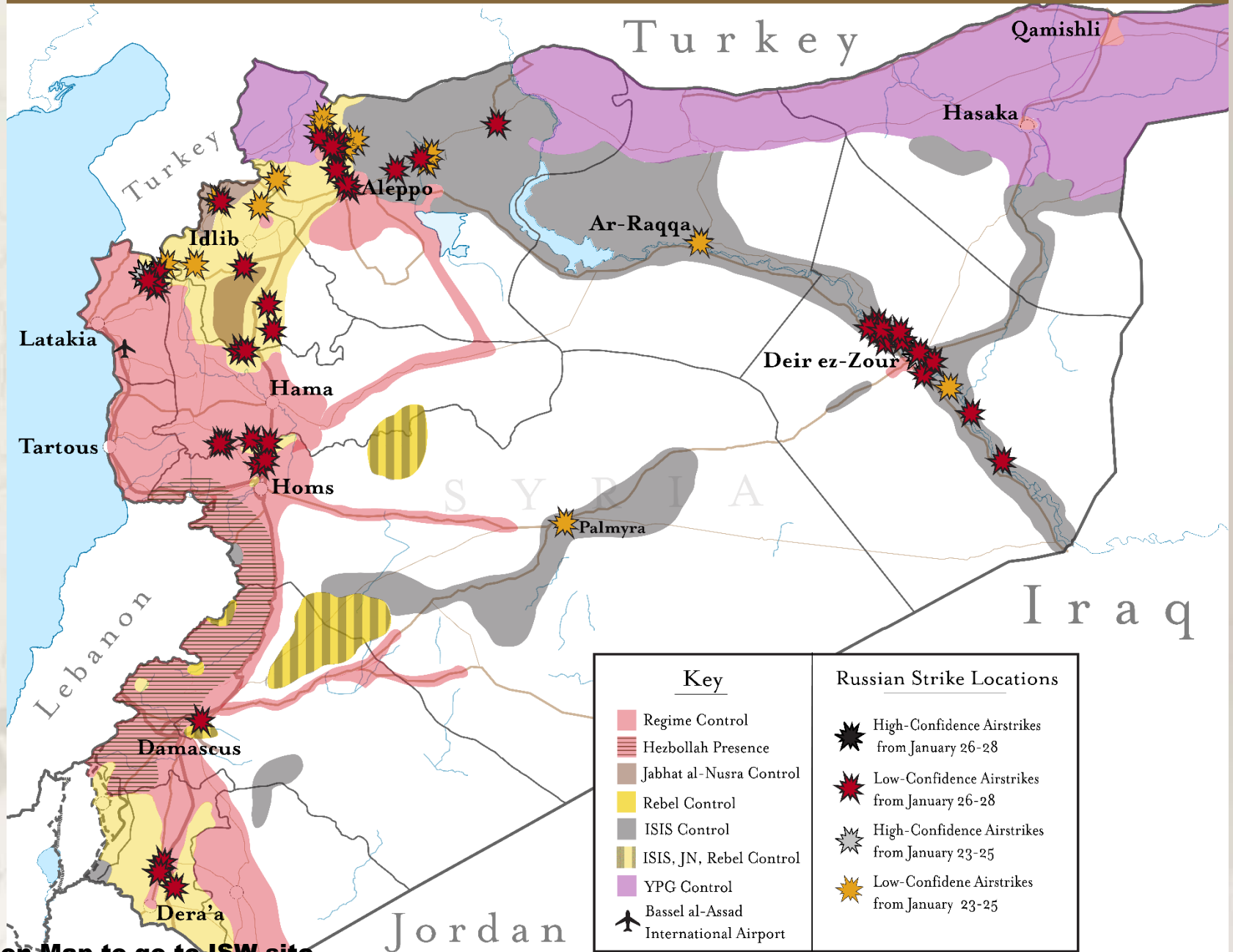
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	Rebel Control		Low-Confidence Airstrikes from January 15-19
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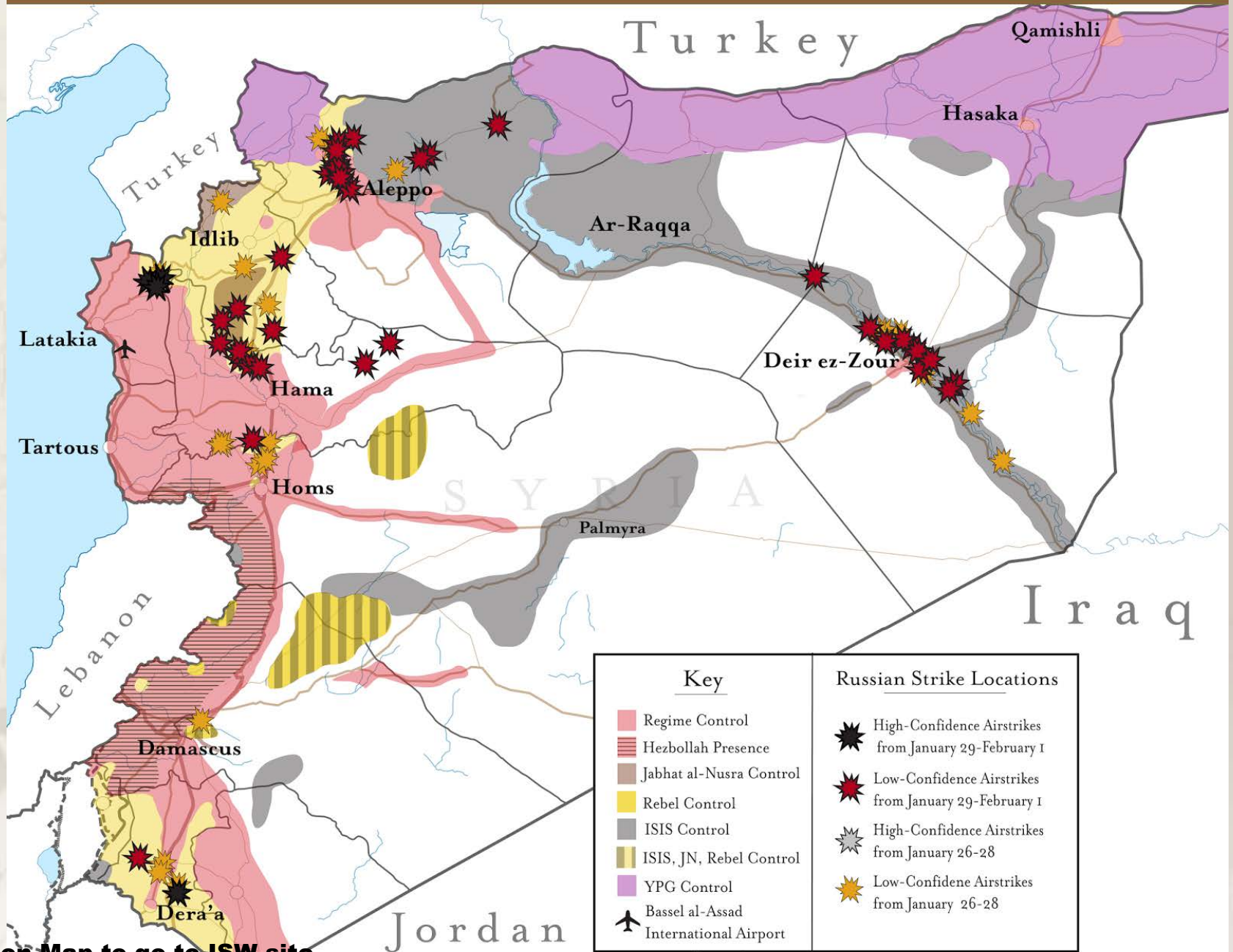
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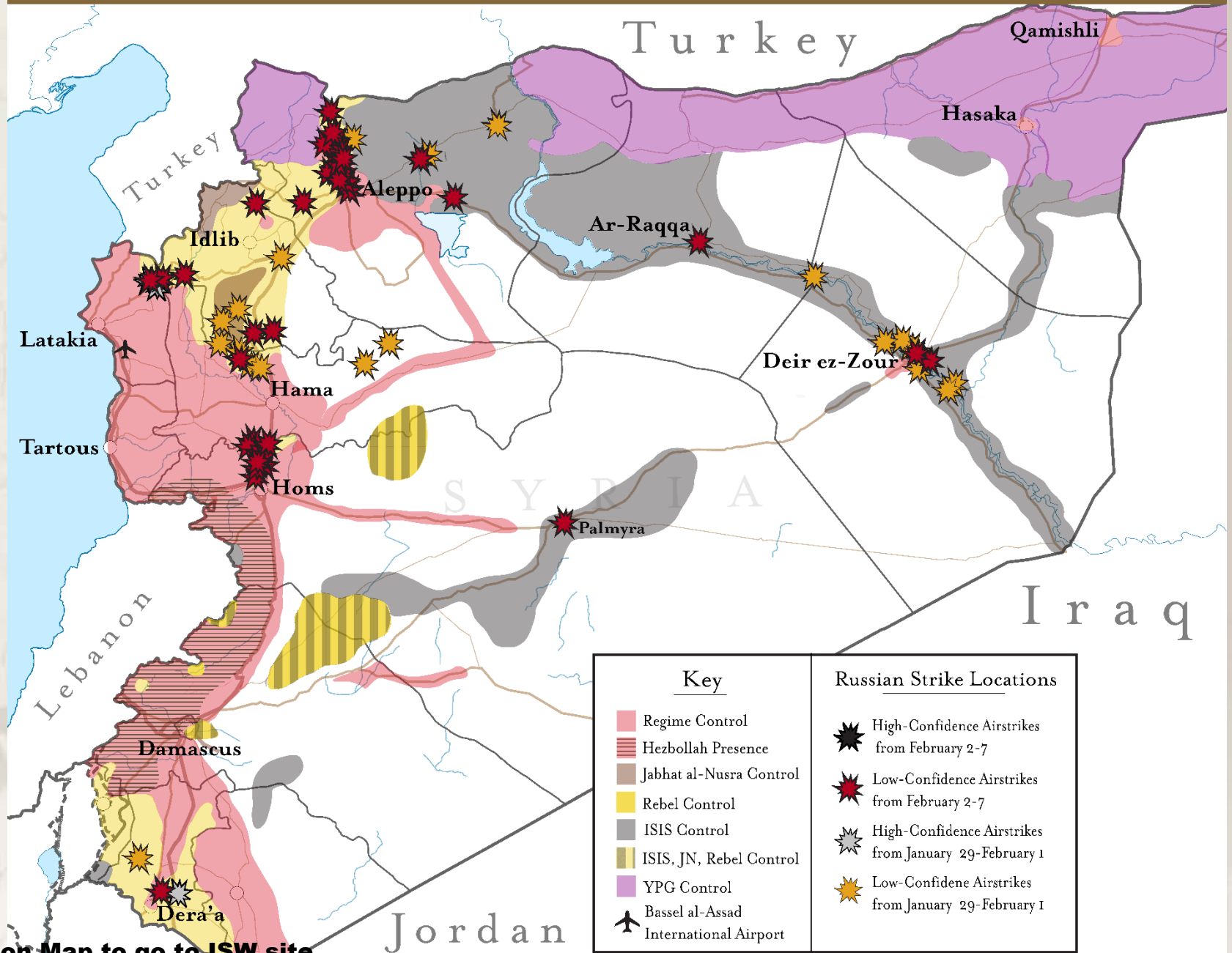
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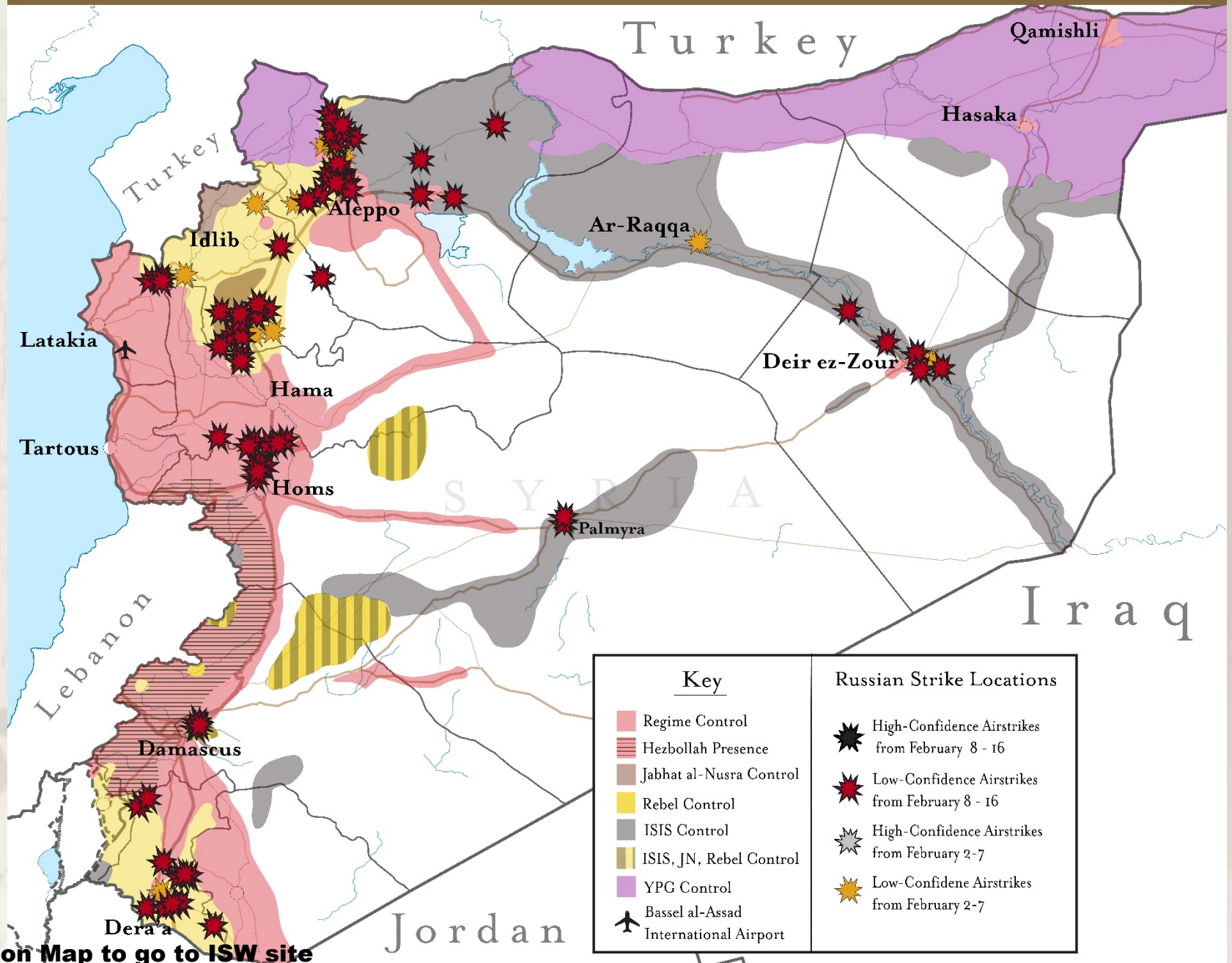
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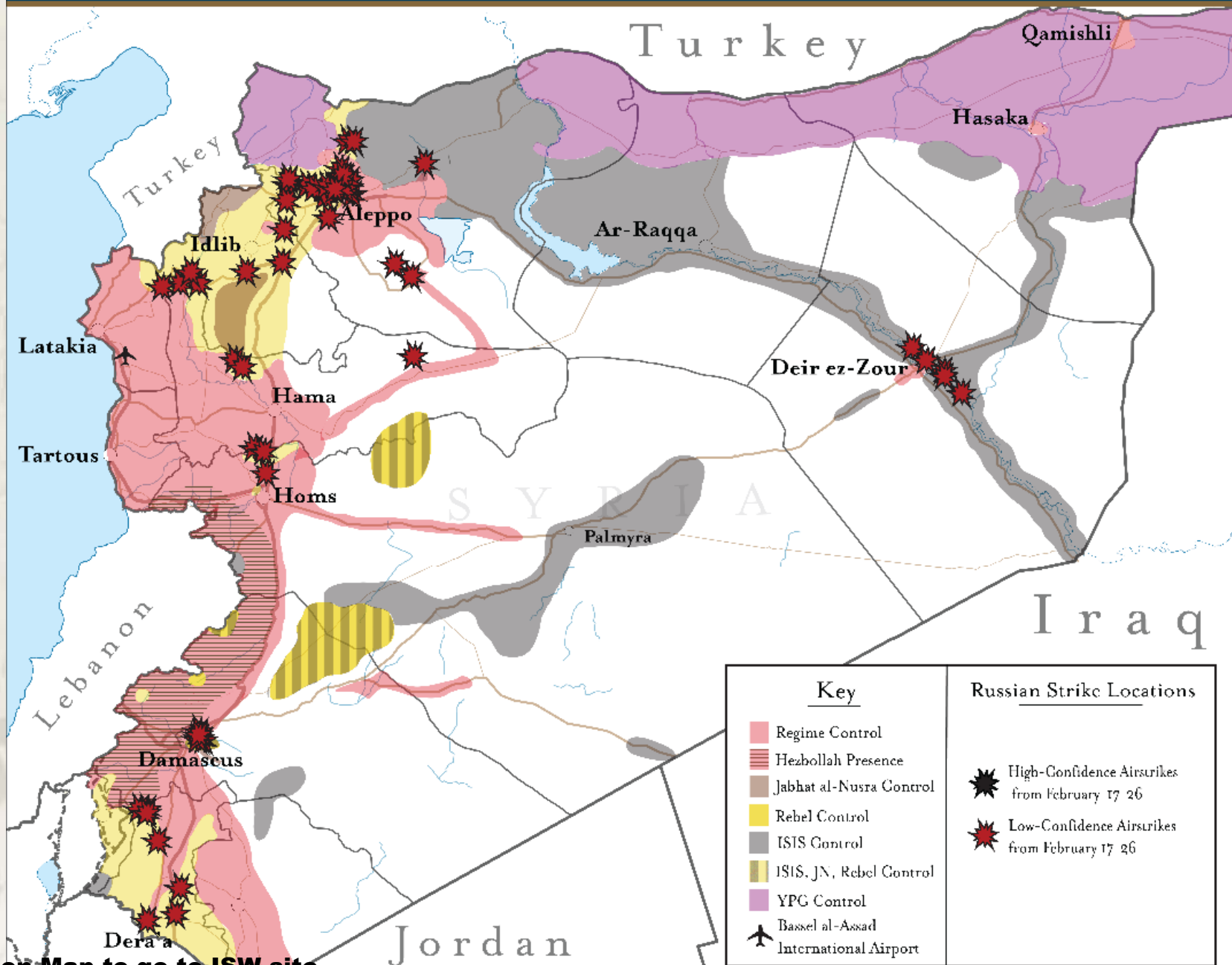
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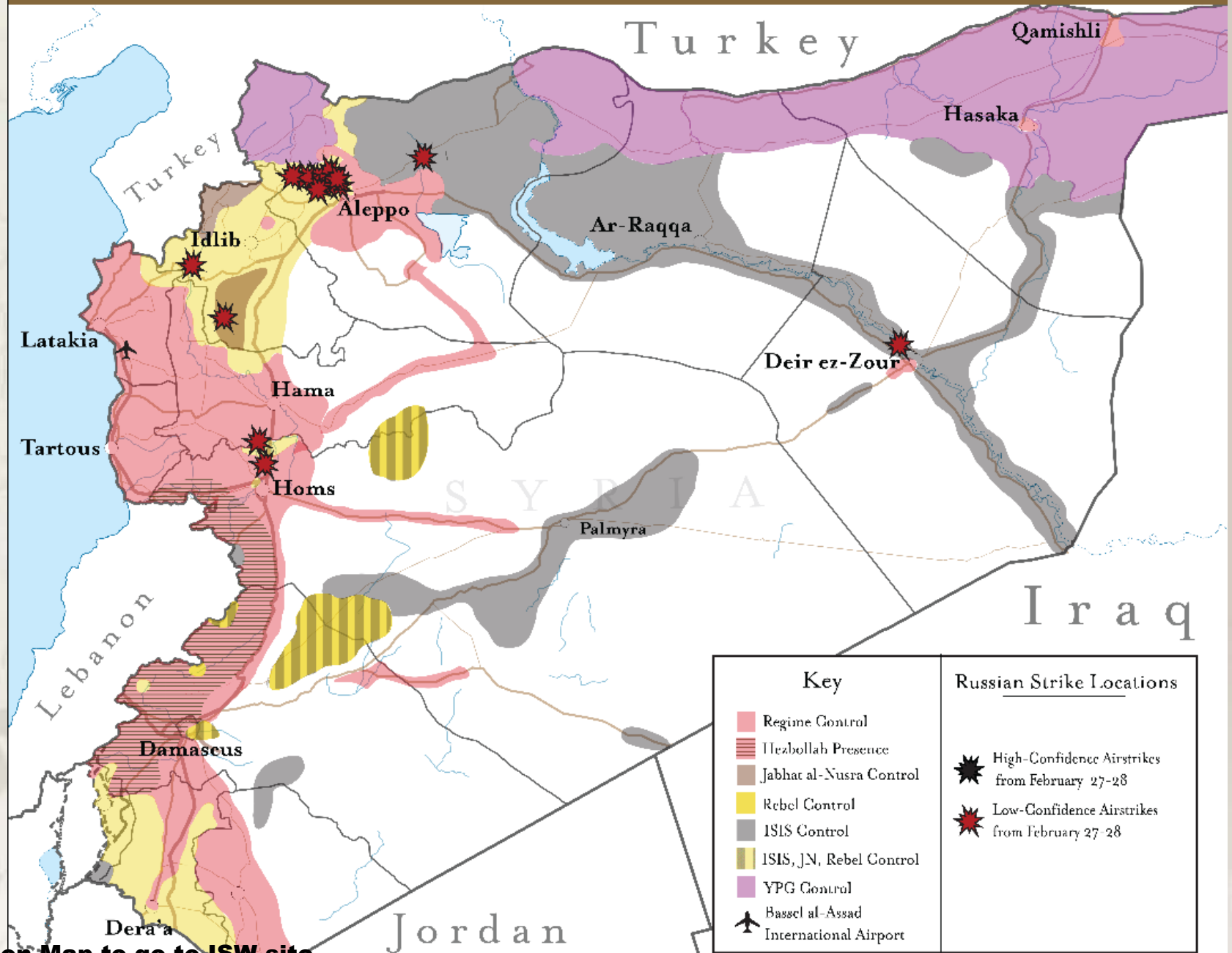
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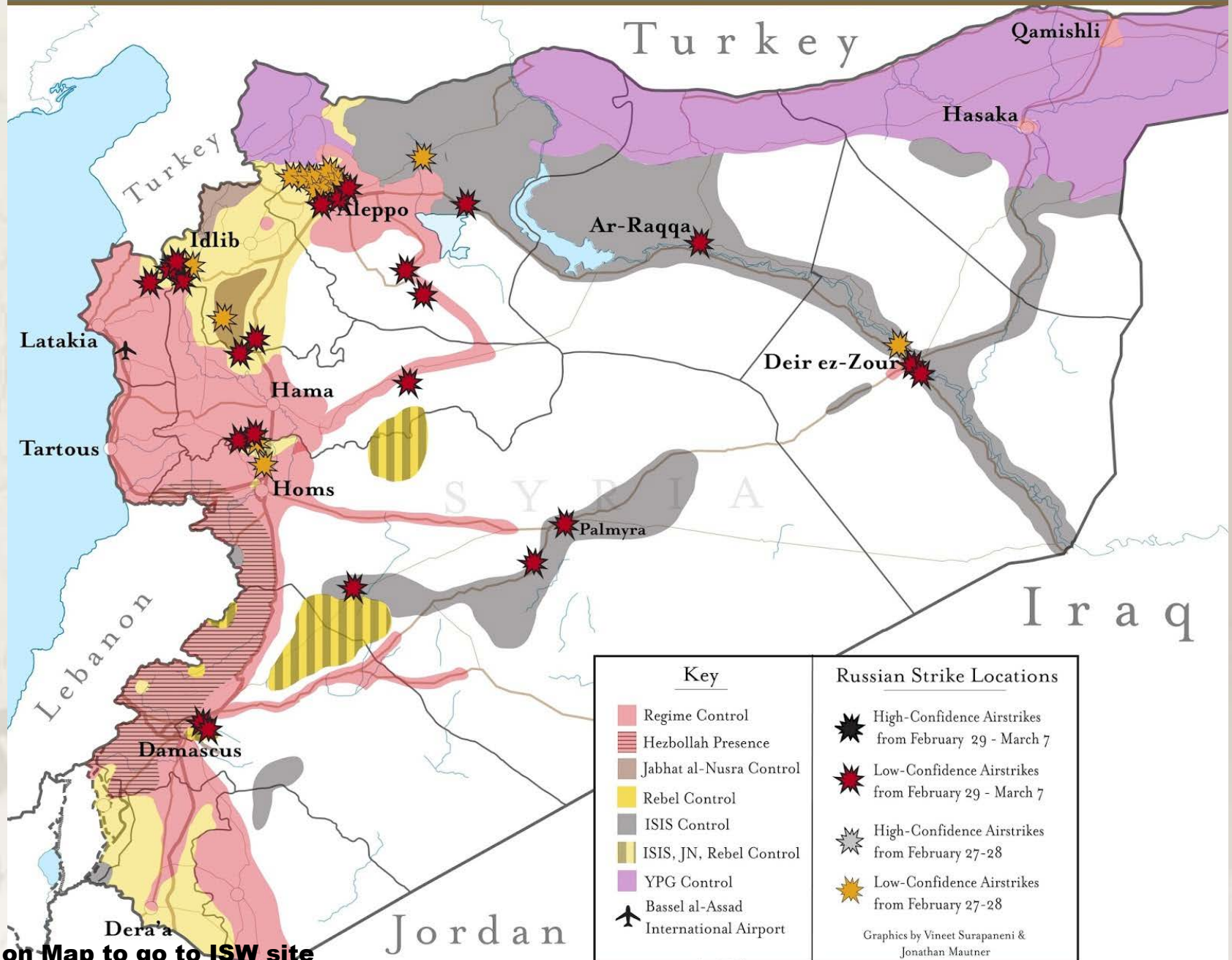
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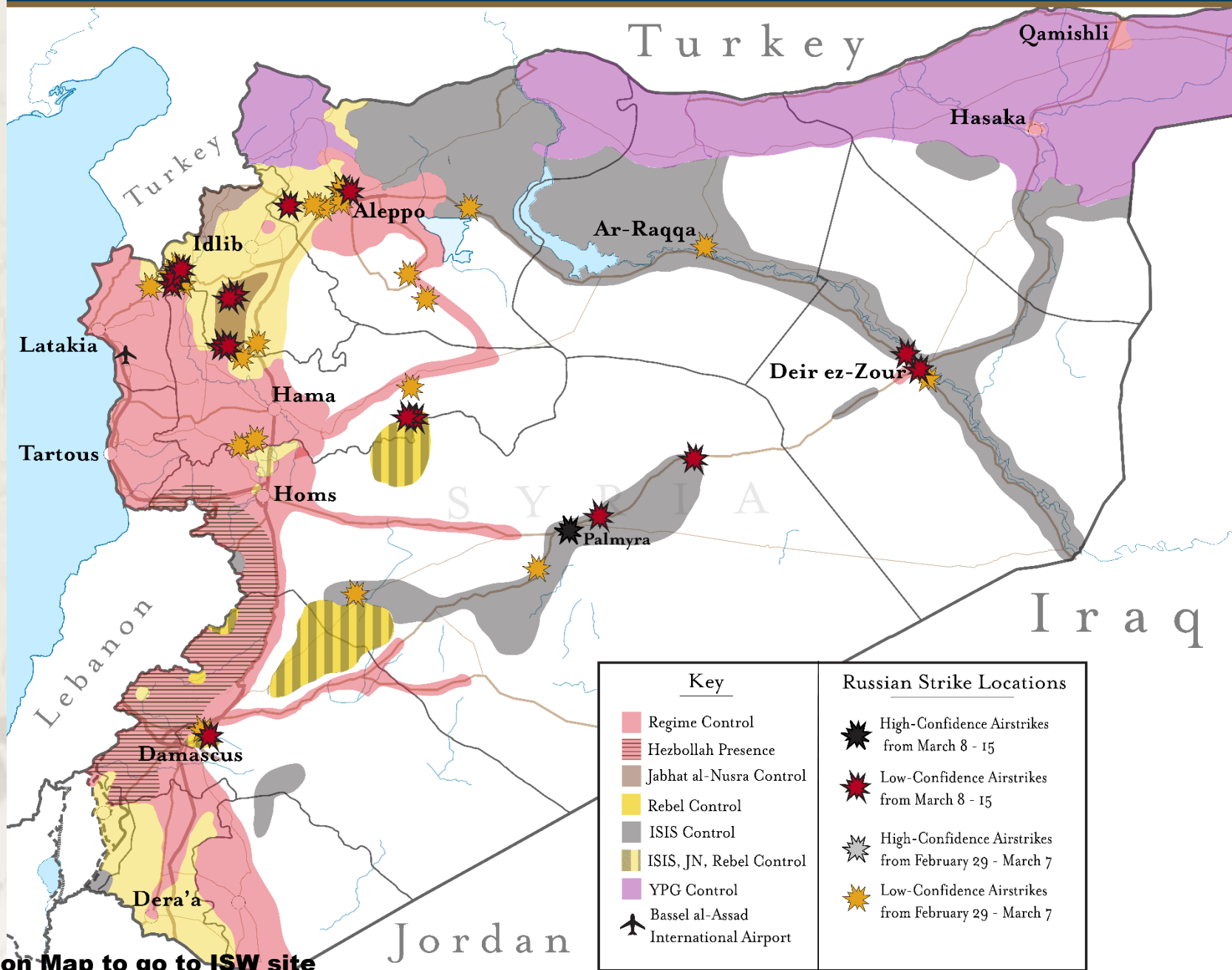
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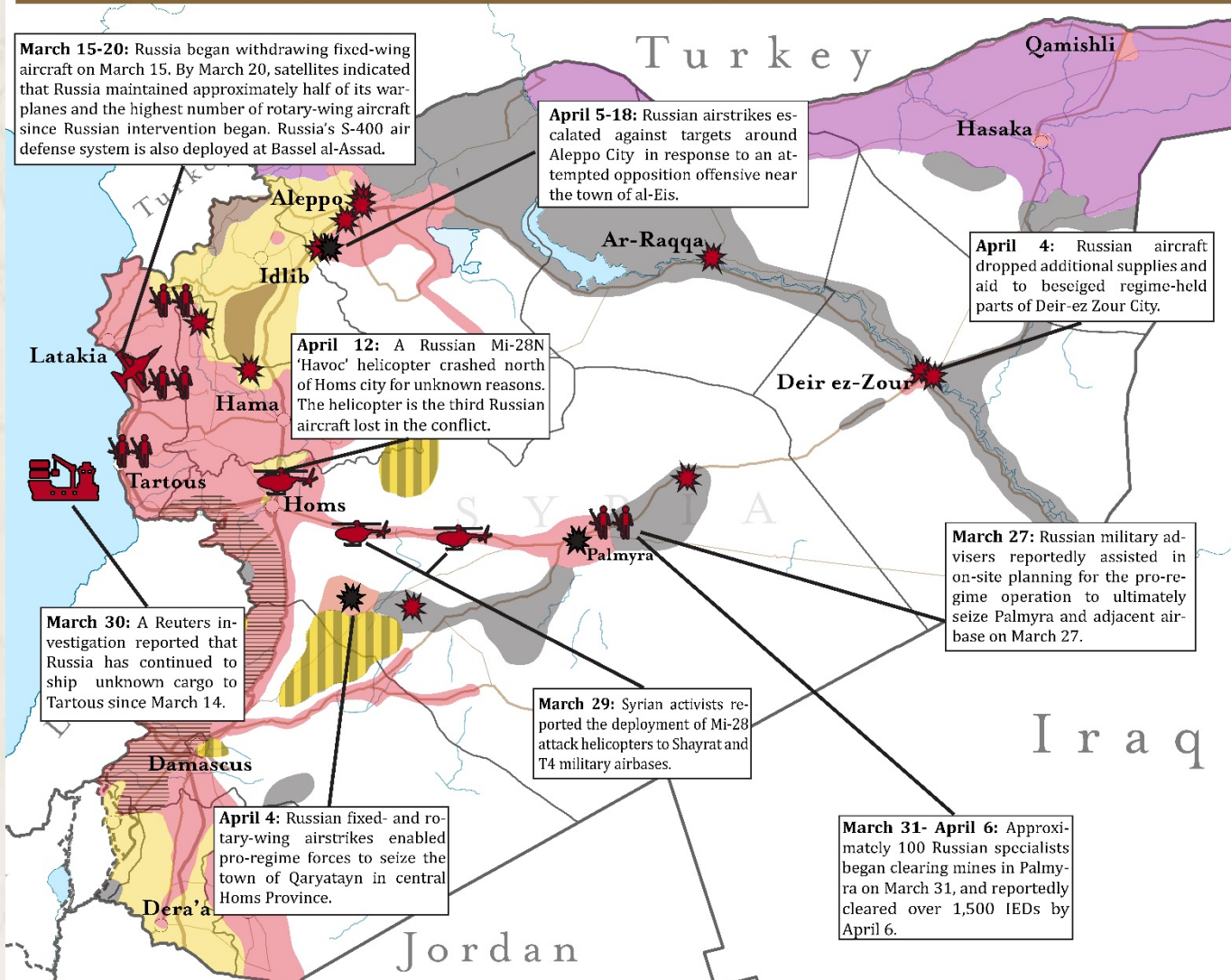


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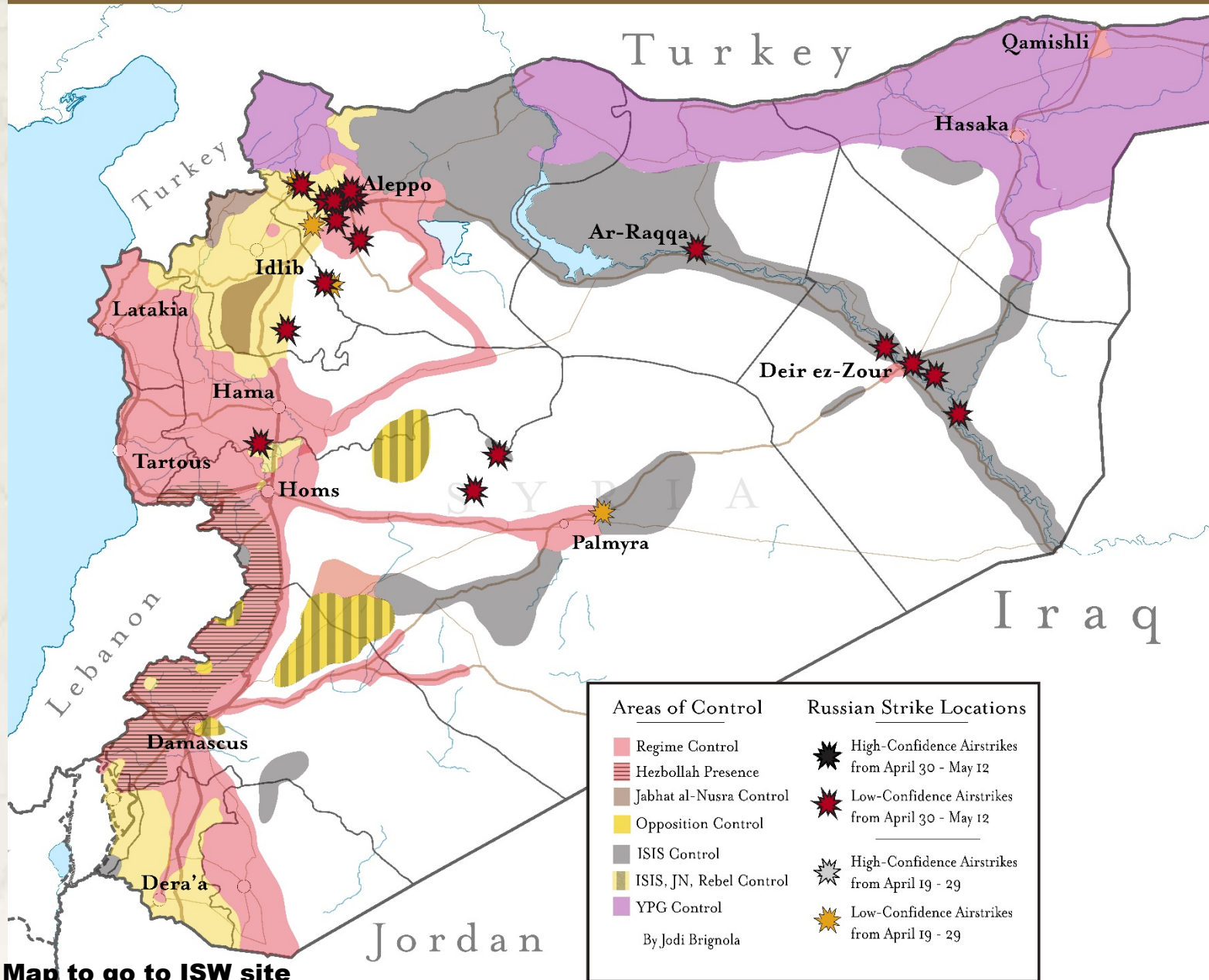
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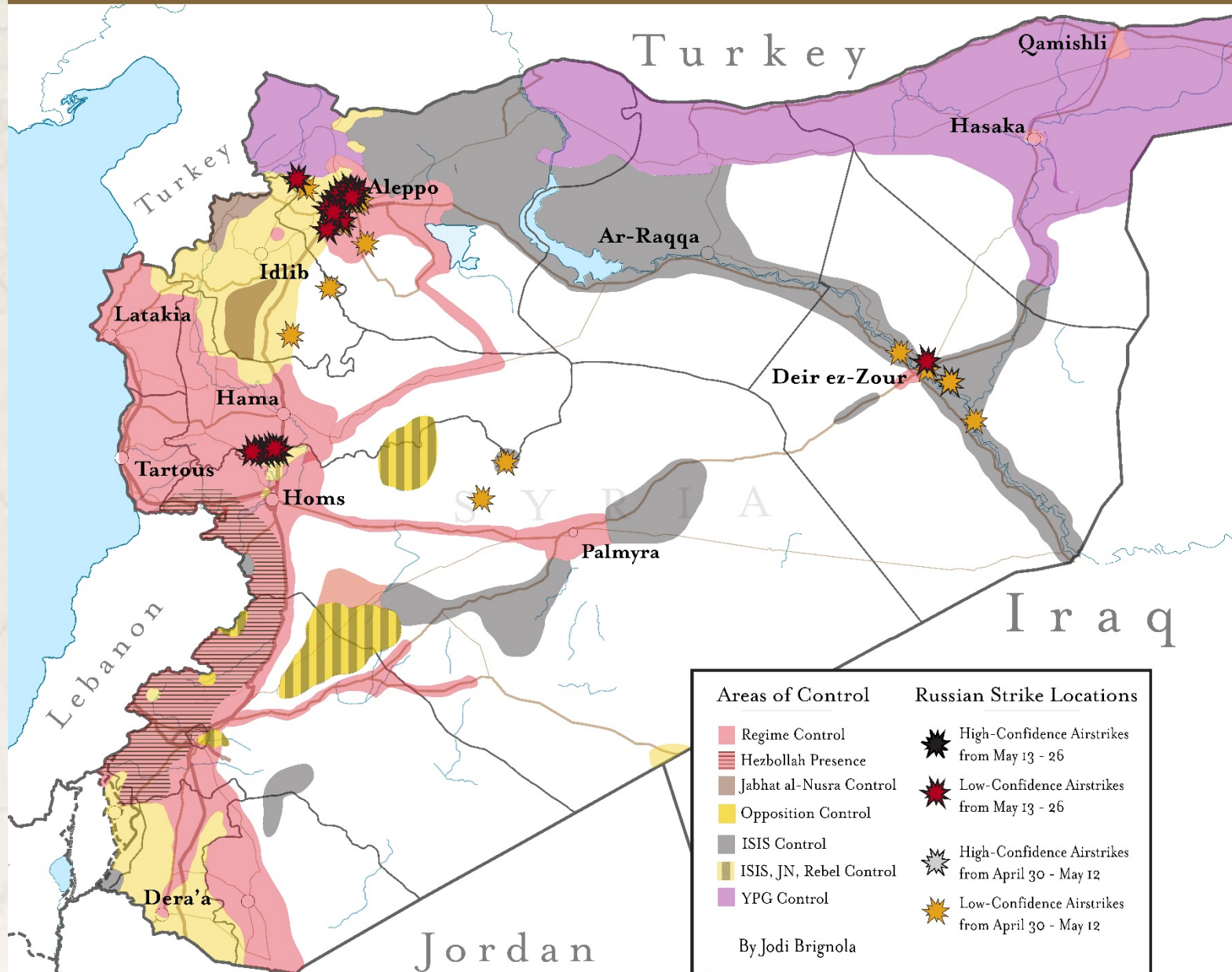


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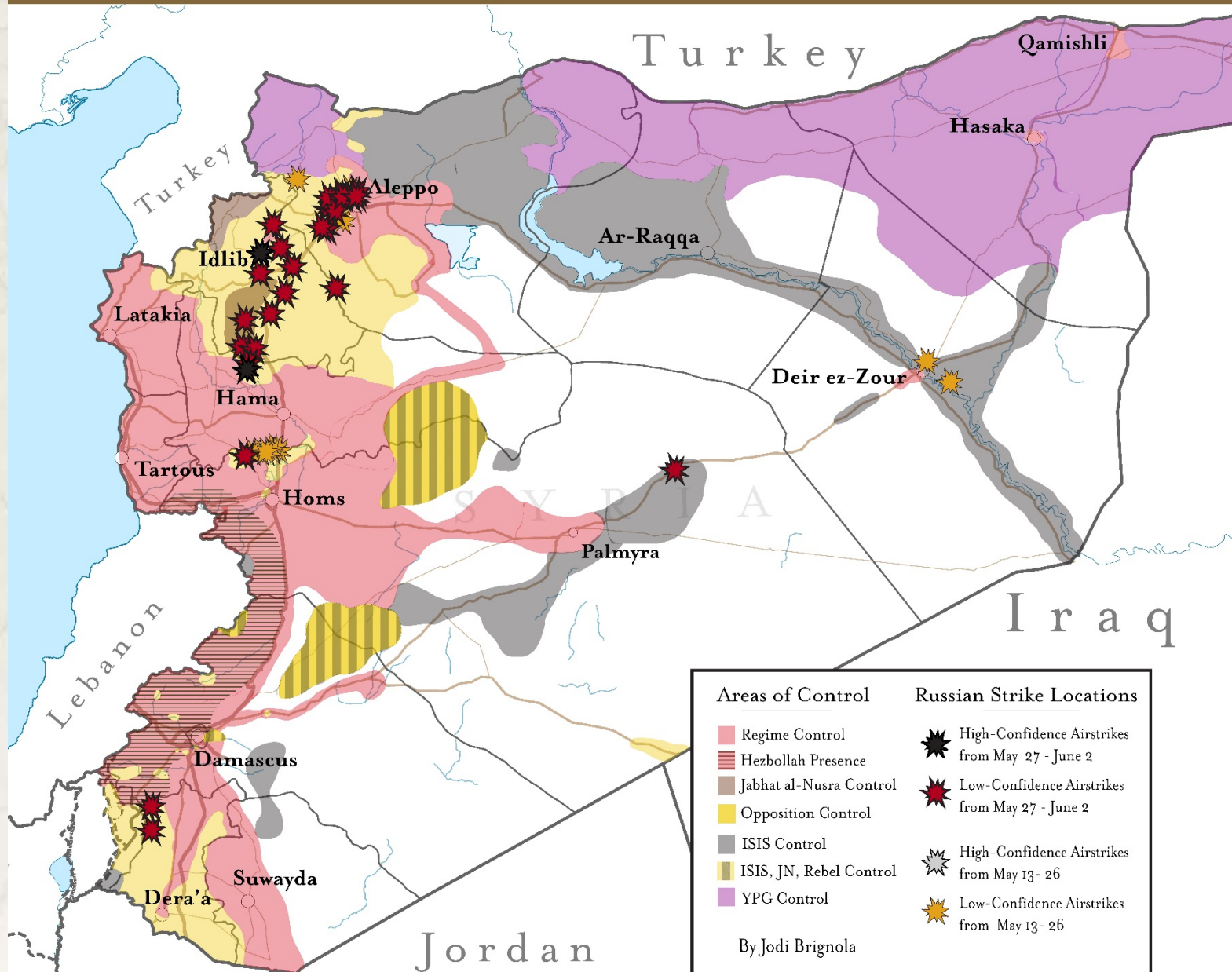
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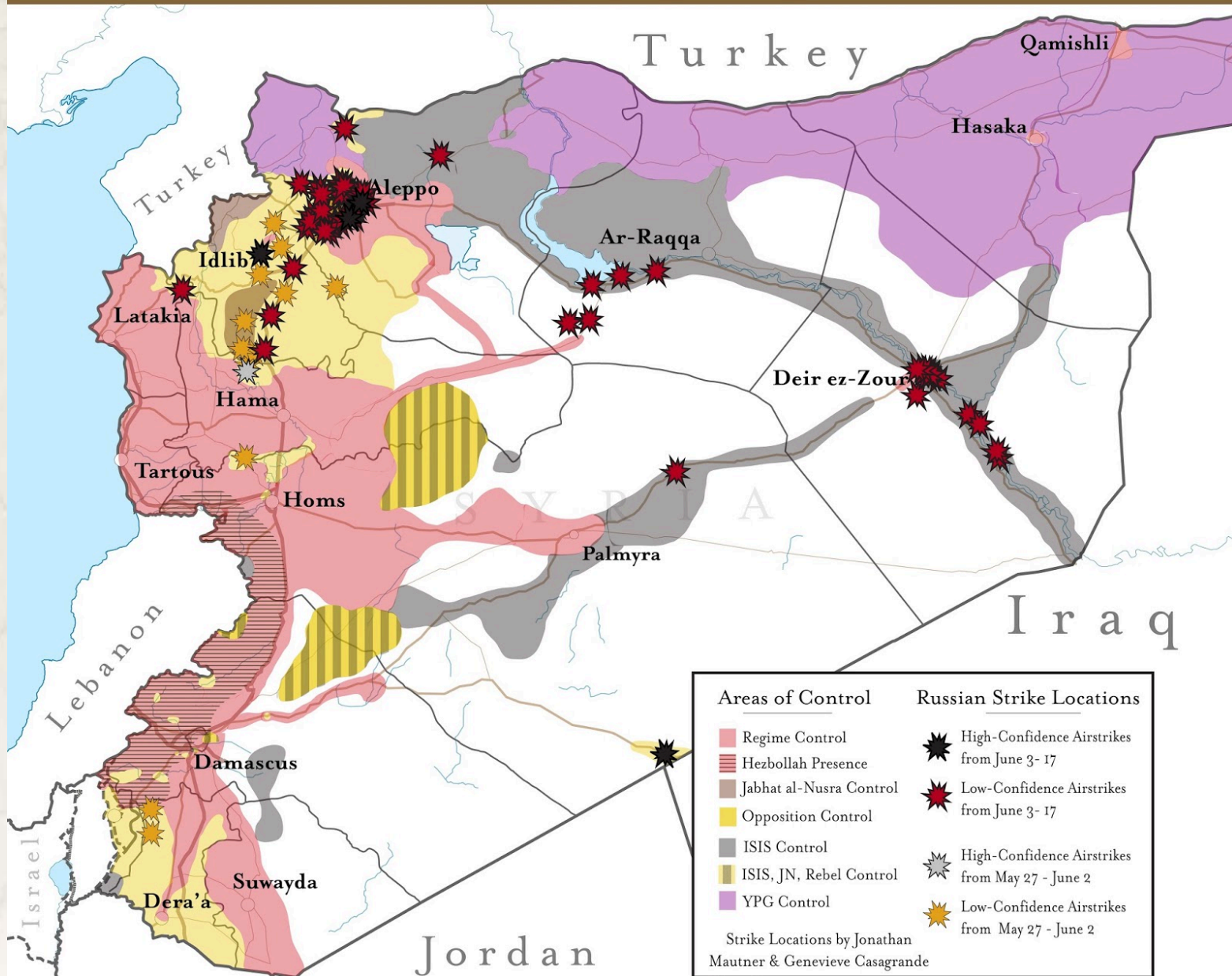


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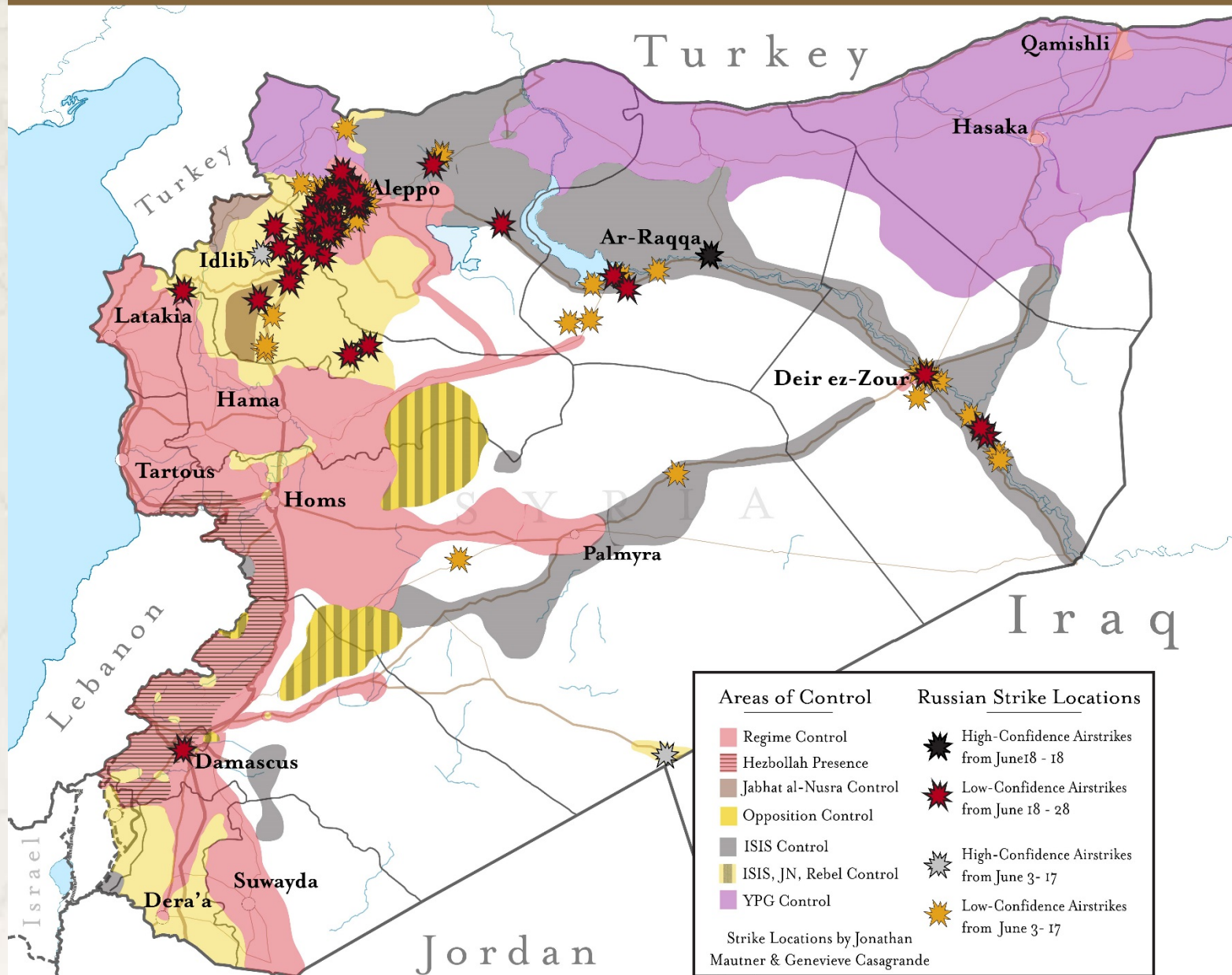


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